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Library to host writer's conference Saturday

Kerrville, Texas (Sept. 19, 2022) – The Butt-Holdsworth Memorial Library will host a day for readers and writers to get a look into the literary publishing world at the 2022 BHML Writer's Conference starting at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24 in the library meeting room. The program will feature a keynote address by award-winning author Johnnie Bernhard, followed with author panels leading up to an Author Alley at 4 p.m.



Come for one panel, or come for all. The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required for lunch planning purposes.

Schedule:

- **10:30 – 10:40 a.m. – Keynote Speaker: Johnnie Bernhard.** Meet the award-winning author and teacher Johnnie Bernhard. Bernhard will hold a panel discussion on "Hannah &

Ariela", a suspense novel set along the 1-10 corridor of Texas, with talking points of life in a small Texas town, ageism, human trafficking, and ethics vs. law. Theresa Bakken, professional narrator, and Dr. Dan Williams, TCU Press director, will join in the discussion.

- **12 – 12:30 p.m. – Lunch.**
- **12:40 – 1:20 p.m. – Skye Alexander: Author.** Skye Alexander, author of nearly 50 fiction and nonfiction books including the Lizzie Crane mystery series, talks about why we love mysteries, the different types of mysteries and thrillers, and how mystery writers craft their stories.
- **1:30 – 2:10 p.m. – Joanne Easley: Author.** Joanne Easley's third novel, "I'll Be Seeing You", was recently released on her imprint, Red Boots Press. Previously published with a small press for her first two award-winning novels, "Sweet Jane" and "Just One Look", Easley felt it was time to put into practice what she'd learned over the past three years. Join Joanne to discuss small press publishing and self-publishing.
- **2:20 – 3 p.m. – Kim Davis: Madville Publishing.** Kim Davis, director of Madville Publishing, will discuss what she looks for in an author and a manuscript. The mission of Madville Publishing is to produce, publish, and market literary works of the highest quality that reflect the diversity of the modern English-speaking world.
- **3:10 – 3:50 p.m. – Alexandra Van de Kemp: Gemini Ink.** Alexandra Van de Kemp, executive director of Gemini Ink, will share with you information on the National Non-profit Writing Center of San Antonio, supporting writers of all ages.

- **4 – 5:30 p.m. – Author Alley/Closing.** Meet and greet with the authors. Books will be available for purchase.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information and to register, contact the library reference desk at (830) 258-1274.

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