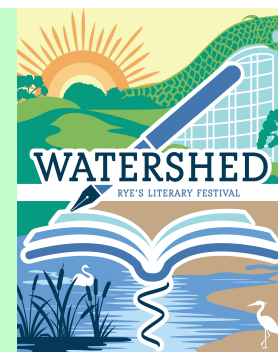


WATERSHED LITERARY FESTIVAL

EVENTS AT - A -GLANCE

September 26, 27, 28, 2025



Fri. 9/26, 10-11 am

EBB & FLOW: Writing Workshop

Alex Morrison will get you focused on character & scene development, building momentum thru action.

Fri. 9/26, 4-5 pm

SOUNDWAVES I : Music & Memoir

Amy Rigby talks about her memoir, *Girl to Country*, her music career, being a performer & parent.

Fri. 9/26, 4-5 pm

DIVE IN: Tween Writing Workshop

Eileen Moskowitz-Palma, *Camp Clique*, leads writing workshop for ages 9-13.

Fri. 9/26, 6-8:30 pm

COCKTAIL PARTY

Author Annabel Monaghan, *It's a Love Story*, launches the Festival. \$40 donation includes Writes & Bites.

Fri. 9/26, 7:30-8:30 pm

WRITES & BITES

A round of 5-minute readings with a waterworks theme, by select authors. \$40,* incl. cocktail party.

Sat. 9/27, 10:30-11:30am

TIME IS A RIVER: Merging Fact with Fiction

Jacqueline Friedland (*Counting Backwards*) in convo w/Heather Cabot (*The New Chardonnay*).

Sat. 9/27, 12-1 pm

BELOW THE SURFACE: The Art of Memoir

Memoirists Nicole Graev Lipson (*Mothers & Other Fictional Characters*) & Tom Junod (*In the Days of My Youth*, 2026) in convo w/ Caren Osten Gerszberg (*Drinking Diaries*).

Sat. 9/27, 1-2 pm

SOUNDWAVES II: Music Journalism

Rolling Stone's David Browne talks about his latest book, *Talkin' Greenwich Village*.

Sat. 9/27, 1:15 - 2 pm

HOOK, LINE, AND TITLE: A Workshop

Writers, reel in the name your book deserves in this title workshop with Betsy Lerner, *Shred Sisters*.

Sat. 9/27, 2-2:45 pm

WATERLINES: Writing Family in Novel

Novelist & literary agent Betsy Lerner discusses the process of writing her new novel *Shred Sisters*.

Sat. 9/27, 3:15-4:15 pm

WATER IN MOTION: Writing for Stage & Screen

Writing for stage, screen & tv w/Stu Zicherman (*The Americans*), Libby Geist Wildes (*Super/Man*), & Kiera Moran (*Likewise*).

Sat. 9/27, 4:30-5:30 pm

LET IT POUR: Writing Workshop

Get the words flowing on the page with Jimin Han (*The Apology*) & Pat Dunn (*Her Father's Daughter*).

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Sat. 9/27, 4:30-5:30 pm

BREAKING THE SURFACE:
Sports Journalism

NFL Network's Ian Rapoport covers his journey from his early days as a sports journalist.

Sat. 9/27, 7:30-8:30 pm

A THOUSAND WORDS
FOR WATER: Poetry

Grisel Y. Acosta (*Wild*), Patricia Brody (*My Blazing World*), Kevin Pilkington (*Taking on Secrets*) & Vincent Toro (*Hivestruck*). Moderated by Jackie Frederick-Berner.

Sun. 9/28, 10 am-12 pm

LOCAL CATCH: Local Authors Book Sale

Local authors set up shop under the Watershed tent to sign and sell their books. If you are an author, email us at watershedrye@gmail.com
**FREE

Sun. 9/28, 10-11 am

SPLASH INTO STORIES:
Read-Aloud for ages 3-8.

Children's author Laura Bower (*The Imposter*) explores universal themes of friendship & the strong bonds children have with their loveys. A craft project will also be offered.

Sun. 9/28, 11 am-12 pm

RIDING THE CURRENT:
Journalism

Andrea Atkins Hessekiel (*Rye Record*) & Roni Sarig (teacher, author, contrib. writer, *Rolling Stone*) talk trends in print & online journalism. Mod. by Tom McDermott (*Rye Record*).

Sun. 9/28, 12:30-1:30 pm

DRAWING FROM THE
WELL: History in Fiction

Samantha Woodruff (*The Trade Off*) & Barbara Josselson (*The Secret Orphanage*) discuss role of history in providing context & setting. Mod. by Marcia Bradley (*Home for Wayward Girls*).

Sun. 9/28, 2-3 pm

DIPPING A TOE IN: Debut Novels

Debut novelists Avery Carpenter Forrey (*Social Engagement*), Heather Aimee O'Neill (*The Irish Goodbye*), Daisy Garrison (*Six More Months of June*) discuss their process w/ mod. Suki van Dijk (*Two Truths and a Lie*).

Sun. 9/28, 3:30-4:30 pm

CHANGING COURSE:
Processing Life Events
Through Essay/Memoir

Eileen Flood O'Connor (*Eating Pizza Backwards*), in convo with authors Andie Raynor (*Reflections of Grace*) & Lee Woodruff (*Those We Love Most*).

Sun. 9/28, 5-6 pm

MURKY WATERS: Elements
of Mystery in Fiction

Novelists Lee Carey Sandford (*The Glass Pass*) and Karen Dukess (*Welcome to Murder Week*) discuss their use of mystery with moderator Annabel Monaghan (*It's a Love Story*).

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