

Meet the Authors at the Library's Annual Festival

Several popular and diverse Maine authors will be at the Orrington Public Library on Saturday, July 13, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will be available to talk about their books and sign copies for all their fans. This event takes place during the Art/Craft/Vendor/Food Festival in the school yard. How fortunate we are to have such talented writers visit our town!

Kathy Eliscu is the author of the humor novel, *Not Even Dark Chocolate Can Fix This Mess*. A retired RN, she is an award-winning writer and columnist whose column "Lightly Roasted" earned her two National Society of Newspaper Columnists awards for Humor in 2012 and 2018. Her humor columns have been widely published in Maine and beyond. She is also a contributor to *Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Wonder of Christmas*, 2018. Read her blogs at www.kathyeliscu.com

Debbie Callahan is the author of three books including: *Speaking for Souls* chronicles the author's journey to discover her soul's calling, sharing the legacies of Holocaust survivors and victims. Additionally, it reveals the genealogical revelations that solved the mystery of her intense pull toward this cause. In *Speaking for Souls*, the reader learns the importance of Holocaust education and remembrance.

Writer, speaker, and teacher Ms. Callahan has studied and taught the lessons of the Holocaust for several years. In addition to writing, she also works with survivors and liberators and volunteers at a Holocaust center. Her articles, books, projects, and lectures focus on everything from the danger of hatred, racism, and anti-Semitism, to fighting Holocaust denial and the personal responsibility of sharing the stories of survivors, rescuers, liberators, and victims so that future generations will know what human beings are capable of doing to one another.

After living in Florida for 37 years, Ms. Callahan recently relocated to Verona Island in Maine and teaches high school English in the town of Thorndike.

Judy Kaber is the author of *In Sleep We Are All the Same*, which includes poems written in response to images from the history of Belfast, Maine. Her writing is honest, caring, and beautifully crafted. Ms. Kaber puts herself back in time, imagining the complexities of life for those pictured, how they stumbled forward, grasped small triumphs, remained steadfast in their beliefs, and paved the way for the diverse and struggling world we live in today.

Sarah Carlson is the author of *The Radiance of Change*. It is a collection of 175 pairings of nature photography and poetry that was written over a 12-year period. It is a book that can be read from cover to cover for a story of love, loss, and recovery. Or it can be opened randomly for a few moments of grace, connection, and healing.

As we all do, Ms. Carlson has many pieces to her whole. Those pieces include being a mother, teacher, widow, skier, bicyclist, hiker, coach, drummer, and poet. Sarah lives in the western

foothills of Maine where opportunities to make connections amid the splendor of the rivers, lakes, and mountains are plentiful. She began writing and combining her poetry with photographs of her outdoor experiences as part of healing from the sudden loss of her husband, Barry.

Nancy S. Remsen is the author of "*In a Twinkling*." She had a forty-year writing career in Maine and Vermont, producing news, not novels, until she retired. Much of what happens to the historical character in her first book for young readers is based on stories her grandmother recounted about her childhood in the 1880s and 1890s in eastern Maine. *In a Twinkling* is a chapter book for middle-grade readers. The main character, Jennifer, puts the ring on her little finger and moves to an open attic window to inspect it. The garnet twinkles, the breeze turns cold, and she hears someone whistling. This magical ring lets Jennifer go back in time and observe her great-grandmother Marion, whose family just gets by on a farm in Charleston, Maine, until calamity strikes.

Kelly Brooks-Bay is the author of *Sea Glass and the Lighthouse* and *The Rainbow Pants*, two children's books that can be found in bookstores and libraries throughout the state. She is the director of the Orrington Public Library. She obtained her master's in Education from the University of Maine in 2008. Kelly has used writing and reading as a tool while working with children as a counselor and now as a librarian today. She believes the art of the written word is one of our truest forms of history and democracy that we pass from generation to generation and should never be lost. You can follow Kelly on Facebook: Kelly Brooks Bay, author.

Sue Baumgardner is the author of *The Language of Loss* and *Ghosts Hosts*. Sue is the author of numerous eBooks found on Amazon along with poetry. She has been a greeting card writer at GCU.com. She is a columnist for the Maine Historical Magazine.

On Tuesday, July 16, Maine author **Patti Grover** will be at the Orrington Public Library to discuss her book, *Living Outside the Box, Solving the Jigsaw Puzzle that is Your Life*. This event starts at 5:30 p.m. Participants will be making a vision board with Patti.