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Rajani LaRocca

CFA KEYNOTE SPEAKER Thursday October 17 at 5:30pm, Concord Free Public Library

Join us as we kick off the 2024 Concord Festival of Authors with award-winning author Rajani LaRocca for a talk entitled “Connections: Four Books, Four Connections, and the Stories They Inspired”. Rajani LaRocca was born in India, raised in Kentucky, and now lives in the Boston area, where she practices medicine and writes award-winning books for young readers, including the Newbery Honor winning middle grade novel in verse, *Red, White, and Whole*. She’s always been an omnivorous reader, and now she is an omnivorous writer of fiction and nonfiction, novels and picture books, prose and poetry.

Jacqueline Jones

2024 RUTH RATNER MILLER MEMORIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN AMERICAN HISTORY

Saturday, October 19 at 7pm, Goodwin Forum, Concord Free Public Library

This year’s Miller Memorial Award will be presented to Concord resident Jacqueline Jones, Professor Emerita, Ellen C. Temple Chair in Women’s History, and Mastin Gentry White Professor of Southern History at the University of Texas at Austin. As an American social historian, Jones has authored several books, including most recently, *No Right to an Honest Living: The Struggles of Boston’s Black Workers in the Civil War Era* (2023), winner of the 2024 Pulitzer Prize in History. The Miller Award is named for Dr. Ruth Ratner Miller, who believed passionately that understanding history was not merely desirable, but a civic and religious duty. *This free event is presented by the Friends of the Concord Free Public Library.*



Natalie Dykstra

Tuesday, October 29 at 6pm, Goodwin Forum, Concord Free Public Library

Author Natalie Dykstra will give an illustrated talk on her new book *Chasing Beauty: The Life of Isabella Stewart Gardner*. An extraordinary achievement of storytelling and scholarship, *Chasing Beauty* illuminates the fascinating ways the museum and its holdings can be seen as a kind of memoir, dazzling and haunting, created with objects instead of words and displayed per Isabella’s wishes in the exact placements she initially curated. Dykstra is also the author of *Clover Adams: A Gilded and Heartbreaking Life*, which won a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship.

Breakfast with the Authors

Saturday, October 26 at 8:30am, Concord’s Colonial Inn

Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door, as available. Purchase tickets online at ConcordFestivalofAuthors.org, or locally at the Barrow Bookstore. Ticket includes a full buffet breakfast at Concord’s Colonial Inn. Featured authors’ books will be available for purchase at the event from the Concord Bookshop. *Presented by the Friends of the Concord Free Public Library. Tickets Available in early October!*



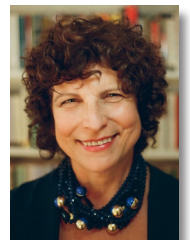
Steve Almond



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Suzanne Koven, MD
Moderator

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 <p>CONCORD FESTIVAL of AUTHORS</p> <p>ConcordFestivalofAuthors.org</p> <p>The CFA is sponsored by the Friends of the Concord Free Public Library in partnership with Library staff, and with financial support from our generous local donors.</p> <p>Events will take place at the Concord Free Public Library unless otherwise indicated.</p>				<p>17</p> <p>5:30PM CFA 2024 Keynote: Rajani LaRocca, 2022 John Newbery Honor Winner</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10AM Author Storytimes at Barefoot Books</p> <p>4PM Lis Adams, editor of Little Women Letters to Laurie at Barrow Bookstore</p> <p>7PM Miller Award winner Jacqueline Jones</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>3PM Poetry at the Library with Andrea Cohen & Heather Treseler presented by the Friends of CFPL</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7PM Lee McColgan Architectural Conservateur and Author at the Concord Museum</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6PM Richard Higgins, Author of <i>Thoreau's God</i></p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:15PM Vicki Croke, Author of <i>Elephant Company</i> at the Walden Woods Project</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7PM 2024 Thoreau Prize Winner J. Drew Lanham at the Trinitarian Congregational Church</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:30AM Breakfast with the Authors at the Colonial Inn</p> <p>7PM Transcendentalism Council of First Parish with Geoff Wisner at Wright Tavern</p>
<p>27</p> <p>3PM The Leslie Riedel Award for Excellence in Children's Literature: Lincoln Peirce presented by the Library Corporation</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7PM Mystery Night with Gary Braver, Joanna Schaffause, James W. Ziskin, and moderator Kate Flora</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6PM Natalie Dykstra, author of <i>Chasing Beauty, the Life of Isabella Stewart Gardner</i></p>	<p>30</p> <p>10AM Fowler Afoot Book Club with Author Jean Duffy at Fowler Branch</p> <p>6PM The Joel Myerson Annual Lecture Series</p>	