FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND

MEMBERS’ PREVIEW
6:00 $25 donation

Enjoy a glass of wine with fellow book lovers and then head up to the book loft to get a preview of this year’s book sale. For Academy members and friends only — no dealers please.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 3RD

EARLY BUYING
8:00am–10:00am $20 admission

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HELLO BOBO!
10:00am Young Readers’ Pavilion

Author/illustrator team EILEEN & MARC ROSETHAL share the adventures of Bobo, a much-loved sock monkey in I Must Have Bobo! Make a sock puppet to take home.

A CELEBRATION OF BOOKS & READING
11:00am Festival Main Stage

NINA SANKOVITCH, who chronicled a year of reading in her memoir, Tolstoy and the Purple Chair, and CELIA BLUE JOHNSON, author of Dancing with Mrs. Dalloway, share their love of books and reading in this year’s keynote presentation.

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A good story well-told can carry readers through centuries and across continents. Authors TALIA CARNER, Jerusalem Maiden, DAVID EBERSHOFF, The 19th Wife and CELIA BLUE JOHNSON, Dancing with Mrs. Dalloway, draw on dark chapters, and JACKSON TAYLOR, Jerusalem Maiden, discuss their historical fiction.

CHATHAM CHICKENS
2:00pm Young Readers’ Pavilion

Laugh along with the new bedtime classic, Interrupting Chicken, by David Ezra Stein and enjoy a visit from the Chatham Chickens.

DISTINGUISHED AUTHOR
2:00pm Festival Main Stage

SCOTT SPENCER has penned nine novels including Endless Love, which sold more than two million copies. His latest book, Triple Crossing, about the criminal underworld at work along both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border.

SUMMER WITH THE FAMILY
3:30pm Festival Main Stage

Author J. COURTNEY SULLIVAN talks about her runaway bestseller, Silverlands: Growing Up at the Actors’ Orphanage.

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Debut novels from GHITA SCHWARZ, Displaced Persons, and JACKSON TAYLOR, The Blue Orchard, draw on dark chapters from the authors’ family histories to create deeply moving stories of ordinary people living in extraordinary times.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4TH

THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR
10:00am Young Readers’ Pavilion

Enjoy a special story-time featuring the beloved children’s classic by Eric Carle and then build a colorful caterpillar to take home.

LOST CHILDREN OF NEPAL
11:00am Festival Main Stage

CONOR GRENNAN’S inspiring memoir, Little Princes, chronicles his ongoing battle against child trafficking in Nepal.

HERE COMES CLIFFORD
12:00pm Young Readers’ Pavilion

Hear the story of Clifford and the Big Storm with everybody’s favorite crimson canine, Clifford the big red dog. Make a colorful wind sock and get a souvenir picture with Clifford.

TORN FROM THE HEADLINES
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