

Third Annual Eastern Ct. Children's Book Fair

The Willimantic Public Library and the Friends of the Library invite you and your families to attend the third annual Eastern Ct. Children's Book Fair. The Children's Book Fair will be held at the Windham Senior Center, 1 Jillson Square, in Willimantic on September 30, 2023 from 10 – 2.

Come meet some of Connecticut's children's book authors and illustrators including Windham's own Barbara McClintock. Listen to readings and presentations by the authors, buy their books, and get the books signed by the authors. There will be children's activities and free books from the Friends for each child who attends. Authors' books include picture books, graphic novels, and young adult books for children from birth to 18.

Through the Book Fair, we provide the opportunity for children of all ages, their families, and other interested adults to meet local authors and hear about the process of creating a book. The Fair will feature five Connecticut children's book authors/illustrators reading from their works as well as a book seller, Barnes and Noble of UCONN/Storrs, offering these and other books for sale. The Dodd Human Rights Impact program will host a Malka Penn Award for Human Rights in Children's Literature section at the Book Fair. It will feature current and past winning and honor books.



BARBARA MCCLINTOCK

Barbara McClintock is an American illustrator and author of over 40 books for children. Her books have received numerous awards and citations, including five *New York Times Best Illustrated Picture Book Awards*, three *ALA Notable Book Citations*, a *Boston Globe/Horn Book Honor Award*, a *China Times Best Illustrated Books Award*, and a *British Fantasy Award*. *The Gingerbread Man* has sold over three million copies world-wide. At the Book Fair, Barbara McClintock will read at 10:15 from her picture books including **VROOM**, the story of a young girl who imagines driving around her world in a race car. <https://www.barbaramclintockbooks.com/>

Her artwork has been exhibited and is in the collections of libraries, museums and galleries around the world. She has lectured about her work nationally and internationally, and is currently teaching classes on creating children's books at Wesleyan University. She has served on the board of directors of the Eric Carle Museum, and chaired the Original Art Show at the Society of Illustrators. Barbara lives in Windham CT with her partner, the illustrator David Johnson.

DAISY TORRES

Daisy Torres is currently the Acting Assistant Superintendent of Professional Learning and Multilingual Learners for Hartford Public Schools. She is a Bilingual (English & Spanish) educator with over 20 years of urban school experience. Ms. Torres was awarded the Outstanding Educator Leadership Award with the Connecticut Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents (CALAS) in 2018 and was the 2022 Curriculum Associates/ALAS \$10,000 scholarship recipient that will be used to complete her doctoral studies.

In December 2019, Ms. Torres published her first bilingual (Spanish & English) children's book with 1010 publishing entitled *I'll See You On The Bridge*, a heartfelt story about a young boy, the beautiful relationship with his dog, and pet loss. She will read from this book at 10:45.

https://www.amazon.com/stores/author/B088QLHX3F?ingress=0&visitId=9615caa6-8df8-477a-ad13-8ce6306cb644&store_ref=ap_rdr&ref_=ap_rdr

JON BULLER

Jon Buller is the more visible half of the author/illustrator team of Susan Schade and Jon Buller (Susan doesn't care for public events). Together they have published sixty books for kids, with sales of over five million copies. Susan does more of the writing and Jon does more of the illustrating, but they both do some of each. Their graphic novel THE TRAVELS OF THELONIOUS was also published in France, where it won the Prix Tam-Tam for the best novel for children published in 2011. They are married and live in Lyme, Connecticut.

Jon will demonstrate the art of illustration at 11:30. <http://www.bullersooz.com>

KATIE L CARROLL

Award-winning author Katie L. Carroll began writing after her 16-year-old sister, Kylene, unexpectedly passed away. Since then writing has taken her to many wonderful places—both real and imagined. She wrote her YA fantasy ELIXIR BOUND, winner of the 2019 Connecticut Author Project for Best YA, and its sequel ELIXIR SAVED so Kylene could live on in the pages of a book. Katie's middle grade novels are WITCH TEST and PIRATE ISLAND. She is also the author of the picture books THE BEDTIME KNIGHT, illustrated by Erika Baird, and MOMMY'S NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS, illustrated by Phoebe Cho. Her first nonfiction book is SELFIES FROM MARS: THE TRUE STORY OF MARS ROVER OPPORTUNITY. She teaches writing and publishing workshops for children and adults and works as a freelance writer. Visit her website at katielcarroll.com. Katie L Carroll will present at 12:45.

PATRICK SCALISI

Patrick Scalisi is a writer, editor, journalist, and communications professional from Connecticut. He has published short fiction in a number of magazines and anthologies, and served as the editor of the bestselling steampunk collection *The Ghost Is the Machine*. Pat's debut novel, *The Key to the Universe*, was released by Owl Hollow

Press in 2019. He will read from this novel at 1:15.

In addition to his fiction work, Pat is also an award-winning journalist with a particular interest in pop culture and storytelling. When he's not writing, Pat enjoys playing and collecting retro video games from the NES to PS2 eras, watching TV and movies, and finding shelf space for a growing number of Lego models. He lives in Naugatuck with his partner, Crystal, and their cadre of cats. <https://patrickscalisi.weebly.com/>

The Children's Book Fair has goals of supporting our community, getting local citizens and children more involved with the Willimantic Public Library or their local library, and inviting children to become life-long readers. Partnering with the Willimantic Public Library and the Friends of the WPL are Windham Public Schools, Eastern Ct. State University, Dodd Human Rights Impact of UConn, and the Windham School Readiness Council. In addition to author talks/readings, there will be children's activities staffed by volunteers who speak Spanish and English.