



2019  
*Cleveland*  
**BOOK**  
**WEEK**

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84th Annual Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards

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Project 400: Our Lived Experience Conference  
Keynote: Dr. Henry Louis Gates Jr.

*Fugitive Slaves and the Struggle for America's Soul:*  
Andrew Delbanco at The City Club of Cleveland  
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Great Lakes African American Writers Conference

## Cleveland Book Week: Sept. 18-28, 2019

Presented by the Cleveland Foundation, Cleveland Book Week celebrates present and past Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards winners, highlights nationally recognized literary talent and offers free literary and literacy-themed events for the community. The fourth annual Cleveland Book Week is anchored by the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards ceremony, scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 26 in the KeyBank State Theatre at Playhouse Square.



Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 5:30 p.m. **FREE EVENT**  
Kent State University, Kiva Auditorium

### An Evening with Sonia Sanchez

Join poet, activist and 2019 Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards Lifetime Achievement winner Sonia Sanchez on Wednesday, September 18 on the campus of Kent State University for an event aligning her groundbreaking civil rights and peace work with the university's year-long examination of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the May 4, 1970 shooting of students by members of the Ohio National Guard.

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Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 6 p.m. **FREE EVENT**  
Maltz Performing Arts Center **FREE PARKING**

### Cleveland Public Library presents Writers & Readers: Killer Mike & Soledad O'Brien

Broadcast journalist Soledad O'Brien and Grammy Award-winning rapper and political commentator Michael "Killer Mike" Render talk about the books that shaped their lives to celebrate Cleveland Public Library's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and kick off its Writers & Readers series.



Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 6 p.m. **FREE EVENT**  
at Karamu House



### A Celebration of Russell Atkins

Join the Cleveland State University Poetry Center and the national members of the literary community for launch party of *World'd Too Much*, a new book of Russell Atkins poems. Now 93, the master of modernist poetry and lifelong Clevelander will be recognized with a performance of his music and words at Karamu House, where he ran a poetry workshop for many years.

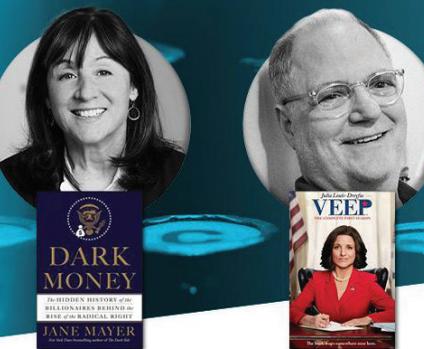
**REGISTRATION WILL BE AVAILABLE VIA THE KARAMU HOUSE BOX OFFICE AT [WWW.KARAMUHOUSE.ORG](http://WWW.KARAMUHOUSE.ORG)**



Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 7:30 p.m.  
Maltz Performing Arts Center

### Writers Center Stage: Jane Mayer & Frank Rich

The William N. Skirball Writers Center Stage Series hosts a conversation between trailblazing investigative journalist Jane Mayer, Chief Washington Correspondent for the New Yorker, and award-winning New York Times journalist Frank Rich as a part of Cleveland Book Week 2019. The series benefits the Cuyahoga County Library Foundation.



 Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 6 p.m. **FREE EVENT**  
William G. Mather on North Coast Harbor



## On the Water with Tracy K. Smith

Join Tracy K. Smith, the 2017-19 Poet Laureate of the United States, at the confluence of Lake Erie and the Cuyahoga River to hear her poems from *Wade in the Water*, a 2019 Anisfield-Wolf winner. Hosted by the Great Lakes Science Center, Brews + Prose and Cleveland Book Week, the reading and book signing will shimmer with the North Coast Harbor and the Steamship William G. Mather as backdrops.



 Thursday, Sept. 26 at 6 p.m. **FREE EVENT**  
KeyBank State Theatre



84<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
**ANISFIELD-WOLF BOOK AWARDS**  
PRESENTED BY THE CLEVELAND FOUNDATION

**REGISTER FOR FREE TICKETS AT  
PLAYHOUSE SQUARE SEPT. 5**

The Anisfield-Wolf Awards recognize books that have made important contributions to our understanding of racism and human diversity. For more than 80 years, the distinguished books earning Anisfield-Wolf prizes have opened and challenged our minds. It remains the only American book prize focusing on works that address racism and equity.

## The Founder

From the time she was a young girl, Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards founder Edith Anisfield Wolf was committed to social justice. She was a published poet and civic activist, and she used literature as a means to explore racial prejudice and celebrate human diversity. A woman ahead of her time, she established the Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards in 1935, some 20 years before the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* decision.



 Friday, Sept. 27 at 9:15 a.m. **FREE EVENT**  
Cleveland State University, Wolstein Center

## Project 400: Our Lived Experience Conference Keynote: Dr. Henry Louis Gates Jr.

Project 400 is a nine-month initiative commemorating the arrival of the first Africans in North America 400 years ago. The conference runs Sept. 27-28 and opens with professor, scholar and Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards jury chair Dr. Henry Louis Gates Jr., speaking on his new book *Stony the Road* and the history and dismantlement of Reconstruction.



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 Friday, Sept. 27 at noon  
at The City Club of Cleveland

### Fugitive Slaves and the Struggle for America's Soul: Andrew Delbanco



Join Andrew Delbanco, winner of the 2019 Anisfield-Wolf Book Award in nonfiction, as he explores how the battle over fugitive slaves in the pre-Civil War era affects America's present day and its persistent struggles with race, immigration and inequality. Delbanco argues in *The War Before the War* that the disputes over whether to harbor or return fugitive slaves pushed the nation into Civil War.

 Friday, Sept. 27 at 6 p.m.  
St. John's Episcopal Church, Ohio City

### An Evening with Tommy Orange

FREE EVENT



Join the Lake Erie Native American Council, St. John's Episcopal Church and Cleveland Book Week for dancing, song and literature in the sanctuary of this historic shrine. Tommy Orange is the recipient of the 2019 Anisfield-Wolf Book Award for Fiction with his debut novel, *There There*. St. John's, which opened in 1838, is the oldest consecrated building in Cuyahoga County. It was a stop on the Underground Railroad and the home, briefly, of the American Indian Movement and Russell Means. Refreshments will be served before the program.

 Saturday, Sept. 28 at 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
East Cleveland Public Library

FREE EVENT

### Great Lakes African American Writers Conference

Join a day-long conference with keynote speakers, literary agent Kima Jones, and writer Damon Young. Gather at the beautiful East Cleveland Public Library, where literary creatives from throughout the Great Lakes region will gather to learn from and network with influential publishing industry professionals from hubs including New York, Chicago and Los Angeles. GLAAWC is free and open to all the public. Learn more: <https://glaawc.com/>



Cuyahoga County  
Public Library

Cuyahoga County Libraries:  
Cleveland Book Week  
Special Author Events

9/21

Nevada Barr at 7:00 p.m.  
*Parma-Snow Branch*

9/24

Lisa Unger at 7:00 p.m.  
*Parma-Snow Branch*

9/22

Laura Lippman at 2:00 p.m.  
*North Olmsted Branch*

9/29

Meg Cabot at 2:00 p.m.  
*Parma-Snow Branch*