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Chippewa Valley Book Festival Unveils Youth Programming Schedule for 2018

The Chippewa Valley Book Festival offers more than just events and discussions geared towards adults. The festival has a lineup of youth programming that will spark creativity, inspire young authors, and allow local school children the opportunity to meet some of their favorite authors.

Young Writers Workshops

These workshops are free and give young writers a chance to spend time with experienced writers, practicing writing in a group setting which allows for sharing and hearing feedback.

- *Culture Quest!* is a workshop for youth ages 10-18 and their families on Thursday, September 27 at 6:30 p.m. at L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library. Explore and expand your world with a readers theater presentation of Mitali Perkins' *You Bring the Distant Near* followed by fun food, a diverse book "tasting," a community art project, and a Breakout EDU treasure hunt. This program was funded in part with a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services which administers the Library Services and Technology Act.
- *Word Zazzle Zoo* is a workshop for children in grades 3-5 on Saturday, September 29 at 10:30am at the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library. What size is an idea? What shape is a story? Join local writers Sara Bryan and Jessi Peterson for a morning exploring different ways to catch new writing ideas and shape them into satisfying stories.
- *Stories Save!* is a workshop for children in grades 6-8 on Saturday, September 29 at 10:30am at the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library. Join local writer Andrew Patrie for an exploration of how our experiences can be the most fertile soil for growing stories and relationships. Paper, pencils, and prompts will be provided to get you writing and sharing.
- *A Whole New World: Weaving the Magic Carpet of Place* is a writing workshop for youth ages for 10-18 on Wednesday, October 17 at 1:00 p.m. at L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library. Don't miss this unique opportunity with author Mitali Perkins! This program was funded in part with a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services which administers the Library Services and Technology Act.

Young writers can register for the September 29th and October 17th workshops by calling the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library Youth Services desk: 715-839-5007. Registration now open. [Click for more information.](#)

Authors in the Schools

The following authors will make private presentations to school audiences at various grade levels: Sarah Ahiers, List H. Detlefsen, Michael Hall, Beth Hautala, Alethea Kontis, David LaRochelle, Patricia McConnell, Darcy Miller, Mitali Perkins, Mari Schuh, Caren Stelson, and Leah Weiss. These events are

only available to children in the Chippewa Valley school districts and are not open to the public. For biographies on all the authors, [click for more information](#).

Meet the School Authors: Book Sale & Signing

Open to the public, get a chance to meet some of the school authors and have them autograph their books onsite. All profits from the sale are used for community literacy events and the Authors in the Schools program. Date: October 17 at 6:00pm at Memorial High School Library. [Click for more information](#).

Young Authors Showcase: A Creative Writing Opportunity for Young Writers

Children in grades 3-8 have the opportunity to submit their original poetry, prose, fiction, or nonfiction for the chance to present their work at the Young Writers Showcase on October 21 at the Grand Theater in Eau Claire. Entries are being accepted now through October 6 at any of the following local libraries: Altoona Public Library, L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library, Menomonie Public Library, Chippewa Falls Public Library. [Click for more information](#).

More details on all of the youth programs listed above, and the Chippewa Valley Book Festival as a whole, can be found at www.cvbookfest.org.

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