



May 1–2, 2026 · Oshkosh, WI

Friday, May 1, 2026

12:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Registration	<i>Lobby</i>
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4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Dinner (on your own) — Meet in the lobby by 4:30 p.m. if you signed up for reservations. Escorts will be available.	
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6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Lakefly After Dark Open Mic — Oshkosh Public Library	
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Please enter via front entrance flanked by lions; street parking available.

Breakout Sessions | 1:00 – 1:50 p.m.

Session	Presenter	Room
How to Set a Writing Routine	<i>Sarah Read</i>	Henrietta
A Bulletproof Beginning: Five Ways To Anchor Your Story in Urgency from Word One	<i>Larry Sommers</i>	Thistle
The Art of Lyrical Writing	<i>Keenan Jones</i>	Hutchinson

Breakout Sessions | 2:00 – 2:50 p.m.

Session	Presenter	Room
The Power of an Inciting Incident and Why Every Scene Needs One	<i>Kate Pennedorf</i>	Henrietta
The Heroine's Journey: A Story Structure for Connection and Growth	<i>Meadoe Hora</i>	Thistle
Find and Grow Your Audience with Substack	<i>Bruce Landay</i>	Hutchinson

2:50 – 3:10 p.m.	Break	
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Breakout Sessions | 3:10 – 4:00 p.m.

Session	Presenter	Room
How to Write a Picture Book	<i>Christina Fennell</i>	Henrietta
Tighten Your Shorts	<i>Judy DuCharme</i>	Thistle
Write a Dynamic Query Letter	<i>Barry Putt, Jr.</i>	Hutchinson

Saturday, May 2, 2026

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Registration	Lobby
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Lakefly Book Fair	Paul L.
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Keynote Speaker: G. Anthony	Leander Choate
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	No-Conflict Shopping at Book Fair	Paul L.

Breakout Sessions | 10:30 – 11:50 a.m.

Session	Presenter	Room
The ABCs of Character Development	<i>Beth Amos</i>	Henrietta
Ghostwriting: Crafting Voices Behind the Words	<i>Erick Mertz</i>	Thistle
Subject Expert: Medical Examiner	<i>McKenzie Repinski, M.E.</i>	Hutchinson
Author Platform Essentials	<i>Celeste Anton</i>	Lefevre

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch — Pasta Buffet	Leander Choate
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Breakout Sessions | 1:30 – 2:20 p.m.

Session	Presenter	Room
Injecting Humor Into Your Writing	<i>Melissa Westemeier</i>	Henrietta
Public Speaking for Writers	<i>Bailey R. Hansen</i>	Thistle
Not Just Ink on Paper	<i>Panel</i>	Hutchinson
Choose Your Path to Publication	<i>David Bruns</i>	Lefevre

Breakout Sessions | 2:30 – 3:20 p.m.

Session	Presenter	Room
How to Make it as an Independent Author	<i>James Hamilton</i>	Henrietta
Your Story is in Your Genes — Writing Family in Fiction	<i>Janis Falk</i>	Thistle
Set the Setting in Mystery Writing	<i>Carol Pacur</i>	Hutchinson
Lakefly Writing Contests Reception	<i>William Gillard</i>	Lefevre

Breakout Sessions | 3:30 – 4:20 p.m.

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The Magic Pill for Writer's Block: How to Write When You're Not Feeling It	<i>Wendy Wimmer</i>	Henrietta
Stanzas to Stories: Borrowing from Poetry to Write Everything Better	<i>Thomas Cannon & William Gillard</i>	Thistle
DIY Your Book Cover in Canva	<i>Katie Klockow</i>	Hutchinson
Romance Writing	<i>Nicole Reid</i>	Lefevre

4:30 p.m.	Door Prizes & Farewell	<i>Leander Choate</i>
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