



YAS Book Con 2017 Schedule

Schedule is subject to change

Friday October 20: Why Write? Why Read? Why Not!?

- Panels are 30-minute interactive discussions and Q&A with authors; located in SKyPAC Main Hall except where noted
- Authors will sign all day in the SKyPAC Lobby at their tables as their schedules allow
- Authors unable to attend Friday: Emma Mills, Sheba Karim, Deron Hicks, & Ashley Herring Blake

9:00-9:30: KEYNOTE: Jay Asher

Location: SKyPAC Main Hall

Moderator: Molly McCaffrey, author of *You Belong to Us* (Main Street Rag, 2015)

9:00-9:30: Panel – My Writing Journey, from Teen to Today

Authors read from some of their early work and discuss their journeys as authors. Point A to point B can be such an interesting journey!

Location: Rehearsal Hall 1

Moderator: Neisha Newell, Warren County Public Library

1. C.J. Redwine, *The Wish Granter*
2. Mindy McGinnis, *This Darkness Mine*
3. Kiersten White, *Now I Rise*
4. Brooks Benjamin, *My Seventh Grade Life in Tights*
5. Cinda Williams Chima, *Shadowcaster*

9:35-10:05am: Panel - Perfectly Pop-Cultured: Writer-Nerds

Writing what you know is much more fun when “what you know” is playing (mind) games, good music, unabashed science puns, throwing a perfect party, or singing your face off.

Location: SKyPAC Main Hall

Moderator: Rachel Ferguson, Warren County Public Library

1. Amanda K. Morgan, *Such A Good Girl*
2. David Arnold, *Kids of Appetite*
3. Candace Ganger, *The Inevitable Collision of Birdie and Bash*
4. R. Dean Johnson, *Californium*
5. Gail Nall, *Best.Night.Ever*
6. Alecia Whitaker, *The Way Back Home*

10:05-10:15am: BREAK

10:15-10:45am: Panel - Choose Your Own Adventure

Superheroes, sleuthing, the *yakuza*? Try to keep up as these authors talk about writing action and adventure (and a little romance!).

Location: SKyPAC Main Hall

Moderator: Laura Bohuski, Assistant Professor WKU Libraries

1. Alison Cherry, *Best.Night.Ever* & *Look Both Ways*
2. Valynne E. Maetani, *Ink and Ashes*
3. Gwenda Bond, *Lois Lane: Triple Threat*
4. Christopher Rowe, *The Supernormal Sleuthing Service: The Lost Legacy*
5. Stephanie Faris: *Best.Night.Ever* & *25 Roses*

10:15-10:45am: Illustration Workshop with Joel Pett

Join Pulitzer prize-winning editorial cartoonist Joel Pett to learn some of his drawing trick of the trade. Attendees are encouraged to bring a sketchbook or notebook and pencil or pen.

Location: Rehearsal Hall 1

Moderator: Brian Coutts, Professor & Dept. Head of Library Public Services, WKU Libraries

10:50-11:20am: Panel - Like a Boss: Writing Your Way Through An Identity Crisis

Figuring out who you are is tough in high school. Luckily, it's tough for *everyone*, as these authors point out – whether you're in the real world or one that's made up!

Location: SKyPAC Main Hall

Moderator: Fallon Willoughby, Academic Advisor, SPS

1. Courtney C. Stevens, *Dress Codes for Small Towns*
2. Mary Weber, *The Evaporation of Sofi Snow*
3. Cinda Williams Chima, *Shadowcaster*
4. Isabel Quintero, *Gabi, A Girl In Pieces*

10:50-11:20am: Activity – Chill Out Yoga Session

Limber out with a FREE yoga session led by Laura Beth Fox-Ezell. Authors are welcome to attend.

Location: Rehearsal Hall 2

11:25-11:55am: LUNCH BREAK

Feel free to take lunch at any time. Food will be available all day for purchase from local food trucks outside SKyPAC. Attendees should be prepared to spend \$5-10/person. Bringing a lunch from home is ok too!

11:55-12:25pm: Panel - The Struggle is Real

High school can feel like an endless puzzle of figuring out how you can do what makes *you* happy while making other people involved in your life happy too (parents, friends, classmates...). These authors write about the struggle.

Location: SKyPAC Main Hall

Moderator: Veronica Rainwater, Warren County Public Library

1. Brooks Benjamin, *My Seventh Grade Life in Tights*
2. Brenna Yovanoff, *Places No One Knows*
3. S. Jae-Jones, *Wintersong*
4. Lorie Langdon, *Gilt Hollow & The Doon Series*
5. Kaitlin Ward, *Girl In A Bad Place*

6. Jay Coles, *Tyler Johnson Was Here* (forthcoming March 2018)

12:30-1:00pm: Panel - But, Seriously: Why Hard Topics are Important

From immigration to teen suicide to rape culture – these authors don't shy away from the serious stuff. Someone's got to write about it!

Location: SKyPAC Main Hall

Moderator: Rachel Ferguson, Warren County Public Library

1. Kristen Tubb, *A Dog Like Daisy*
2. Marie Marquardt, *The Radius of Us*
3. C.J. Redwine, *The Wish Granter*
4. David Bell, *Bring Her Home*
5. Mindy McGinnis, *This Darkness Mine*
6. Jay Asher, *Thirteen Reasons Why*

1:05-1:35pm: Panel - Squad Goals: Writing Fictional Friends that Seem Super Real

These authors write friends from all sides of the spectrum – from frenemies to besties to the people you're just not sure about.

Location: SKyPAC Main Hall

Moderator: Neisha Newell, Warren County Public Library

1. Carey Corp, *Forever Doon*
2. Kiersten White, *Now I Rise*
3. Kara Thomas, *Little Monsters*
4. Kody Keplinger, *Run*
5. Kate Hart, *After the Fall* – canceled (books still available for sale)

1:35-2:15pm: MEGA SIGNING in SKyPAC Lobby & Mezzanine

All authors in attendance Friday will sign books. Book sales provided by Barnes & Noble in SKyPAC Lobby.

- Saturday schedule below •

Saturday October 21: Author Hop – Big Day of Signings & Panels!

- "Panels" are very impromptu & relaxed; 50 minutes each at various locations
- GFCB = Gordon Ford College of Business at the Pushin Building (2nd floor; Suite 201)
- **All book signings and book-sales at tent in D93 Radio Station parking lot**

9:00-9:30am: Jay Asher signs at Yellowberri

Various author signings in D93 Radio Station parking lot.

9:30-10:20am

Panel One - Whatever Sprinkles Your Donut

Rounding up some sweet fiction with the confectionary awesomeness of GAD's donuts for a panel that is truly circuitous.

Location: Chamber of Commerce

Moderator: Eden Gasperetti, WKU Student; Dept. of English

1. Marie Marquardt, *The Radius of Us*
2. Candace Ganger, *The Inevitable Collision of Birdie and Bash*
3. Kiersten White, *Now I Rise*
4. R. Dean Johnson, *Californium*
5. S. Jae-Jones, *Wintersong*

Panel Two - Get Lit(erary): All We Need is...Books and Coffee

Because coffee AND fiction can warm your heart *or* make you freeze into an emotional ice cube (but you can always thaw back out).

Location: Spencer's Coffee

Moderator: Rachel Ferguson, Warren County Public Library

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10:30-11:20am

Panel Three - The Great Pumpkin Painting Party

Talk craft while being crafty with authors who love craftily crafting.

Location: Art Matters Community Art Studio & Gallery

Moderator: Veronica Rainwater, Warren County Public Library

1. Ashley Herring Blake, *How to Make a Wish*
2. Emma Mills, *Foolish Hearts*
3. Isabel Quintero, *Gabi, A Girl In Pieces*
4. Alecia Whitaker, *The Way Back Home*
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Panel Four - Use Your Imaaaaaaaaagination

Tap into the side of you that loves cartoons and art and brave deeds done by masked heroes and discovering your true destiny because a strange wise person told you to that one time.

Location: GFCB Fountain Square (Pushin Building 2nd Floor)

Moderator: Laura Bohuski, Assistant Professor WKU Libraries

1. Gwenda Bond, *Lois Lane: Triple Threat*
2. Christopher Rowe, *The Supernormal Sleuthing Service: The Lost Legacy*
3. Alison Cherry, *Best.Night.Ever & Look Both Ways*
4. Deron Hicks, *The Van Gogh Deception*

11:30am-12:00pm: MEGA SIGNING in D93 Radio Station Parking Lot

All authors invited to sign during mega signings.

*Authors listed below **guaranteed** to sign during this time.*

- Marie Marquardt • Candace Ganger • Kiersten White • R. Dean Johnson • Mindy McGinnis • David Bell
 • Kaitlin Ward • Kara Thomas • Kody Keplinger • Emma Mills • Isabel Quintero • Alecia Whitaker
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 Valynne E. Maetani

12:00pm-12:50pm

Panel Five - Superbad: Authors Expose Their Early Writing

Authors share snippets of superbad stuff they wrote before they wrote the books they'll also talk about that turned out pretty terrific.

Location: *Art Matters Community Art Studio & Gallery*

Moderator: *Veronica Rainwater, Warren County Public Library*

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2. Ashley Herring Blake, *How To Make A Wish*
3. Courtney C. Stevens, *Dress Codes for Small Towns*
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Panel Six - Notorious H.A.P.P.Y.

Fact: it is impossible to be unhappy while visiting Zest juice. Also fact: these authors are wonderfully happy people who tend to bring that sunny disposition into their work. Sip some juice while they talk about writing things that make people smile a lot.

Location: *Zest Juice*

Moderator: *Molly McCaffrey, author of You Belong to Us (Main Street Rag, 2015)*

1. Kristin Tubb, *A Dog Like Daisy*
2. Brooks Benjamin, *My Seventh Grade Life in Tights*
3. Stephanie Faris, *Best.Night.Ever & 25 Roses*
4. Gail Nall, *Best.Night.Ever*

1:00pm-1:50pm

Panel Seven - Fangirls, the Sequel

What do authors fangirl over? Apparently, a lot of stuff. Don't be shy – bring your fangirl (or fanboy!) self to hear these ladies talk about their writing (and life) inspirations.

Location: *Art Matters Community Art Studio & Gallery*

Moderator: *Marisa Williams, WKU Student; Dept. of English*

1. Lorie Langdon, *Gilt Hollow & The Doon Series*
2. Carey Corp, *Forever Doon*
3. Amanda K. Morgan, *Such A Good Girl*
4. Emma Mills, *Foolish Hearts*

Panel Eight - Harry Potter Trivia Game

Join C.J. Redwine and author “Prefects” as they test your knowledge of the wizarding world. Come dressed in your house colors!!! Arrive early – seating is limited.

Location: GFCB Fountain Square (Pushin Building 2nd Floor)

Moderator: C.J. Redwine, Author

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3. Cinda Williams Chima, *Shadowcaster*
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Activity – The Home Stretch: YOGA at the Spot (authors invited)

Limber out with a FREE yoga session led by Yoga Program Director, Katherine Holmes. Namaste!

2:00pm-3:00pm: MEGA SIGNING in D93 Radio Station Parking Lot

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More info and Author Hop Map at yasbookcon.org