

The Toronto Literary Calendar

August 2008

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August 2008 Calendar

Mon., August 4

READING: The thirty-ninth edition of Strong Words features Lisa Forrest, Catherine Graham and Nathan Whitlock. Donations of new/used books in resale condition to be collected at event on behalf of the Metro Toronto Movement for Literacy. The Gladstone Art Bar, 1214 Queen St. W., 7:30pm, pwyc, www.strong-words.ca.

Tues., August 5

READING: The Art Bar Poetry series welcomes Robert Earl Stewart, Irene Marques and Susan Helwig. Clinton's Tavern, 693 Bloor St. W., 8pm, free, www.artbar.org.

READING: As part of the TD Summer Reading Club, Toronto Public Library invites children to meet author/illustrator/poet Loris Lesynski. Mount Dennis Branch, 1123 Weston Rd., 2-5pm, free, www.torontopubliclibrary.ca

Wed., August 6

WORKSHOP: Toronto Public Library invites children to a drawing workshop with illustrator Patricia Storms. North York Central Library, 5120 Yonge St., free., 2pm, www.torontopubliclibrary.ca.

LAUNCH: 3-Day Novel throws a contest party for the upcoming writing marathon that also doubles as a launch for the last winning novel. John Kupferschmidt reads from *In the Garden of Men*. Rivoli, 334 Queen St. W. (upstairs), 5:30pm, free, info@3daynovel.com, www.3daynovel.com.

Thurs., August 7

READING: Author/illustrator/musician Martin Springett spends an afternoon at the Cliffcrest Branch as part of the Summer Reading Program at the Toronto Public Library. Cliffcrest Branch (Cliffcrest Plaza), 2977 Kingston Rd., 2pm, free, www.torontopubliclibrary.ca.

Fri., August 8

CEREMONY: The Doug Wright Awards for Canadian Cartooning will announce the 2008 award-winners and honour the career of Lynn Johnston, author of the *For Better or For Worse* series. Audience Q&A and book signing to follow. Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge St., 7pm, free, www.torontopubliclibrary.ca.

Sat., August 9

SALE: Book Ends South is holding a day-long sidewalk sale. All books will be priced at \$1. Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge St., 9am-5pm, www.torontopubliclibrary.ca.

Sun., August 10

SLAM: The Roots Lounge ends the current season with a poetry slam finale and an open mic. Concord Cafe, 973 Bloor St., 8pm, \$5, www.upfromtheroots.ca.

Tues., August 12

READING: Rhea Tregobov, Greer Roberts and heronJones are the featured readers at the Art Bar Poetry Series. Clinton's Tavern, 693 Bloor St. W., 8pm, free, www.artbar.org.

READING: Meet children's book author/illustrator Robin Muller. Agincourt Branch, 155 Bonis Ave., 2pm, free, www.torontopubliclibrary.ca.

Fri., August 15

READING: Bring kids to the Toronto Public Library, Bendale Branch, for an afternoon with author/illustrator Ruth Ohi. Bendale Branch, 1515 Danforth Rd., 2pm, free, www.torontopubliclibrary.ca

Tues., August 19

READING: Cynthia Gould hosts the Poetry & Blues theme night at the Art Bar Poetry Series. Details to be announced online. Clinton's Tavern, 693 Bloor St. W., 8pm, free, www.artbar.org.

READING: Toront Public Library invites children to a drawing workshop, facilitated by illustrator Patricia Storms. Downsview Branch, 2793 Keele St., 2pm, free, www.torontopubliclibrary.ca.

Sun., August 24

FESTIVAL: Writing Outside the Margins is a festival of queer literary arts celebrated for one day on Church Street. Last year's inaugural festival was enjoyed by more than 7,000 visitors who flocked to hear some of Canada and the world's best queer writers. This year's line-up includes John Cameron Mitchell of Hedwig and the Angry Inch fame, Zoe Whittall, RM Vaughan, Derek McCormack and many more. Hosted by Ryan G. Hinds and Kristyn Dun-ion. Featuring an open mic, a poetry slam and panel discussions. Church St., 12pm, free, visit www.xtra.ca/writinginthemargins for more details.

Tues., August 26

READING: The Art Bar Poetry Series opens its doors for poets Rosemary Aubert, Ricardo Sternberg and Mary Ann Mulhern. Clinton's Tavern, 693 Bloor St. W., 8pm, free, www.artbar.org.

Wed., August 27

LAUNCH: Lyricalmyrical Press hosts a book launch for its three newest releases: *Temples of Fire* by Allan Briesmaster; *Fools* by Andrea Jarmai; and Goran Simic's *Immigrant Sorrow*, translated by Veronica Garza Flores. Event hosted by Luciano Iacobelli. Cervejaria, 842 College St., 7:30pm, www.lyricalmyricalpress.com.

Sun., August 31

SLAM: Up From The Roots presents the 6th annual Toronto International Poetry Slam, featuring poets from Canada and the US competing for \$1000. The Cathedral, 651 Queen St. W., 9pm (doors at 8), \$20 in advance, www.upfromtheroots.ca, info@upfromtheroots.ca.

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

Café At The Centre presents an open stage of music, readings and poetry at the Cabagetown Community Arts Centre, 454 Parliament St., 7:30pm, free, 416-925-7222.

Haunted Fishtank poetry and spoken-word night also featuring singer/songwriters, comedians, burlesque dancers, thespians, magicians and more! Hosted by Josh Haggarty. Melody Bar, Gladstone Hotel, 1214 Queen St. W., 9pm, free, www.gladstonehotel.com.

MONDAY

Deer Park Writers' Group: members read from their work, including poetry, short stories, children's stories and novels. 2:30-5pm. Join in the discussion. For additional information, call Barry Clegg at 416-485-6777.

TUESDAY

Bloor-Gladstone Library Writing and Publishing Workshop for novels, short stories and other literary prose. 6:15-8:15pm. We share publishing tips and critique each other's work in a fun, inclusive atmosphere. For further info, please call 416-835-6099.

Coffeehouse open stage. The Renaissance Café, 1938 Danforth Ave., 8pm. Book a spot on the open stage by email, ristooli@coffeehouse.ca.

WEDNESDAY

East End Writers' Group meets the last Wednesday of the month. Bring your manuscripts, with extra copies, for constructive criticism. Complete or incomplete works of poetry, fiction, non-fiction, etc. are welcome. O'Connor Dr. and St. Clair Ave. E., 7-10pm, payment for cost of snack required, www.samcraw.com.

Broken Throats Poetry Group meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 6-8:30pm at the Runnymede Library. New and published poets are welcome to bring copies of their poems to workshop for useful feedback and insight. For information contact brokenthroats@gmail.com or call Neil Muscott at 416-876-1513.

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The Second Draft Novelists Group: experienced novelists meet every second Wednesday for focused feedback and basic story editing. Chapters are distributed in advance. If you've completed the first draft of your novel, send a ten-page sample and your bio to seconddraftnovelists@gmail.com or call Neil Muscott at 416-876-1513.

Coffeehouse open stage. Degrassi House, 780 Queen St. E., 8pm, www.coffeehouse.ca.

THURSDAY

Moosemeat Writing Group meets in the Annex every other Thursday to workshop short stories and/or novel chapters. Critiques are candid yet sensitive. No poetry. No fees. Go to www.moosemeat.org for more info.

The New Dreamweavers Advanced Writers' Group is for writers who are interested in pursuing a writing career. High Park Library Community Room, 228 Roncesvalles Ave, 6:15-8:15pm, free, phone first: 416-537-6468.

Toronto Humour Writers' Workshop: join with others writing humorous prose, poetry, satire, etc. In-group writing sessions and weekly "homework." Dawes Road Public Library, 416 Dawes Rd., 6:45-8:30pm, for directions call 416-396-3820.

OUTwrites, an ethnically and sexually diverse conglomeration of writers, is based in Toronto. We meet every second and fourth Thursday of the month from 8-10pm in the East Room of the 519 Community Centre, 519 Church St., www.outwrites.org.

The Bloor West Literates meet from 6-8:30pm at Runnymede Library. This workshop is for experienced novel and short story writers who are published or who want to be published. Nominal fee to cover room rental. Limited membership. No drop-ins, please; contact bloorwestwriters@yahoo.ca for information. Writing sample required in most cases.

FRIDAY

Flying Mermaids Women's Writing Circle meets once a month in the Annex. Also in Guelph. See the Flying Mermaids webpage at www.retreatsonline.net/flyingmermaids for info on upcoming workshops and retreats. Call Mary Ann Moore at 1-888-464-4498.

PoeMagic takes place the third Friday of every month from 8-10pm: multicultural, dub and spoken-word performance and an open mic for mostly memorized pieces. Staircase Theatre, 27 Dundurn St. N., Hamilton, 905-529-3000, kbroox@primeonline.com.

Writers Get 2 Gather meets every second Friday between 5:30-7:30pm in the Mississauga/Oakville area: support and motivate each other, edit each other's work, network, give advice and have a good time in a casual setting. Contact smminty@hotmail.com or check out www.meetup.com and click on Writers Get 2 Gather under writers' groups.

SATURDAY

The Wild City Writers' Workshop meets each Saturday to read from and discuss work in progress—prose, poetry and essays welcome. Two ten-minute writing exercises will be done at each meeting. High Park Library, 228 Roncesvalles Ave., 11:30am, free, 416-533-0660.

Phoenix Poets' Workshop: All ages welcome. Bring copies of a poem for critique. Hear other poets read their work. We meet from 2-4:30pm every second and fourth Saturday of the month at 766 College St., College/Shaw Library. Call 905-893-0507 for further info.

Haiku Deer Park is a group of Toronto haiku poets who meet monthly to workshop small poems, ask and answer questions related to haiku and write renku (linked verse). Membership is free; new and experienced haiku poets welcome. Deer Park Library, 40 St. Clair Ave. E. (one block east of Yonge). Last Saturday of each month excluding summer and December, 1pm. For info call Ann Goldring: 905-640-4273.

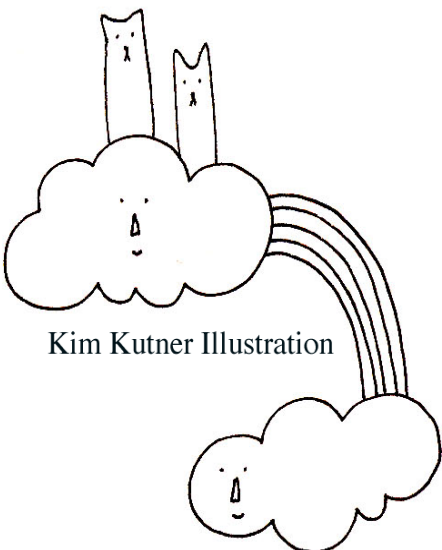
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