

OUR PROGRAMS

AUTHORS IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM

In 2026 we are excited to welcome authors **Gregor Craigie** (*Sticking to the Facts: 10 Ways to Fight Misinformation*), **Kim Spencer** (*Here for a Good Time*), and **Michael Nicoll Yahgulanaas** (*RED: A Haida Manga*). 420 copies of their books will be delivered to classrooms in Squamish, Whistler, Pemberton and Mount Currie. The authors will give presentations to students throughout the Sea to Sky Corridor. Over 1500 students from Grade 4 to 12 participate in the program each year. We are grateful for the generous support of:



WHISTLER WRITER IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM WITH STELLA LEVENTOYANNIS HARVEY

We are thrilled to host author **Stella Leventoyannis Harvey** (*Finding Callidora, Disruption*) as the mentor author for the Whistler Writer in Residence program. Stella will work one-on-one with local writers to develop their writing projects, and hold group writing craft lectures at the Artists' Cabin at The Point Artist-Run Centre on Alta Lake during the fall.



WHISTLER INDEPENDENT BOOK AWARDS

The WIBAs have grown to be recognized as one of the leading literary prizes in the country, and the only Canadian awards exclusively for self-published authors. They are a partnership between **Vivalogue Publishing** and the **Whistler Writers Festival**.

AMPLIFYING VOICES SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship offers writers or storytellers participation in the Whistler Writer in Residence program and a Whistler Writers Festival pass. The scholarship supports underrepresented voices in Canadian publishing, particularly those who are Indigenous, Black, racialized, Deaf or hard of hearing, living with a disability and/or 2SLGBTQIA+.

ONE DAY WRITING RETREATS

Writers meet in the spring at The Point Artist-Run Centre for inspiration, support, a potluck lunch and a day of writing on the peaceful shores of Alta Lake.

SPRING READING EVENTS

Spring is our time for experimentation and renewal, with open mic readings featuring local writers, and gathering together for enthralling literary events and workshops.

FESTIVAL SAFE SPACE

We recognize that difficult subjects may be discussed at the festival, and content may be triggering. We offer a safe, quiet space for respite for any person attending. Please ask a volunteer to direct you to the space and provide support if desired.

GET INVOLVED WITH US

If you are interested in being a voting member of The Whistler Writing Society, volunteering, or becoming a director of the Board, please check out whistlerwritersfest.com, or reach out to writers@whistlerwritersfest.com.

Welcome

Welcome to the 2026 Whistler Writers Festival. Events are in-person and online, and take place at different venues. Please check your ticket type when purchasing.

Get tickets at **WhistlerWritersFest.com** or scan the QR code.



Donate Today

SUPPORT OUR PROGRAMS

Your donation enables us to offer programming that is inclusive, diverse and accessible. We are proud to deliver extraordinary storytelling events and workshops through our programs. Thank you for keeping the literary arts alive!

THE LITERARY ARTS LEGACY FUND

A gift today is an investment that will provide a reliable, annual source of funds to help us continue to bring new ideas, voices, and change to the world. Your donation to the Literary Arts Legacy Fund is eligible for matching funds from the Department of Canadian Heritage.

LEGACY GIVING

To make a bequest in your will, or a gift of securities or life insurance, please contact rebecca@whistlerwritersfest.com.

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FESTIVAL READING PASS

IN-PERSON \$304 (SAVE \$34)

Treat yourself and gain access to **14 festival reading events**. There is a limited quantity of these so get your reading pass today!

If you're a member, you can save an additional 15%.

FESTIVAL WORKSHOP PASS

IN-PERSON \$200 (SAVE \$22)

Get the most bang for your buck and elevate your writing practice with access to **seven festival workshops**, all for one price. There is a limited quantity.

Note: This pass does *not* include Workshop 2: Pitch Your Work, or Workshop 6: The Little But Kickers, which must be purchased separately. Workshop 10 is for youth only.

If you're a member, you can save an additional 15%.



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WRITING & NETWORKING SUITE

Fairmont Chateau Whistler
Open Friday Nov 6. – Sunday Nov. 8 | Complimentary

Calling all writers! We've created a quiet space for you to reflect on your festival experience, read your new festival book, or take out your notebook and get writing. Pop in and say hi to the hosts, and meet other writers. Morning coffee, tea and treats are on hand to fuel your writing.



MORE DETAILS

Thank You

The Whistler Writing Society would like to thank its sponsors for their generosity. Without their continued enthusiasm and support, this festival would not be possible.



We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Canada Council for the Arts, Province of British Columbia, Resort Municipality of Whistler and Canada Council through the Writers' Union of Canada.

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& Writers

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Celebrating Stories for 25 Years

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QUESTIONS?

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

WORKSHOP 1
Break out! Chat with Canadian Publishing Industry Pros
With Adrienne Kerr (Simon & Schuster), Claire Lin (Douglas & McIntyre), Julia McDowell (Penguin Random House Canada), Gemma Paynter (PS Literary Agency) | Moderator: Katherine Fawcett
10:30 – 11:45 a.m. PDT | Online \$35

WORKSHOP 2
Pitch In! Tell Your Story to a Canadian Publishing Pro
With JC Cham (Arsenal Pulp Press), Anna Comfort O’Keeffe (Douglas & McIntyre, Harbour), Vici Johnstone (Caitlin Press, Dagger Editions), Claire Lin (Douglas & McIntyre), Julia McDowell (Penguin Random House Canada), Gemma Paynter (PS Literary Agency)
1:30 – 4:30 p.m. PDT | Online \$45 per pitch | Limited space available

READING EVENT 1
Three Generations
In Conversation with Michelle Good and Zak Jones
Moderator: Brandon Barrett
5:00 – 6:15 p.m. | Squamish Lil’wat Cultural Centre | In-person \$25

READING EVENT 2
Celebrating Sea to Sky Storytellers
With Heather Hendrie, bronwyn preece & Brad Sills
Moderator: Lisa Richardson
7:30 – 9 p.m. | Whistler Public Library: Fireplace Lounge
In-person FREE (RSVP)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

WORKSHOP 7
The Body Writes: Exploring Rhythm in Storytelling
With Anna Mrozik
9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Fairmont Chateau Whistler | In-person \$32

READING EVENT 7
Tectonic Shifts: A Conversation with Writers of Fiction
With Tara Gereaux, Brian Kaufman, WIBA Winner
Moderator: Clea Young
10 – 11:15 a.m. | Fairmont Chateau Whistler | In-person \$27

WORKSHOP 8
Interstices: The Distance Between Poetry and Prose
With Eve Joseph
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. | Fairmont Chateau Whistler | In-person \$32

WORKSHOP 9
Closing Doors: How Using Generative AI Can Impact Your Book
With Bret Newton (FriesenPress)
12:30 – 1:30 p.m. | Online \$27

READING EVENT 8
Glorious, Disrupting Dystopia
With Glenn Dixon and Anakana Schofield | Moderator: Alli Vail
1:45 – 3 p.m. | Fairmont Chateau Whistler | In-person \$42
Includes coffee, tea and a red velvet cupcake





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CULTURAL CENTRE**
WHISTLER

We invite festival speakers and guests to experience an authentic welcome drum song and storytelling with Cultural Ambassadors on a guided tour of the Museum, explore the Gift Shop and dine at the Thunderbird Café.

Whistler's Upper Village, 4584 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

WORKSHOP 3
Publish Like a Pro: From Manuscript to Book
With Lynn Duncan
9 – 11 a.m. | Fairmont Chateau Whistler | In-person \$32

READING EVENT 3
Springtime in Kitkatla: A Picture Book Reading
With Kim Spencer
10:30 – 11:15 a.m. | Whistler Public Library | In-person FREE (RSVP)

WORKSHOP 4
Duelling Editors
With Lynn Duncan & Brian Kaufman
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. | Fairmont Chateau Whistler | In-person \$32

WORKSHOP 5
Summoning Your Story
With Michelle Good
2 – 3:30 p.m. | Fairmont Chateau Whistler | In-person \$32

WORKSHOP 6
The Little But Kickers: One-on-One Editing Sessions
With Katherine Fawcett & Stella Leventoyannis Harvey
3:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 5 p.m. | Fairmont Chateau Whistler
In-person \$75

READING EVENT 4
Cultural & Spiritual Care: Healing through Stories
With Sik Sik Josh Anderson (*Útszan ti Smáwala*), Lasänmə (*Spruce to Cedar*), and Tsawaysia Spukwus Dominique Nahanee
Moderator: Kim Spencer
5:30 – 6:45 p.m. | Squamish Lil’wat Cultural Centre | In-person \$20

READING EVENT 5
Canada’s Best Indies 2026
Whistler Independent Book Award Finalists
Moderator: Deborah Wade
5:45 – 7:15 p.m. | Fairmont Chateau Whistler
In-person FREE (RSVP)

READING EVENT 6
Characters on the Edge: Analyzing Psychological Thrillers
With Robyn Harding and A.D. Sui | Moderator: Amber Cowie
8 – 10 p.m. | Doors open at 7:30 p.m.
Fairmont Chateau Whistler | In-person \$35

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

READING EVENT 12
Being Forest: A Salish Stroll
With Avis Blackbird, Elee Kraljii Gardiner, SLCC Cultural Ambassador, WIBA Poetry Winner | Moderator: Tatiana Lee
9 – 10:30 a.m. | Meeting Point: Fairmont Chateau Whistler Lobby
In-person \$35

READING EVENT 13
Voices to Urge Youth On: A Conversation with YA and Children’s Authors
With Gregor Craigie, Kim Spencer, Michael Nicoll Yahgulanaas, WIBA Winner | Moderator: Sara Leach
10 – 11 a.m. | Fairmont Chateau Whistler
\$27 for adults | FREE (RSVP) for youth 18 and under

READING EVENT 14
Sunday BookTalk and Breakfast
With Eve Joseph, Yasuko Thanh and Michael Nicoll Yahgulanaas
Moderator: Jeanette Bruce
Fairmont Chateau Whistler | Doors Open 10:45 a.m. | Breakfast at 11 a.m.
Event 11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m. | In-person \$65 (includes breakfast)

WORKSHOP 10
Journalism 101: A Workshop for Middle-Graders
With Gregor Craigie
2 – 3 p.m. | Whistler Public Library | FREE (RSVP) for youth 18 and under

READING EVENT 9
The Trek to Know Thyself: A Conversation with Writers of Non-Fiction
With Wiley Wei-Chiun Ho, Clara Hughes and WIBA Winner
Moderator: Leslie Anthony
3:15 – 4 p.m. | Fairmont Chateau Whistler | In-person \$27

READING EVENT 10
Disruption: A Book Launch
With Stella Leventoyannis Harvey | Moderator: Rebecca Wood Barrett
5 – 6 p.m. | Fairmont Chateau Whistler | In-person FREE

READING EVENT 11
The Cure for Drowning: A Literary Salon
In Conversation with Loghan Paylor | Moderator: kate heskett
Doors Open 7:30 p.m. | Event 8 – 10 p.m.
Fairmont Chateau Whistler | In-person \$35



Whistler Venues

Fairmont Chateau Whistler | 4599 Chateau Blvd
Squamish Lil’wat Cultural Centre | 4584 Blackcomb Way
Whistler Public Library | 4329 Main St

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GREGOR CRAIGIE
“Savvy, low-key, and lit occasionally by glints of humor.”
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“Bright and cheerful, conveying the pleasure of being together.”
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