

PRESS RELEASE

Bestselling Author Talks Coming to WRL This Summer

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (May 18, 2023) – Williamsburg Regional Library (WRL) is partnering with the Library Speakers Consortium to provide an ongoing series of virtual talks by well-known national authors for library users to view online, beginning on May 18.

The public can access 2 to 3 author events live each month through the WRL website. These live events have an interactive Q&A element, offering viewers the chance to interact with some of their favorite well-known, bestselling authors as well as discover new voices. All events will be recorded and available through WRL for viewing on demand.

“Thanks to support from the Friends of WRL, we can provide opportunities for our library users to engage with critically acclaimed, renowned authors,” said Adult Services Director Melissa Simpson. “We’re excited to help connect patrons with their favorite writers and offer them the opportunity to ask questions.”

In addition to providing all library users with remote viewing access, the library will periodically hold in-person, live screenings where users can enjoy refreshments, participate in the Q&A, and engage in follow-up discussions and other activities. WRL will also begin a bestsellers book discussion group in June based on archived author talks.

The authors are selected by the Consortium from a wide range of genres including historical fiction, contemporary fiction, romance, OwnVoices, poetry, business, personal growth, social justice, history, art, culture and more.

Upcoming in-person author talk library events:

- June 7, 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm, Dr. Mike Rucker, author of *The Fun Habit*, Stryker Center, Room 127
- June 15, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm, Jamie Beck, professional artist and author of *An American in Provence*, Stryker Center, Room 127

For more information on upcoming live events and on-demand recordings, go to libraryc.org/wrl or visit wrl.org/adults.

The Williamsburg Regional Library (WRL) is an award-winning regional library system that consists of the Williamsburg Library on Scotland St. in Williamsburg, the James City County Library on Croaker Rd. in James City County, the Stryker Center on N. Boundary St. in Williamsburg, and its Mobile Library

Services vehicles. The WRL service area includes the City of Williamsburg, James City County, and York County.

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