

Special Exhibit

Frederick Douglass: AGITATOR

Human rights activist Frederick Douglass used his masterful speeches and writing to push for true social justice. This special exhibit coincides with Douglass' bicentennial year.



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June 22—December 31, 2018

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Membership Levels & Benefits

Join online at americanwritersmuseum.org

Individual: \$40

- Unlimited free admission to the AWM
- 2 one-time-use guest passes
- 15% discount on AWM retail purchases
- Subscription to e-newsletter
- Member previews of new exhibits
- Invitations to members-only events such as author readings and lectures

Couple: \$70 Same benefits as Individual, for two people in the same household.

Family: \$90 Same benefits as Individual, for two adults and all children under 18.

HOURS ADMISSION

Tuesday–Sunday 10am–5pm
Closed Mondays
(extended hours vary by season, see website)

Adults \$12 • Seniors (65+) \$8
Students (with valid ID) \$8
Children (ages 12 & under) FREE
Members FREE

SPECIAL EXHIBITS FREE with paid admission.



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EVENTS CALENDAR

June-July 2018



EVENTS

JUNE

2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Little Squirrels Storytime
Every Saturday in June
10:30am

Bring your little book lover to our children's storytime every Saturday morning.

Children's Literature Gallery.

For preschool-age children with a caregiver. Free. Museum admission not included.



3 Special Event: Continuing Literary Legacies
Sunday, June 3, 4pm

Join Goodman Theatre and the American Writers Museum for a

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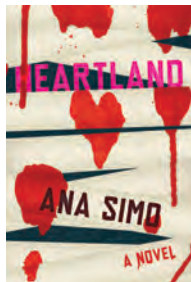
celebration of iconic Chicago voices. The event will include selected readings from works by Gwendolyn Brooks, Lorraine Hansberry, Richard Wright and Sandra Cisneros. Acclaimed writer Megan Stielsra, author of the *The Wrong Way to Save Your Life*, will be the featured guest.

Readers Hall. General Public.

Tickets for this event are FREE, reservations are required.

5 Tuesday First Books:* Ana Simo, Heartland in conversation with C. Russell Price
Tuesday, June 5, 6:30pm

Playwright and essayist Ana Simo's first novel is the uproarious story of a thwarted writer's elaborate revenge on the woman who stole her lover, blending elements of telenovela, pulp noir, and dystopian satire. Books will be sold before and after the event.



Readers Hall. General Public.

Free with museum admission.

7 Fiction and Foreign Policy
Thursday, June 7, 6pm

Join the Chicago Council for the AWM and Shermin Kruse as she reads from her novel, *Butterfly Stitching*. The reading will be followed by a discussion regarding foreign policy issues.

Readers Hall. General Public.

\$25 ticket to support the AWM's education programs.



9 Special Event: Writing the Blues: Herbert Quelle and Renee Rosen
Saturday, June 9, 3pm

Herbert Quelle, German Consul General and author of *Monika's Blues: On the Trail of the German Harmonica and African-American Blues Culture*, talks with Renee Rosen, author of *Windy City Blues*, about music, writing and culture. Books will be sold before and after the event.

Readers Hall. General Public.
Free with museum admission.



19 Surprise Bookshelf Series: Jennifer Keishin Armstrong, Sex and the City and Us
Tuesday, June 19, 6:30pm

A cultural historian and New York Times bestselling author of *Seinfeldia*, Armstrong takes on the iconic HBO series about sex and the single woman and explores the show's impact on our culture. Books will be sold before and after the event.

Readers Hall. General Public.
Free with museum admission.



28 Special Event: Literary Cocktail Tasting
Thursday, June 28, 6pm

Sample four different literary cocktails inspired by the American Writers Museum. Cocktails created by Classic Cocktails by Scott.

General Public. \$5 per sampling. 21 and over.



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12 Screening and Talk: Rita Coburn Whack on Maya Angelou
Thursday, July 12, 6:30pm

The Peabody award-winning director presents and discusses her documentary *Maya Angelou: And Still I Rise*, airing in the American Masters series. The film traces Dr. Angelou's incredible journey, shedding light on the untold aspects of her life.

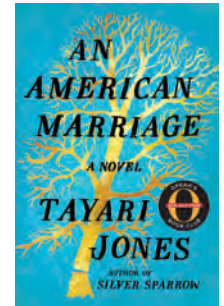
Readers Hall. General Public.
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19 Surprise Bookshelf Series: Tayari Jones, An American Marriage
Thursday, July 19, 6:30pm

Tayari Jones is an award-winning author whose new novel *An American Marriage* is a national bestseller—and latest pick for Oprah's Book Club — that focuses on a newlywed couple and their reckoning with race, gender roles, and forces beyond their control. Books will be sold before and after the event.

Readers Hall. General Public. Free with museum admission.



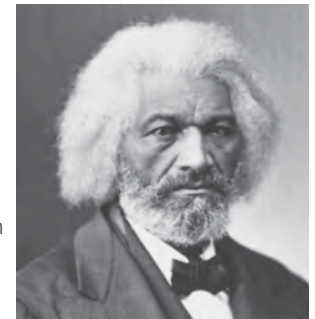
SOUTHBANK

Save the Date!

August 8 Kenneth B. Morris: The Legacy of Frederick Douglass
Wednesday, August 8, 6:30pm

Kenneth Morris—a descendant of Frederick Douglass and Booker T. Washington—and founder of the Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives discusses Douglass's influence in the past, present and future.

Readers Hall. General public. Free with museum admission.



*"The **Tuesday First Books** program highlights great current American writing by showcasing the premieres of novelists, journalists, academics and others making their debuts in the world of publishing. AWM is providing a wonderful opportunity to read the Next Big Thing and meet the people creating the future of American writing."
—Donna Seaman, Senior Editor at Booklist and American Library Association