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Ongoing Events

Hearst Center for the Arts

Final Thursday Reading Series

This series features regional authors and provides a forum for local writers. Open mic begins at 7:15 p.m., the featured author takes the stage at 8 p.m.

2017: Aug. 31, Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 30

2018: Jan. 25, Feb. 22, March 29, April 26

Cedar Falls Public Library

Local Author Showcase

Featured authors are on the library website at www.cedar-falls.lib.ia.us. Programs begin at 7 p.m.

2017: Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6

2018: Jan. 3, Feb. 7, March 7, April 4, May 2

Additional Information

The festival will continue to grow throughout the span of the year. To stay up to date on details and new events visit www.cfauthorsfestival.org

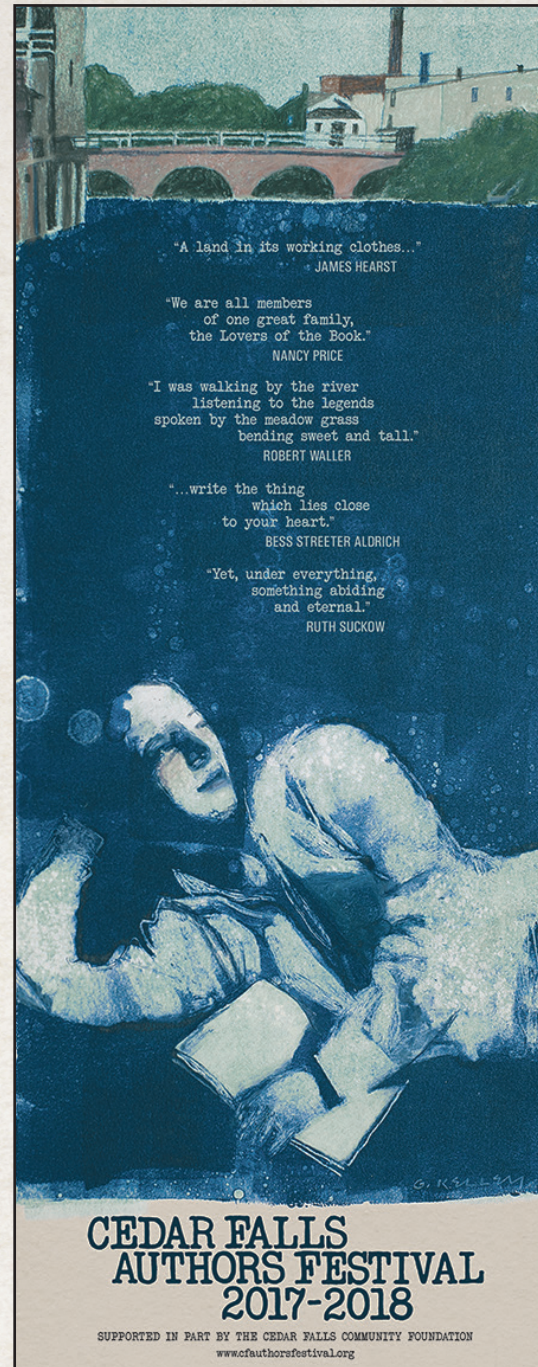
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No charge for any events except where noted.

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For more information on festival events, call the Cedar Falls Tourism & Visitors Bureau at 319-268-4266.

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The Cedar Falls Authors Festival will reclaim our history as a seedbed for authors—from pioneer times to present. It will celebrate our five nationally-known best-selling authors—**Bess Streeter Aldrich, Ruth Suckow, James Hearst, Nancy Price and Robert James Waller**—and many others through a series of interactive programs.

May



The festival's inaugural programs will examine the works of **Robert James Waller**. Waller (1939–2017) published seven novels and eight works of nonfictions—as well as striking photographs and musical works. “Slow Waltz in Cedar Bend,” his second novel, begins in Cedar Falls. “The Bridges of Madison County” became an Oscar-nominated film and Broadway musical.

Eight Songs by Robert Waller: An Appreciation of his Music & Poetry

Presented by Scott Cawelti
Thurs., May 4, 2017, 7 p.m., Reception to follow
Hearst Center for the Arts
304 W. Seerley Blvd., Cedar Falls
All songs recorded and performed in 1984.

“Bridges and Bridges: Two Takes on the Same Story”

Fri., May 5, 2017, 7 p.m.
Hearst Center for the Arts
A screening of “The Bridges of Madison County” will be followed by a discussion at 9:30 p.m. featuring Scott Cawelti, Grant Tracey, and Barbara Lounsberry.

Writers of the Cedar Valley

Sun., May 14 and June 18, 1–4 p.m.
Watch library website for later dates
Cedar Falls Public Library
Writers and aspiring writers of all genres age 12+ are invited to join the group. Sessions include writing time, small group feedback, discussion, or presentations.

Exhibit—Marjorie Nuhn: Selected Works

Thurs., May 18–Sat., June 17, 2017
Reception June 10, 6 p.m., prior to Ruth Suckow event
Hearst Center for the Arts
Marjorie was Ruth Suckow's sister-in-law and a prolific artist. The Hearst Center has a large permanent collection of her work.

June



June celebrates **Ruth Suckow** (1892–1960), who wrote nine novels and 43 short stories—most set in Iowa. Suckow's most famous novel, “The Folks,” was a 1934 Literary Guild selection and bestseller. Suckow taught occasionally at Iowa State Teachers College and married Cedar Falls author, Ferner Nuhn. It was Nuhn who founded the Cedar Falls Art League, the forerunner of the Hearst Center for the Arts.

Ruth Suckow Memorial Association Mtg.

Sat., June 10, 2017, 10 a.m.
Cedar Falls Public Library
524 Main Street, Cedar Falls
Join the annual meeting of the Ruth Suckow Memorial Association. (Open to the public.)

Discussion of Suckow's “A Part of the Institution”

Sat., June 10, 2017, 1 p.m.
Cedar Falls Public Library
Suckow enthusiasts will be discussing the novella, which was set in Grinnell, Iowa, during World War I.

“Amongst” Sculpture Installation

Sat., June 10, 2017, 3 p.m.
Hearst Center for the Arts Sculpture Garden
Celebrate the installation of UNI student artist Hanna Steggermen's “Amongst,” commissioned to commemorate the lives of Ruth Suckow and her husband Ferner Nuhn. Both were authors and supporters of the arts.

Writing and Touring “Just Suppose: The Life of Iowa Novelist Ruth Suckow”

Sat., June 10, 2017, 7 p.m.
Nuhn exhibit reception at 6 p.m.
Hearst Center for the Arts
Playwright Rebecca Christian and actor Lenore Howard will share their experiences researching, writing and performing the show developed for Suckow's 100th birthday.

“Just Suppose” will be performed in Sept., see later entry.

July



In July, we celebrate **Nancy Price**, (1925–), who's written 13 novels—five set in Cedar Falls, including “Sleeping with the Enemy” and “An Accomplished Woman.” The first was a 1987 Literary Guild selection and became the famous 1991 film. She has also given us a collection of poems, six short stories, and illustrates her books.

Exhibit—Nancy Price: Original Book Illustrations

Fri., July 7–Wed., Sept. 20, 2017
Reception Sun., July 16, 1 p.m.,
in conjunction with panel discussion
Hearst Center for the Arts
The exhibit will feature Price's book illustrations.

Cinema in Seerley Park— “Sleeping with the Enemy” (Rated R)

Fri., July 14, music and beer garden, movie at dark
Seerley Park on Seerley Blvd., Cedar Falls
This 1991 psychological thriller starring Julia Roberts is set in Cedar Falls.

College Hill Tour of Homes

Sat., July 15, 2017, 1–4 p.m.
College Hill Neighborhood,
begin at Seerley Park, Cedar Falls

The tour includes Price's past home and three others around the park featured in “Sleeping with the Enemy” as well as the UNI president's house, where she lived while her father, Malcolm Price, was president of the university from 1940–1950.

Panel Discussion: “Sleeping with the Enemy”: Novel vs. Film

Sun., July 16, 2017, 2 p.m.
Come at 1 p.m. for reception for concurrent
Price illustration exhibit.
Hearst Center for the Arts

Join Grant Tracey, Greg Holt, and Barbara Lounsberry for an entertaining discussion of the differences in the movie from the original book, particularly in the different endings. The author will be in attendance.

August

Birthday Party and Readathon

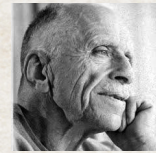
Sat., Aug. 5, 2017, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Cedar Falls Public Library

Celebrate not one but three of the five featured authors and their August birthdays. Listen to readings of all five authors by Cedar Falls celebrities and enjoy refreshments all day.

“Just Ann”

Written by UNI's Cynthia Goatley &
Rebecca Burkhardt
Regent Studio Sampler Series: Aug. 10–13, 2017
Oster Regent Theatre (Tickets required.)
This premier production about former Texas Governor Ann Richards reveals a dynamic, larger-than-life personality.

September



Several September events highlight **James Hearst** (1900–1983), who gave us more than 600 poems in many volumes. Called “the Robert Frost of the Midwest,” Hearst also published essays and his autobiography, “My Shadow Below Me,” which offers a rich picture of Cedar Falls. Many festival events are located at the art center which is his legacy to his community.

Chalk Talks: Herb Hake's Cartoon Classroom

Exhibit opens Sun., Sept. 3 at 1 p.m.,
speaker at 2 p.m.
UNI Museum at UNI Rod Library,
first floor, available during library hours
Herb Hake was a local cartoonist, television personality, historian, and 33-year UNI staff member. The exhibit will feature his cartoons; discuss his inspirations; and explain how his work with cartoons influenced his career in theatre, radio, and television. Original radio and television broadcasts will also be featured.

James Hearst and the “North American Review”

Thurs., Sept. 7, 2017, 7 p.m.
Hearst Center for the Arts

Jeremy Schraffenberger, UNI associate professor of English, will discuss Hearst's connections to the “North American Review,” the oldest literary magazine in North America.

I'm published! Now what? A behind- the-scenes look at the crazy, wild and wonderful life of writers on the road.

Sat., Sept. 9, 2017, 2 p.m.
Reception and book signing to follow.
Cedar Falls Public Library

This visual and entertaining program features Jeff Copeland's experiences as a published author, and what it took to become one.

James Hearst's Poems as Songs: Reprise and Update

Thurs., Sept. 14, 7 p.m.
Hearst Center for the Arts

Scott Cawelti will play a selection of Hearst's poems set to music, discussing in detail why they work as songs, and share new ones previously unrecorded.

Newly Discovered Poems of James Hearst

Thurs., Sept. 21, 7 p.m.
Hearst Center for the Arts

Jim O'Loughlin, UNI assistant professor of English, recently discovered 18 previously unpublished poems by James Hearst; this will be their public unveiling.

“Just Suppose: The Life of Iowa Novelist Ruth Suckow”

Sun., Sept. 24, 2 p.m.
Hearst Center for the Arts

Liane Nichols will offer a readers theatre interpretation of “Just Suppose,” providing more insight into this local author. An in-depth discussion with the author and actress who originated the part will take place in June.

October



Bess Streeter Aldrich (1881–1954) will be celebrated in October. She wrote 13 novels and 200 short stories and is described as “one of the highest paid writers of the period.” Two of Aldrich's novels are set in Cedar Falls: “Miss Bishop” and “Song of Years.” The first (set at Iowa State Teachers College) became the Hollywood film “Cheers for Miss Bishop,” which premiered at the Regent Theatre in 1941.

“Song of Years” Site Tour

Sat., Oct. 14, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Reservations required by calling 268-4266.

Enjoy a guided bus tour of historic sites important to the Aldrich novel “Song of Years,” the story of the settling of Cedar Falls by her ancestors. Tour embarks from TBD.

“Song of Years” Cemetery Walk

Sun., Oct. 15, 2017, 2–3:30 p.m.
Hosted by Cedar Falls Historical Society at
Hillside Cemetery, E. Lone Tree Rd.

Key characters from “Song of Years,” Aldrich's novel of the settling of Cedar Falls are buried here, see them come to share their story.

Film “Cheers for Miss Bishop”

Sun., Oct. 22, 2017, 4:30 p.m.
Oster Regent Theatre
103 E Main St., Cedar Falls

Miss Bishop, a Midwestern woman, overcomes many challenges before she can become a college teacher. The film is based on Aldrich's novel “Miss Bishop.”

November

National Novel Writing Month

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See Cedar Falls Public Library's website for details.

December

Holiday Book Fair

Thurs., Dec. 7, 5–7 p.m.
University Book & Supply
Featuring local authors and free gift wrap.