

Bestselling Authors Headline the 2022 Nevada Humanities Literary Crawl Jess Walters, Aimee Nezhukumatathil, Gailmarie Pahmeier, Robin McLean, and More

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September 1, 2022—RENO, Nev.—The 2022 Nevada Humanities Literary Crawl will take place Saturday, September 10, 2022, from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm in Reno, featuring an exploratory day of literary events. Over 40 fiction, non-fiction, and poetry readings, as well as panel discussions, book signings, art installations and projects, and creative workshops are part of the 2022 Nevada Humanities Literary Crawl. An afternoon of literary-focused events follow the keynote, taking place at indoor and outdoor venues throughout the California Avenue corridor in Reno and at the Downtown Reno Library. Over 80 artists, authors, scholars, and poets will be presenting. Access to all events and venues is free and open to the public, and all ages are welcome to participate at a variety of family-friendly readings and activities. Follow Nevada Humanities on all social media channels for some live-streamed events.

"We are thrilled to be back on the streets of Reno, being inspired by writers from Nevada and all over the nation," said Christina Barr, executive director of Nevada Humanities. "The *Nevada Humanities Literary Crawl* has become a touchstone event for all Northern Nevadans who read, write, and enjoy good stories, and we are grateful for our volunteers, local businesses, and community partners that have come together to make this event possible. This is truly a homegrown, grassroots celebration."

Notable authors and poets participating in the Nevada Humanities Literary Crawl include:

Aimee Nezhukumatathil, author of World of Wonders: In Praise of Fireflies, Whale Sharks, and Other Astonishments, will kick off the day with the keynote address at 11 am at the Nevada Museum of Art. Nezhukumatathil will also participate in a family-friendly poetry event at the Downtown Reno Library.

Jess Walter, author of 10 books, including #1 *New York Times* bestseller <u>Beautiful Ruins</u> and <u>The Cold Millions</u>, will join author **Michael Martone** at the *Nevada Humanities Literary Crawl* to share excerpts of his work and discuss writing about place.

Writers **Casey Bell** and **Fakhria Rasikh** will share work that explores feminist subject matters, activism, motherhood, and the human experience for women and girls in both Afghanistan and the United States.

Gailmarie Pahmeier, Nevada's Poet Laureate, will share her work in a multitude of ways throughout the day.

Robin McLean, emerging fiction writer and author of 2021's *Pity the Beast*, shares the stage with Virginia City poet **Shaun Griffin** to talk about writing in solitude.

Folklore humorist **Michael P. Branch**, Las Vegas poet **Heather Lang-Cassera**, Reno Poet Laureate **Dustin Howard**, and a host of other Nevada writers will share stories while they guide Reno Brew Bikes between events.

Event guide books will be available to download in advance of the *Nevada Humanities Literary Crawl* at nevadahumanities.org/literarycrawl, and printed copies will be available at <u>Sundance Books and Music</u> a

few days before the *Nevada Humanities Literary Crawl* begins. They will also be available at each venue throughout the day.

For a full listing of all authors, poets, and artists participating and all venues in the 2022 *Nevada Humanities Literary Crawl* visit: **nevadahumanities.org/literarycrawl**.

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