



Friends of Hannon Library Hosts Local Authors

For immediate release—

Celebrating Writers and Writing is the theme of this year's Friends of Hannon Library Lecture Series. For our final event, we invite the public to join us at 5 pm on Thursday, May 14 at the Hannon Library for an authors' meet-and-greet event. Local authors will join us at tables throughout the Meese Room to chat with. Light refreshments will be served and the Friends will highlight some authors with 2026 book publications.

Seven authors will give mini-readings to give you a taste of their current work: Molly Best Tinsley will read from her novel *A Modest Trumpet Fanfare*. Michael Niemann will read from his novel *Calamity Lake*. Mike Green will read from *America 250: Through the Lens of Black American History*. Holly Searcy will read from her second novel *The Whisper Tree* (book 2 of *The Amarra Chronicles*), Michelle St. Romain will share her debut novel *Song of Belonging* and Melissa Matthewson will read from her forthcoming nonfiction collection *The Fire Trees*. And Barry Vitcov will read from his new short-story collection *Unknown & Other Stories*.

It's all happening May 14 in the Hannon Library.

This Friends of Hannon Library event is free and open to the public. It will take place in the Meese Room (room 305) of the Hannon Library on the SOU campus.

[Complimentary visitor parking](#) is available for those coming to campus to attend the event in SOU parking lots 21 and 22. Those who need disability accommodations to participate in the event may contact SOU's Disability Resources office at (541) 552-6213. For

more information, contact Hannon Library staff at libraryevents@sou.edu.

About Hannon Library

As Southern Oregon University's main library, Hannon Library's mission is to advance information literacy and lifelong learning, by teaching diverse learners to navigate and understand increasingly complex information environments. We embrace new information technologies and are committed to providing equitable access to extensive electronic and print collections.

About the Friends of the Hannon Library

Friends of Hannon Library's goal is to enrich the collections at Hannon Library. Funds raised by the Friends of Hannon Library have enabled the library to purchase materials that the Library would not have been otherwise able to afford, and to support programming to assist students. In addition, Friends of Hannon Library sponsors a lecture series of outstanding speakers on topics of literary and intellectual interest.



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