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EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2013

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2nd SATURDAY AT 2:30 P.M.

Music: "Poetry to Song," with **Vasily Kolchenko**, singer and songwriter.

Join us for an afternoon of poetry sung with guitar. The performer will sing his own songs as well as those of well-known bards, including new works set to words of A.Voznesensky, B. Akhmadulina, M. Tsvetaeva, A. Akhmatova, G. Ivanov, O. Beshenkovskaya, M. Brif, E. Litinskaya, L. Alaverdova and others. This event is predominantly in Russian.

4th MONDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

Author Visit: Author @ the Library presents: "Detroit City Is the Place to Be: The Afterlife of an American Metropolis," with **Mark Binelli**, a Detroit-area native, the author of the novel "*Sacco and Vanzetti Must Die!*" and a contributing editor at "*Rolling Stone*."

This illustrated lecture is a nuanced portrait of a once-great American industrial city that decades ago fell into decay, but which is, as of late, experiencing a ray of hope. It provides a broader story, a 300-year tour through the formerly wondrous and now wondrously devastated metropolis.

5th TUESDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

Author Visit: Author @ the Library presents: "One Doctor: Close Calls, Cold Cases, and the Mysteries of Medicine," with **Brendan Reilly, M.D.**, executive vice chair of medicine at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center.

This talk recreates the doctor's present-day, moment-to-moment "E.R."-like dramas with patients, families, and medical staff at the Medical Center.

6th WEDNESDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

Author Visit: Author @ the Library presents: "The Turk Who Loved Apples: And Other Tales of Losing My Way Around the World," with **Matt Gross**, a Brooklyn-based food and travel writer with numerous credits in the "*New York Times*," "*Saveur*," "*Afar*," and "*Currency*."

The former "Frugal Traveler" for the *New York Times* describes an immersive form of travel that allowed him to "lose his way all over the globe"—from developing-world megalopolises to venerable European capitals, from American sprawl to Asian archipelagos—breaking free of the constraints of modern travel and letting the place itself guide him.

7th THURSDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

Author Visit: Author @ the Library presents: "Back to Full Employment," with **Robert Pollin**, professor of economics and co-director of the Political Economy Research Institute at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

The political economist and author makes the case that not only is it possible for the government to achieve full employment in the nation, but that it is a moral imperative. He argues that the U.S. government should be pushing for full employment (less than 4% unemployment), a policy goal which was abandoned in the 1970s when concerns about inflation began to take precedence, and he addresses the issues of government deficits, Federal Reserve policy, and the inflation/unemployment trade-off; the pressures from globalization, immigration and international trade; and the imperative of building a green economy.

9th SATURDAY AT 2:30 P.M.

Slide Lecture: "The Elusive Nile – Explorers and the Changing Map of Africa," with **Don Kaufman**, experienced traveler and map collector. This illustrated talk features European maps of Africa from the 16th-19th centuries featuring the Nile River. From his extensive collection, the presenter shows how, over time, cartography reflects various changing theories and discoveries surrounding the Nile River system — until Victorian explorers solve the mystery. In examining these maps, he looks at the fabled river's intrepid and colorful explorers. This event is co-sponsored by the New York Map Society.

12th TUESDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

Author Visit: Author @ the Library presents: "Simpler: The Future of Government," with **Cass R. Sunstein**, one of the nation's leading legal scholars and the Felix Frankfurter Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, and **David Brooks**, an Op-Ed columnist for the *New York Times*.

Both law and life seem increasingly complex (and not only during tax season). Unfortunately, complexity can cause immense personal frustration, impose large costs, and impede economic growth. How can the twenty-first century get *simpler*? Can it do so amidst the new health reform and financial reform legislation, and with recent and coming environmental regulations?

Cass R. Sunstein and **David Brooks** will explore what government can and should accomplish. This stimulating evening will include ample time for audience Q&A.



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13th WEDNESDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

Panel Discussion: "Dining Can Be Deadly," with **Annamaria Alfieri**, moderator, and panelists, **Lucy Burdette**, **Julia Pomeroy**, **Jon McGoran** and **Dirk Robertson** of **Mystery Writers of America – New York Chapter**.

Chefs as television stars. Farming as big business or as a moral issue. Restaurants as settings for romance, deals, showing off, celebrating. With big egos, big economic issues, and big emotions, criminal behavior is sure to be part of the fictional culinary scene. Mystery writers and the president of Mystery Writers of America, New York Chapter, will talk about deadly dining.

14th THURSDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

Author Visit: Author @ the Library presents: "City of Ambition: FDR, La Guardia, and the Making of Modern New York," with **Mason B. Williams**, a historian specializing in urban politics. This illustrated lecture chronicles leaders of America's two largest governments in the depths of the Depression, FDR and Fiorello LaGuardia. Their remarkable collaboration led to a route for the recovery of the nation and provided the blueprint for a great city, building parks, putting the unemployed to work and strengthening an expansive vision of government as serving the public purpose.

18th MONDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

Author Visit: Author @ the Library presents: "The Way of the Knife: The CIA, a Secret Army, and a War at the Ends of the Earth," with **Mark Mazzetti**, a Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter and a national security correspondent for *The New York Times*.

This talk explores the new American way of war, how the CIA moved from interrogations to drone strikes and sheds light on the CIA's secret wars. As the global manhunt for terrorists intensified in the years after 9/11, the competition between the CIA and the Pentagon also intensified - and is explained.

19th TUESDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

Author Visit: Author @ the Library presents: "The Crooked Mirror: A Memoir of Polish-Jewish Reconciliation," with **Louise Steinman**, the author of the award-winning memoir *"The Souvenir: A Daughter Discovers Her Father's War."*

This illustrated lecture explores the exhilarating, discomfiting, and ultimately healing process of Polish-Jewish reconciliation taking place in Poland today.

20th WEDNESDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

Author Visit: Author @ the Library presents: Once a Pun a Time— Let's Play With Words! with **Patricia T. O'Conner**, a former editor at *The New York Times* Book Review, and the author of five books on language and writing.

Words have great power—they move us, they send our imaginations soaring, they help us communicate. But best of all, they make us laugh! In her talk, author Patricia T. O'Conner will share her delight in the fun of language—puns, spoonerisms, and mischievous wordplay of every stripe. You'll learn what "crash blossoms" and "eggcorns" are, how "Tom Swifities" are formed, and why "mondegreen" is not a color. Join in and share your favorite plays on words!

21st THURSDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

Author Visit: Author @ the Library presents: "The Skies Belong to Us: Love and Terror in the Golden Age of Hijacking," with **Brendan I. Koerner**, a contributing editor for *Wired* magazine, a former columnist for both *The New York Times* and *Slate* magazine and a fellow at the New America Foundation. This illustrated lecture is a compelling blend of true crime and history. The author of *"Now the Hell Will Start,"* chronicles a kind of golden age of airline hijacking --the years between 1968 and 1973, when hijackings occurred on a nearly weekly basis, whether done for ransom money, escape, or to draw attention to a cause, and how these incidents changed air travel.

25th MONDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

Author Visit: Author @ the Library presents: "A Cats' Dialogue," with **Simon Tofield**, author of *"Simon's Cat vs. the World,"* British illustrator and animator and **Stephanie Harwin**, from "Catsparella," an award-winning cat culture blog.

Don't miss this special New York Appearance by **Simon Tofield**, which will feature screenings of the immensely popular *Simon's Cat* and a lively discussion of cats, kittens, and possibly hedgehogs. This stimulating evening will include ample time for audience Q&A.

26th TUESDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

Author Visit: Author @ the Library presents: "Viva La Pizza! The Art of the Pizza Box," with **Scott Wiener**, who takes tourists and New Yorkers to the best New York City pizzerias.

In this illustrated lecture, the world's leading expert on pizza boxes, discusses his collection over 100 weird and wild box designs, highlighting the context, design, engineering, manufacturing, and history of the boxes. He shows the most unique features of the boxes in his collection and answers questions from the audience.



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