

Special Exhibits

Capturing Stories: Photographs of Writers by Art Shay

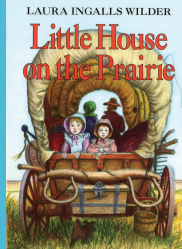
Art Shay is an award-winning photojournalist with *Life*, *Time*, *Sports Illustrated* and other publications. **Capturing Stories** focuses on major American writers who Art photographed, including notable figures such as Ernest Hemingway, Studs Terkel, James Baldwin, Nelson Algren, and Gwendolyn Brooks. **October 27, 2017—Spring 2018**



Laura Ingalls Wilder: From Prairie to Page

Laura Ingalls Wilder focuses on Wilder's lifelong relationship with language and writing that shaped her *Little House* series.

The exhibit features the longhand manuscript of *The Long Winter* from the Detroit Public Library, reproduced typed *Long Winter* pages with handwritten notes by Laura Ingalls Wilder, merchandise, and memorabilia. **November 18, 2017—Spring 2018**



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Membership Levels & Benefits

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Individual: \$40

- Unlimited free admission to the AWM
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- Member previews of new exhibits
- Invitations to members-only events such as author readings and lectures

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HOURS Daily 10am–5pm • Thursday 10am–8pm

Closed Mondays, Thanksgiving Day, & Christmas Day

ADMISSION

Adults \$12 • Seniors (65+) \$8

Students (with valid ID) \$8

Children (ages 12 & under) **FREE**



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Public Programs

November–December 2017



Program Calendar

November

7 Tuesday First Books:

Alexis Okeowo: *A Moonless, Starless Sky*

Tuesday, November 7, 5:30 pm

In her debut book, acclaimed journalist and *New Yorker* staff writer Alexis Okeowo offers a powerful, timeless, and masterful work exploring Africa's clash of fundamentalism and the ordinary women and men who are fighting back. *Books will be sold before and after the event.*

Readers Hall. General public.

9 Surprise Bookshelf Series:

James McGrath Morris: *The Ambulance Drivers: Hemingway, Dos Passos, and a Friendship Made and Lost in War*

Thursday, November 9, 5:30 pm

James McGrath Morris discusses his new novel about the friendship of Ernest Hemingway and John Dos Passos, which began during World War I. *Books will be sold before and after the event.*

Readers Hall. General public.

14 Children's Author Storytime (Patricia Toht)

Tuesday, November 14, 10:30 am

Patricia Toht, author of *Pick a Pine Tree* and *All Aboard the London Bus*, will read in the Children's Literature Gallery.

Children's Literature Gallery.

Preschool-age children w/caregiver.

18 Gallery Talks:

Quraysh Ali Lansana on Gwendolyn Brooks

Saturday, November 18, 12 pm

The Gallery Talks series will expand on the lives of writers featured in the temporary exhibit *Capturing Stories: Photographs of Writers by Art Shay*. This event will feature Quraysh Ali Lansana of Our Miss Brooks 100 and *Revise the Psalm* discussing Gwendolyn Brooks. Lansana is a poet, teacher and former student of Miss Brooks.

Meijer Gallery. General public.

20 Reading/Signing:

Hendrik Meijer: *Arthur Vandenburg: The Man in the Middle of the American Century*

Monday, November 20, 6 pm

Meijer presents his new biography of Arthur H. Vandenberg (1884-1951), Republican from Grand Rapids, Michigan. Vandenberg was the model of a consensus builder, and the coalitions he spearheaded continue to form the foundation of American foreign and domestic policy today.

Readers Hall. General public.

30 Surprise Bookshelf Series: Heid Erdrich

Thursday, November 30, 5:30 pm

Reading and signing with Heid E. Erdrich, the author of five collections of poetry from Michigan State University Press. *Books will be sold before and after the event.*

Readers Hall. General public.

December

3 Holidays in the Big Woods

Sunday, December 3, 1-3 pm

Enjoy a Laura Ingalls Wilder winter with 19th Century children's crafts, live fiddle music and American Writers Museum's new exhibit about Laura the writer. *Bring a book to donate to Bernie's Book Bank and receive 10% off admission.*

Readers Hall. General public.

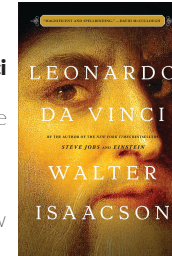
4 Special Event:

An Evening with Walter Isaacson on Leonardo DaVinci

Monday, December 4, 7 pm

Walter Isaacson, author of the acclaimed bestsellers *Steve Jobs*, *Einstein*, and *Benjamin Franklin*, brings Leonardo da Vinci to life in an exciting new biography. Talk followed by book signing.

Chicago Cultural Center, Preston Bradley Auditorium. Limited space, RSVPs required.



6 Reading/Signing: Caroline Fraser: *Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder*

Wednesday, December 6, 5:30 pm
The autobiographical *Little House on the Prairie* novels by Laura Ingalls Wilder occupy a curious space between national mythology, self-reinvention, and truth, as this overlong but engrossing biography from Fraser makes clear. *Books will be sold before and after the event.*

Readers Hall. General public.

7 Surprise Bookshelf Series: Dr. Reginald Gibbons, Fei Sun, and Katherine Williams

Thursday, December 7, 5:30 pm

Very Short Story reading with Dr. Reginald Gibbons, Fei Sun, and Katherine Williams. *Books will be sold before and after the event.*

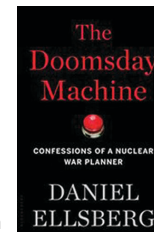
Readers Hall. General public.

7 Daniel Ellsberg in conversation with Rick Perlstein

Thursday, December 7, 7:30 pm

The legendary whistleblower who revealed the Pentagon Papers talks about *The Doomsday Machine*, his eyewitness exposé of American nuclear policy. *In partnership with the Seminary Co-Op Bookstore.*

Readers Hall. General public.



9 Gallery Talks:

Nancy Sindelar on Ernest Hemingway

Saturday, December 9, 12 pm

The Gallery Talks series will expand on the lives of writers featured in the temporary exhibit *Capturing Stories: Photographs of Writers by Art Shay*. This event will feature Nancy Sindelar, of the Ernest Hemingway Foundation of Oak Park, and author of *Influencing Hemingway*.

Meijer Gallery. General public.

10 Holidays in the Big Woods

Sunday, December 10, 1-3 pm

Enjoy a Laura Ingalls Wilder winter with 19th Century children's crafts, live fiddle music and American Writers Museum's new exhibit about Laura the writer. *Bring a book to donate to Bernie's Book Bank and receive 10% off admission.*

Readers Hall. General Public

12 Reading/Signing:

Sara Miller: *Caroline: Little House Revisited*

Tuesday, December 12, 5:30 pm

In this novel authorized by the Little House Heritage Trust, Sarah Miller vividly recreates the beauty, hardship, and joys of the frontier in imagining Caroline "Ma" Ingalls. *Books will be sold before and after the event.*

Readers Hall. General public.

The Second City

13 Special Event: Chicago's Second City

Wednesday, December 13, 6:30 pm

Improv talents from the famed Second City turn their famous talents on the American Writers Museum and its 100 American Voices, interviewing well-known authors in a lighthearted look at literature.

Readers Hall. General public. RSVP required.

\$15 admission, includes complimentary beer/wine, museum admission and program.

17 Holidays in the Big Woods

Sunday, December 17, 1-3 pm

Enjoy a Laura Ingalls Wilder winter with 19th Century children's crafts, live fiddle music and American Writers Museum's new exhibit about Laura the writer. *Bring a book to donate to Bernie's Book Bank and receive 10% off admission.*

Readers Hall. General public.



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