



PANEL & SESSION SCHEDULE

9:30 – 10:00

The Power of Storytelling: Why Books Matter
with **Jen Furlong**

10:15 – 11:00

Local Book Speed Dating with **20+ local authors**

11:15 – 11:45

How to Tackle Your TBR panel with **Tobias Youngblood, Dee Armstrong, and Emilie Mason**

12:00 – 12:30

Q&A with **MPC Publishing**

1:00 – 1:50

Tia Williams Interview: Discussing Her
Bestselling Novels and Quick Growing Success

2:15 – 3:00

So, You Want to Be an Author panel with **Aaron Crocker, Elaine DeBohun, Dorn Walker, David Anthony Sam, and Jeffrey James Higgins**

3:15 – 3:45

Most Loved Books of 2025 panel with **Nichole Calabrese, E.J. Wenstrom, and Theresa Kay**



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Sponsored by MPC Publishing*

*ALL PANELS & SESSIONS REQUIRE SIGN UP BEFOREHAND ON TICKETING PAGE,
DUE TO LIMITED SEATING. STAND-BY MAY BE OFFERED BASED ON CAPACITY
FOR EACH SESSION*



STORYTIME SCHEDULE

9:30 – 10:00 Picture Book

Welcome to Stafford Bookfest with **“Sofia and Her Bomba Drum”** by **Isha M. Renta López**

10:30 – 11:00 Picture Book

“Bananas in the Bath” by **Andi Chitty**

11:30 – 12:00 Young Reader

“The Museum Surprise” by **Consuella Renay**

12:30 – 1:00 Picture Book

“A Dinosaur Made Me Sneeze” by **Carla Mae Jansen**

1:30 – 2:00 Young Reader

“My Splendiferous Everyday” excerpt from the chapter book set by **Caroline Crocker**

2:30 – 3:00 Character Meet & Greet

Junie B. Jones with **Riverside Center for the Performing Arts***

3:30 – 4:00 Picture Book

“Misha” by **Stephanie Heath**

**Junie B. Jones is an early elementary grade book series that features a main character that frequently misbehaves and uses informal, problematic language (words like “stupid”). If this is language you aren’t comfortable with your child hearing, then this session may not be for you. Thank you for your understanding.*

PLEASE NOTE: THE CHILDREN’S ROOMS AND STORYTIME SEGMENTS ARE NOT A SUBSTITUTION FOR CHILDCARE. NO CHILDREN MAY BE LEFT UNATTENDED DURING THE DURATION OF THE EVENT. CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES.



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STAFFORD BOOKFEST 2025

Rotating Local Author List + Schedule

9:30am – 10:30am

- **Sharelle Aldrige**, Self Help
- **Shirita Nash**, Self-Help
- **Emily Peace Harrison**, Children's
- **Consuella Renay**, Children's
- **Jenn Lessmann**, Fantasy
- **Aline Francoure**, Romance
- **Joe Turcotte**, Mystery
- **Beth Ford**, Historical Romance
- **J.L. Berg**, Romance

10:45am – 11:45am

- **Caroline Crocker**, Children's/Non-fiction
- **Jen Poteet**, Cozy Horror
- **Molly Macabre**, Horror
- **Moriah J. Ward**, Fantasy
- **Danielle Simone**, Young Adult Adventure
- **T.J. Dell**, Romance
- **Kay Brooks**, Romantic Suspense

12:00pm – 1:00pm

- **Blake Lynch**, Poetry
- **Mercedes Allsop**, Non-fiction
- **Antwaun Gay**, Non-fiction/Memoir
- **Megan Michelle**, Romance
- **Karen Stone**, Non-fiction
- **Matt Hensell**, YA Fantasy
- **Stephanie Heath**, Children's
- **Marguerite Thibodeaux**, Children's
- **Scarlett M. Honey**, Epic Romantasy
- **Meredith R. Stoddard**, Romantasy
- **Nora Thomas**, Mafia Romance



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