

LITFEST PASADENA - SATURDAY

Time	Panel/Location	Description/ Featured Speakers
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Flights of Fantasy Story Theater (Children's Event) Location: Pasadena Central Library, Donald R. Wright	A fun children's story time titled: "It's All How You Look at It."
11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	SQUIRREL! Spontaneity in Conversation and Writing Location: Walt Girdner Photo Studio and Gallery	An interactive discussion capturing the random thought in jokes, poems, scenes, & stories. Janis Hirsch, Ellis Weiner, Tim Stiles, Jervey Tervalon, Andrew Nicholls (Moderator)
	Sunshine Noir Location: Vroman's Bookstore - Courtyard	L.A. mystery writers explore the challenges and adventure in writing about danger in the land of sunshine. Phoef Sutton, Naomi Hirahara, Adam Walker Phillips, Steph Cha, Jo Perry, Gary Phillips (Moderator)
	Conflict, Destiny and Self-Determination in YA Location: Vroman's Bookstore - Upstairs	From sci-fi to nitty gritty "real life", YA and middle grade writers explore core questions. Jennifer Brody, Dana Middleton, Lissa Price, Lilliam Rivera, Joshua Dysart (Moderator)
	Writing Indigenous California from Island of the Blue Dolphins to American Genocide Location: Sculpture Plaza - The Stand	How have California's indigenous people been portrayed and written about - and how have indigenous nations reclaimed culture and tradition. Luis Rodriguez, Rose Davis, Mark Villasenor, Shonda Buchanan (Moderator)
12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Las Lunas Locas' Poems on Demand Location: El Molino at Colorado Blvd. sidewalk	Get your poems on demand by the poets of Las Lunas Locas!
2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	Cute Filipinos on a Saturday Afternoon Location: Walt Girdner Photo Studio and Gallery	"Cute" authors reflect on writing about and by the second largest Asian American group in the U.S. Boni Alvarez, Angela Penaredodo, Chris Santiago, Cecilia Brainard, Noel Alumit (Moderator)
	Choices and Chances: An Immersive Readings Experience from Literature for Life Location: Pasadena Playhouse - Friendship Room	Hear stories and poems that take you deep within the lives and minds of characters. Rosalind Helfand, Veda Stamps, Ximena Salas, Candace Pearson, Sofia Leggio, Bill Cushing, Jervey Tervalon
	Running and Writing: The Soul's Escape Location: Vroman's Bookstore Courtyard	Explore the commonalities and connections between running and writing. Pete Magill, George Wright, Dr. Steven Smith, Carolina Miranda, Keenan Norris, Denise Hamilton, Jinghuan Liu Tervalon (Moderator)
	10 Distinguished Local Poets with Thelma T. Reyna Location: Vroman's Bookstore Upstairs	Award-winning poets published in the Altadena Poetry Review Anthology read. Beverly M. Collins, Carl (CaLokie) Stilwell, Kathee Bautista, Gloriana Casey Damian Gonzalez, Annette Wong, GT Foster, John Wiltshire, Martina Gallegos Robles, Pauli Dutton
	The Los Angeles Literary Community - Presented by the L.A. Review of Books Location: Sculpture Plaza - The Stand	LARB editors discuss how L.A.'s literary community has changed and evolved. Executive Editor, Janice Rhoshalle Littlejohn, Boris Dralyuk, Senior Editor, Steph Cha, Noir Editor, Michelle Chihara Economics and Finance Editor, Medaya Ocher, Managing Editor (Moderator)
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Reiyukai America Hosts Crafting with Recycled Materials (Children & Family Event) Location: Pasadena Central Library, Great Hall	Come to the library for a fun, interactive crafting experience!
3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Making Space, Holding Space: When 'Community' Is Not Just a Marketing Term Location: Walt Girdner Photo Studio and Gallery	A discussion surrounding literary activism, community building, and community protection. Eric Eztl, Peter Woods, F. Douglas Brown, Karineh Mahdessian, Chiwan Choi (Moderator)
	The Roswell Award! Dramatic Readings of the Best in Short SciFi from Writers at Home and Around the World Location: Pasadena Playhouse - Friendship Room	Dramatic readings of sci-fi stories by up and coming writers from around the US and abroad. Carlease Burke, Madison McLaughlin, Tim Russ, and Allison Scagliotti
	Refugee America Location: Vroman's Bookstore - Upstairs	Novelists speak to a subject as dire, contested, and vital as any in our world. Laleh Khadivi, Nayomi Munaweera, Soma Mei Sheng Frazier, Keenan Norris (Moderator)
	L.A. Times Restaurant Critic Jonathan Gold on the Legacy of Julia Child Location: Vroman's Bookstore - Courtyard	A conversation about the legendary chef, TV personality, writer, and Pasadena native, Julia Child. Jonathan Gold, Larry Wilson
	Red Hen Press Pasadena Poetry-palooza! Location: Sculpture Plaza - The Stand	Innovative, heart-shattering, humorous, and life changing poetry sure to leave you spinning. Genevieve Kaplan, Douglas Kearney, Ron Koertge, Lisa C. Krueger, Tobi Harper (MC)
8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Shades & Shadows Reading Series Location: Pasadena Playhouse - Friendship Room	Readings showcasing dark fantasy, horror, sci-fi, and noir -- expand your dark horizons! Hosted by Lauren Candia & Xach Fromson. Kit Reed, Nicole Maggi, Natasha Deón, Sebastian Bendix, Nalo Hopkinson C.B. Lee

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11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	The Kurdish Trilogy Author Laleh Khadivi In Conversation with Keenan Norris Location: Pasadena Playhouse The Makineni Library	Award-winning Iranian-American novelist and documentary filmmaker Laleh Khadivi on her latest work. Keenan Norris and Laleh Khadivi
	Poets and Allies for Resistance Location: Zona Rosa Alley	Social justice themed poetry reading. Sabreen Adeeba, Khadija Anderson, Nikki Blak, Derek D. Brown, Marvin Dorsey, J.G. Finch, GT Foster, Jessica Gallion, Evert Jones Kuaahmel, Hiram Sims, Tim Stiles, AK Toney, Pam Ward, C. Imani Williams, Daniel F. Williams
	The Humor & Heartbreak of L.A. Location: Pasadena Playhouse - Friendship Room	Novelists talk L.A. as setting - realism and imagination, fame and invisibility. Nina Revoyr, Lian Dolan, Christopher Noxon, Dana Johnson, David Ulin (Moderator)
2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Travel on the Page: Food, Adventures, and Everyday Life Abroad Location: El Portal Restaurant – North Courtyard	Travel writers talk bringing their journeys and sensations to life. Caroline Allen, Leo Bulgarini, Tom Lutz, Bernadette Murphy, Kay Young, Adrian Kalvinskaskas (Moderator)
	HUIZACHE [wee-sah-chaē]: A Panel On and Readings from the Country's Premiere Latino Lit Magazine Location: Trio Courtyard	Inter-media and cross genre documentarians, poets and journalists and writers of fiction representing the "Chicano," "Chicana" and "Xicanx" eras. Alana de Hinojosa, Jesús Treviño, Abel Salas (Moderator)
	10 Best Ways to Get a Literary Agent -- And What to Avoid Location: Sculpture Plaza – The Stand	Literary agents B.J. Robbins and Betsy Amster will answer your questions on getting published. B.J. Robbins and Betsy Amster
3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	The Tomorrow Prize! Dramatic Readings of the Best in Short Sci-Fi by L.A. County's Teens Location: Sculpture Plaza – The Stand	Dramatic readings of sci-fi stories written by L.A. County's top teen sci-fi writers! Jasika Nicole, Jonathan Slavin, Peter Mackenzie, David Blue, Anna Maria Horsford, Graham Sibley and more!
	Queers of the Valleys: Finding Community in Los Angeles (and not just WeHo) Location: Trio Courtyard	A discussion of identity, writing, and finding community in the San Gabriel and San Fernando Valleys. Bias Falconer, Josh Gershick, Bonnie S. Kaplan, C.B. Lee, Tobi Harper (Moderator)
	Mixed-Race and Interracial Experience To Make Meaning in a Time of Protest Location: El Portal Restaurant – North Courtyard	Award-winning novelists on being mixed race in modern times and of interracial union in antebellum America. Heidi Durrow, Natasha Deón
8:00a.m.-10:00p.m.	The L.A. Cookbook: How the City Eats & Cooks Location: Pasadena Playhouse - Friendship Room	L.A. cookbook authors talk immigrant influences in SoCal cuisine, hybrid styles, and more! Bill Esparza, Amelia Saltsman, Joseph Shuldiner (Moderator)
	Hostile Environment Reporting for Young Female Journalists Location: Pasadena Playhouse - The Makineni Library	An award-winning reporter, the managing editor of Snopes, and the US Operations Director of Global Media Risk on handling death threats and more. Jean Guerrero, Brooke Binkowski, Alex Trafton (Moderator)
	The Impossibility of L.A. Location: Trio Courtyard	Writers tackle how they tell the story of L.A. - a world city and a world within a city. Daniel Olivas, Chiwan Choi, Traci Kato-Kuriyama, Mike Sonksen (Moderator)
SAT & SUN - May 20-21	Writing in the Times of Black Lives Matter & Resistance to Trumpism Location: Pasadena Playhouse - Friendship Room	Black writers discuss what it means to write during the time of Black Lives Matter and Trump. Gar Anthony Haywood, James Farr, Dana Johnson, Lisa Teasley, Tricia Alkmiā Cochée, Jervey Tervalon (Moderator)
	Poet Laureates: Spreading Poetry Love! Location: Zona Rosa Alley	Accomplished poets, all Poet Laureates, past or present, motivate and inspire with their work. Marlene Hitt, Mary Langer Thompson Radomir Vojtech Luza, Maja Trochimczyk, Elsa Frausto and Thelma T. Reyna
	On Blooming Location: Sculpture Plaza - The Stand	Tunnel Magazine, an online and irl art community for young people, presents teens in discussion on creating their art. Amelia Anthony, Timothy Franco, Brandon Yung, Nathaniel Stevens
8:00a.m.-10:00p.m.	"Fusion-Ha!": Manga Influences on American Comic Books Location: Pasadena Playhouse - The Makineni Library	Comic book creators and editors talk manga's effect on American comic books and what it means for their future. Johnny Parker II, Brandon Easton, Lillian Diaz-Przybyl, Nilah Magruder, MOM (Moderator)
	The Ins and Outs of Indie Publishing Location: El Portal Restaurant – North Courtyard	Informative discussion on publishing indie and responding to changes in tech, consumer tasks, and social media. Neelanjana Banerjee, Jessica Hundley, C.P. Heiser, Jaime Panqueva, Sam Silvas, Teena Apeles

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Event Program



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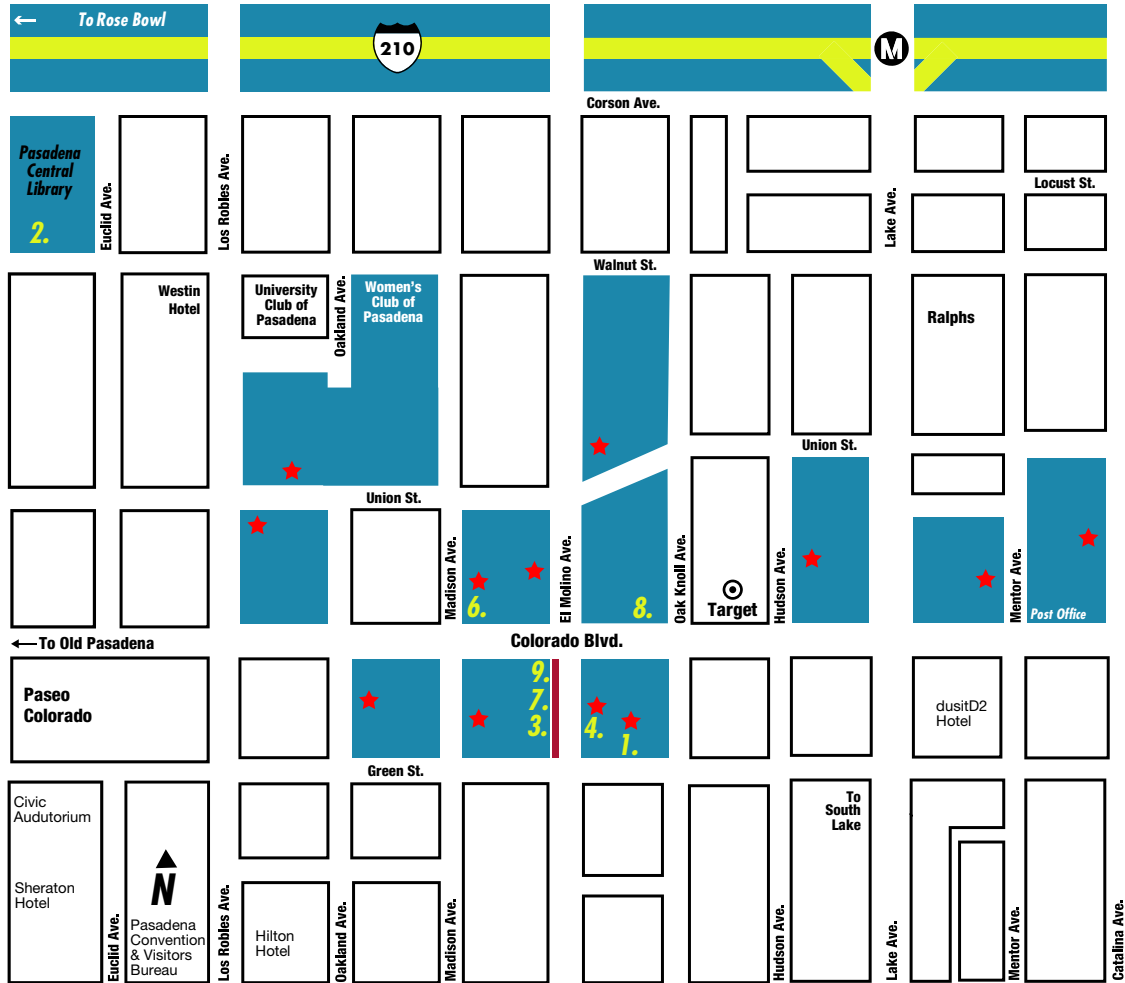
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Panel descriptions and information about authors and book signings can be found at:
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LitFest Pasadena Map



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1. El Portal Restaurant (North Courtyard)
695 E. Green St., Pasadena 91101

2. Pasadena Central Library
285 E. Walnut St., Pasadena, CA 91101

3. Pasadena Playhouse
39 S. El Molino Ave. Pasadena 91101

4. Sculpture Plaza - The Stand
36 S. El Molino Ave. Pasadena 91101

— Sidewalk Venue
El Molino at Colorado Blvd. sidewalk

6. Trio Courtyard (Courtyard behind and
between Bank of the West and Tender
Greens) 587 E Colorado Blvd, Pasadena,
CA 91101

7. Walt Girdner Photo Studio and Gallery
27 S. El Molino, Pasadena, CA 91101

8. Vroman's Bookstore
695 E. Colorado Blvd. Pasadena 91101

9. Zona Rosa Caffe Alley
15 S. El Molino Ave. Pasadena 91101

10. Art Center South - Art & Expressions
Exhibit
South Campus (950 S. Raymond Avenue
& Glenarm Street)

★ Parking



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