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Saturday, March 18, 1:00pm

Linda Sue Park: Very Special Children's Author Visit

Ruth Braman Room, Penfield Public Library, 1985 Baird Rd., Penfield
Hosted by Penfield Public Library

Come and meet Newbery Medal winning author Linda Sue Park, author of bestselling books *A Single Shard*, *A Long Walk to Water* and *Archer's Quest*.

Ms. Park will talk about *The One Thing You'd Save* (2022), a beautifully illustrated, poetic exploration about what is really important in a middle schooler's life.

The first 100 age-appropriate participants will receive a free autographed paperback copy of the book. (In order to allow as many participants as possible, parents, guardians, and younger siblings will be asked to sit in the adjoining Storytime Room or elsewhere in the Library.)

Registration required, <https://calendar.libraryweb.org/event/10325046> or call 585 340-8720.



Monday, April 24, 7:00pm

Susan Orlean in Conversation with Adam Chodak

Pittsford Sutherland High School Auditorium, 55 Sutherland St., Pittsford
Hosted by Pittsford Community Library



Susan Orlean, *New York Times* bestselling author of *On Animals* and *The Library Book*. Susan Orlean has been called "a national treasure" by the *Washington Post* and "a latter-day Tocqueville" by the *New York Times*. Her deeply moving explorations of American stories, both familiar and obscure, have earned her a reputation as one of America's most distinctive journalistic voices. The conversation will be followed by an audience Q&A and book signing.

Adam Chodak is the evening anchor and managing editor at Rochester News 8 WROC-TV. Adam dreamed of this job while attending Pittsford Sutherland High School and Syracuse University. After witnessing and reporting on an EF-3 tornado in Colorado Adam picked up his first Emmy Award and has since won an Edward R. Murrow Award and another Emmy Award.

To register, <https://calendar.libraryweb.org/event/10462460>.

Tuesday, May 2, 10:30am - 12:30pm

Jason Reynolds (Limited to invited students)

East High School, 1801 E. Main St., Rochester,
Hosted by Rochester Public Library

Jason Reynolds is a #1 *New York Times* bestselling author who writes novels and poetry for young adult and middle-grade audiences. His award-winning book, *Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks*, was a National Book Award finalist, Carnegie Medal winner, and was named one of the best books of 2019 by NPR, *The New York Times*, *School Library Journal*, and more. *Look Both Ways* is composed of interconnected stories, each centering on a different student from the same school and tells what happens after the dismissal bell rings, brilliantly reminding readers to look at our surroundings more closely and notice all the things that connect us to our communities.

Reynolds' book, *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You*, written in collaboration with author and historian Dr. Ibram X. Kendi, is a gripping, fast-paced, and energizing narrative that illuminates the many insidious forms of racist ideas and give readers the tools to identify and stamp out racist thoughts in their own lives. Based on Kendi's National Book Award-winning *Stamped from the Beginning*, Reynolds has re-imagined this ground-breaking work for young adults and provides an accessible book that helps young readers understand race and society.

Reynolds currently lives and writes in Washington, DC, and is serving his third term as the National Ambassador for Young People's Literature.



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Thursday, May 18, 7:00pm

Marie Benedict: Lecture and Book Signing

Penfield Public Library, 1985 Baird Rd., Penfield



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Anthony Musmanno

Meet Marie Benedict, the *New York Times* bestselling author of eight works of historical fiction including *The Only Woman in the Room*, *The Mystery of Mrs. Christie*, *The Personal Librarian*, and *The Mitford Affair*. A lawyer with more than ten years' experience, Ms. Benedict found her calling in unearthing the hidden historical stories of women. Her mission is to excavate from the past the most important, complex, and fascinating women of history and bring them into the light of present-day, where we can perceive the breadth of their contributions as well as the insights they bring to modern day issues.

This lecture will be followed by an audience Q & A and a book signing. Light refreshments will be served during the book signing.

Required registration begins April 3, 2023, <https://calendar.libraryweb.org/event/10384686> or call 585 340-8720.

All events will have sign interpretation.

Registration or invitation required for these free events.