

2011 Things To Do Off-site

2011 Annual Conference & Bookfair
February 2-5, 2011
Washington, DC
Marriott Wardman Park & Omni Shoreham Hotels

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Literary Events

If the 550 exhibits of the Bookfair and the 400 events on the official schedule of the AWP Conference are not enough for you, you should consider a few of the off-site alternatives, listed below. Please note that your sobriety may be challenged at many of these venues.

Throughout:

Sober Poets & Writers Meet-up

E-mail: soberawp@gmail.com

Description: Sober poets and writers who want to meet up at AWP email: soberawp@gmail.com.

Tuesday, February 1:

6:30PM- **Habit of a Foreign Sky by Xu Xi**
8:00PM **Location:** Asia Society, Whittemore House, 1526 New Hampshire Ave, NW Washington, D.C.
Cost: \$12

Website: <http://asiasociety.org/events-calendar/habit-foreign-sky-xu-xi>

Description: Xu Xi will read from and discuss her latest novel, *Habit of a Foreign Sky*. The discussion will be moderated by former Beijing correspondent and current BBC correspondent, Adam Brookes. Books will be for sale.

Wednesday, February 2:

6:00PM- **A Reading by Poets from Free Verse/Editions, Word For/Word, and Reconfigurations**

8:00PM **Location:** Busboys and Poets (5th and K)

Cost: free

Website: <http://www.wordforword.info>

Description: A Reading by Poets from Free Verse/Editions, Word For/Word, and Reconfigurations. The journal editors will host readings by poets who have appeared in their publications. The event is free and open to the public. Readers will include Daniel Tiffany, Jon Thompson, Brittany Perham, James Capozzi, Bryan Walpert, Marjorie Maddox, Geoffrey Gatzka, Adam Golaski, Matthew Klane, Adam Liszkiewicz, and Sam Truitt.

7:00PM- **2011 Festival of Language**

10:00PM **Location:** The Black Squirrel

Cost: Free

Website: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/AWP-2011-Festival-of-Language-a-reading/110261148999292>

Description: Original works will be read/performed by Debra Di Blasi, Lance Olsen, Yuriy Tarnawsky, Kass Fleisher, Cris Mazza, Kirk Nasset, Michael Mejia, Durriel Estelle Harris, Steve Halle, Jeff Grieneisen, Jannee Baugher, Kate Dusenbery, Quintus Havis, Evan Nave, and Jane L. Carman. There will be food and beverages available for purchase upstairs at The Black Squirrel (<http://www.blacksquirreldc.com/>) only 0.76 miles from the Marriott Wardman Park. <http://www.mapquest.com/?le=t&hk=7-19EjF3r5&vs=h>

7:00PM **Cave Canem Fellows Reading**

Location: Charles Sumner School, 1201 17th Street Northwest

Cost: \$10 Suggested Donation

Website: <http://www.cavecanempoets.org>

Description: 20 Cave Canem fellows raise the roof & raise funds for Cave Canem, North America's home for black poetry. Featuring Reginald Dwayne Betts, Derrick Brown, Ama Codjoe, Sharon Dennis Wyeth, Jonterri Gadson, Rachel Eliza Griffiths, Niki Herd, Hallie Hobson, Linda Susan Jackson, Marcus Jackson, Brandon Johnson, Bettina Judd, Rickey Laurentiis, Robin Coste Lewis, Jamaal May, Kamillah Aisha Moon, Shelagh Patterson, Kamau Rucker, Nicole Sealey & Wendy S. Walters. Cave Canem fellow Amanda Johnston hosts.

7:00PM- **Local Plus**

9:00PM **Location:** GRAND CENTRAL 2447 18th St., NW Washington DC 20009

Cost: FREE!

Website:

Description: Big Lucks, Folio, Gigantic Sequins, and Phoebe, present an evening of poetry and fiction with the goal of representing and building connections between local and regional literary communities! Come join us at Grand Central (located just .7 miles from the conference) as we feature recent contributors from each journal in a celebration of established and emerging publications.

- 7:00PM **Poetry Reading: D. Nurkse and Philip Fried**
Location: Politics and Prose Book Store 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW Washington DC 2008
Cost: Free
Website: <http://www.politics-prose.com/>
Description: D. Nurkse is the author of numerous collections of poetry, including the following books published by Knopf: The Border Kingdom (2008), Burnt Island (2006), and The Fall (2003). Philip Fried's new book of poems, just published by Salmon Poetry, Ireland, is Early/Late: New and Selected Poems.
- 7:00PM-9:00PM **Sakura Review and Mock Turtle Present...**
Location: Asylum Bar & Lounge, 2471 18th St NW, Washington, DC 20009
Cost: Free
Website: <http://www.asylumdc.com/>
Description: Sakura Review and UMD, College Park's Mock Turtle Reading Series will host a reading to celebrate the talent in UMD's MFA program and to launch Sakura's 2nd issue. The UMD readers are as follows: (Fiction) Tom Earles, Alison Hennessee, and Jenna Nissan; (Poetry) Kim Calder, Jen Dempsey, and Cherie Walsh. Sakura Review readers/contributors are as follows: (Fiction) William Torgerson; (Poetry) Melanie Henderson and Eleanor Paynter.
- 7:30PM **Charming Billy**
Location: Round House Theatre Bethesda
Cost: \$10 to \$60
Website: <http://www.roundhousetheatre.org/performance/charming-billy/>
Description: World premiere of the stage adaptation of the acclaimed novel by Alice McDermott. Round House Theatre is an easy 15 minute Metro ride on the Red Line from the Marriott Wardman Park & Omni Shoreham Hotels. Call 240-644-1100 or visit website for info.
- 8:00PM **Persistent Voices: Poetry by Writers Lost to AIDS**
Location: Bloombars (3222 11th St. NW)
Cost: \$10 suggested donation
Website: <http://www.bloombars.com>
Description: Some of our most vital and necessary poetic voices were stilled by the AIDS epidemic, but their words live on in the anthology Persistent Voices: Poetry by Writers Lost to AIDS. Join a lineup of some of today's top poets, including Sarah Browning, Eduardo Corral, Alex Dimitrov, Randall Mann, and Miguel Murphy, along with the editors of Persistent Voices, Philip Clark and David Groff, at a reading celebrating the lives and works of poets taken from us too soon.
- 9:00PM-11:30PM **Poetry Reading: Lowbrow Press, H_NGM_N Books and Birds LLC**
Location: Duffy's Irish Pub (see Lowbrowpress.com for directions)
Cost: Free
Website: <http://www.lowbrowpress.com>
Description: A reading by Matt Hart, Dan Boehl, Sommer Browning, Adam Fell, MC Hyland, Brad Liening, Matt Mauch, Alexis Orgera and Emily Pettit. Go to Lowbrowpress.com for directions to Duffy's Irish Pub from Marriott Wardman Park.

Thursday, February 3:

- 3:00PM **University of Iowa / University of Wisconsin / Zone 3 Press Reading**
Location: Busboys and Poets, 14th & V
Cost: Free
Website: http://www.busboysandpoets.com/about_14th.php
Description: Readers: Rigoberto Gonzalez Guillermo Reyes Susana Chavez-Silverman John Pursley III Danielle Dutton J.C. Hallman Jennine Capó Cruet
- 3:30PM-4:30PM **WRITERS AGAINST WAR & OCCUPATION IN AFGHANISTAN & IRAQ**
Location: Lafayette Park, across from the White House
Cost: Free
Website: <http://www.splitthisrock.org>
Description: Critical mass gathering for a show of unity in opposition to U.S. Wars and Occupation in Afghanistan and Iraq. A minute of silence will be observed for each year of each war (sixteen minutes), followed by our simultaneous reading of lines of poetry (probably lines from Whitman). We will end this brief permitted action by chanting "Stop Funding War." Wear a poem or a piece of a poem on your person. Some poem signs will be available for those who want them. Support is being provided by Split This Rock, Brenda Hillman, and Allison Hedge Coke. For more information: info@splitthisrock.org, bhillman@stmarys-ca.edu, hedgecokeaa@gmail.com, or 202-787-5210.
- 4:00PM-6:00PM **Stonecoast MFA Alumni Reading**
Location: Busboys and Poets on 5th and K in DC
Cost: free and open to the public
Website: <http://usm.maine.edu/stonecoastmfa/>
Description: The Stonecoast Alumni Association Board will hosting a reading at the 2011 AWP in Washington, DC. Our featured reader is Ellen Meeropol who is launching a book at the conference. Also doing short readings will be Susan Grier, Kristin LaTour, Penelope Schwartz Robinson, Renee Olander, Carol Berg, Bonnie Naradzay, Mihku Paul, Mike Beeman, Judith Podell, Libby Cudmore, Matthew Quinn Martin, Jeff Kass and Indigo Moor.
- 5:00PM-7:00PM **6th Annual Con Tinta Celebration**
Location: Alero Restaurant/Lounge
Cost: No charge
Website: http://www.alerorestaurant.com/html/alero_u_street.html
Description: Con Tinta: Chicano/Latino Writers' Collective annual celebration for its Advisory Circle, Literary Communities, and Allies. Features a free buffet, cash bar, and presentation of Achievement Award. This year's recipient is Helena Maria Viramontes for her work as an author, educator, and activist.
- 5:00PM-7:00PM **Happy Hour Reading from the Painted Bride Quarterly and Saturnalia Books**
Location: Bardeo, Private Room (upstairs), 3311 Connecticut Ave., NW, 10 minute walk from the Marriott
Cost: free
Website: <http://pbq.drexel.edu/>
Description: Join the Painted Bride Quarterly and Saturnalia Books for wine, cocktail, appetizer specials, and a poetry reading by seven hot poets. Bring your friends and loved ones, and get your wild night out in D.C. started while listening to awesome new work by Star Black, Jennifer Knox, Ada

Limon, Derek Mong, Jason Schneiderman, Martha Silano, and Sarah Vap. For more info, visit: <http://saturnaliabooks.org/>

- 5:00PM-7:00PM **Trias Residency for Writers Happy Hour**
Location: Madam's Organ
Cost: Free
Website: <http://hws.edu/trias>
Description: The Trias Residency for Writers is one-year appointment for a writer of national or international reputation. Come learn more about the residency, have a cocktail and delicious appetizers on the [warm, covered] rooftop deck of Madam's Organ, a short hop from the conference center.
- 5:30PM-7:00PM **Fiction Collective Two Reading**
Location: The Big Hunt (1345 Connecticut Ave. Upstairs in the Voodoo Lounge)
Cost: Free
Website: <http://fc2.org>
Description: FC2 authors with new releases will read, including: Tricia Bauer, Kate Bernheimer, Joseph Cardinale, Jeffrey DeShell, Amelia Gray, Lynn Kilpatrick, Lance Olsen, Elisabeth Sheffield and Rob Stephenson
- 6:00PM **Hedgebrook: Women Authoring Change with Carlyne Forché & Suheir Hammad**
Location: Busboys & Poets @ 14th & V
Cost: free & open to the public
Website: <http://bit.ly/hbindc>
Description: Poets Carolyn Forché and Suheir Hammad join forces onstage to share their work and celebrate Hedgebrook, the renowned writer's colony for women writers on Whidbey Island in Washington state. As Hedgebrook alumnae and Creative Advisory Council members, Forché and Hammad represent Hedgebrook's global community of 1,200 writers who are authoring change in the world through their words.
- 6:00PM-10:00PM **Plain View Press Reading and Reception**
Location: International Visions Gallery, 2629 Connecticut Ave. NW #2
Cost: free
Website: <http://www.inter-visions.com/default.asp>
Description: Join poet/publisher Lucia Galloway, JoAnn Growney, David Radavich, Mark Jackley, Georgia Ann Banks-Martin, Steven Albon, Anne Higgins, Robert Pfeiffer, Yermiyahu Ahron Taub, Pat Valdata, Frank E. Dobson, Jr., Celine Keating, Robin Greene, John Morris, Akio Konoshima, Lee Rossi, Karolyn Redoute, Eileen Berry, Mike Maggio, Julene Tripp Weaver, Ricardo Nazario y Colon, Greg Mosson and Charles Nauman for an evening of poetry and fiction in a beautiful downtown gallery just a five minute walk from the conference hotels.
- 6:00PM **U Cal Press Duncan/Berrigan Book Part**
Location: Bridge Street Books, 2814 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.
Cost: Free
Website: <http://dcpoetry.com>
Description: Please join Bridge Street Books & The University of California Press for a publication celebration Thursday, February 3rd, 6-8 PM THE SELECTED POEMS OF TED BERRIGAN & THE H.D. BOOK BY ROBERT DUNCAN Poet & editor ANSELM BERRIGAN will present a short reading/talk on The Selected Poems. COLE SWENSEN and ROD SMITH will speak on The H.D. Book. @ Bridge Street Books, 2814 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington DC
- 6:00PM **Willow Books Reading**
Location: African American Civil War Musuem, Grimke Building, 1925 Vermont Ave. NW
Cost: Free
Website:
Description: Willow Books will host a reading from Authors currently on their active roster, which includes: Tara Betts, Lita Hooper, Antoinette Brim, Curtis Crisler, Derrick Harriel, Rachel Eliza Griffiths, James Cherry and Tony Medina.
- 6:30PM **A Literary Evening With Debra Di Blasi, Davis Schneiderman, Michael Martone and Yuriy Tarnawsky**
Location: Embassy of Ukraine, 3350 M Street N.W., Washington, DC 20007
Cost: free
Website:
Description: A Literary Evening and Discussion With Debra Di Blasi, Davis Schneiderman, Michael Martone and Yuriy Tarnawsky (Kindly RSVP to litevenings@yahoo.com)
- 6:30PM-8:30PM **Carolina Wren Press Reading by Minnie Bruce Pratt and Yvonne Murphy**
Location: Hillyer Art Space, 9 Hillyer Ct. NW Washington, D.C. 20008
Cost: Free
Website: <http://www.carolinawrenpress.org/>
Description: Come celebrate our publication of Minnie Bruce Pratt's "Inside the Money Machine" and Yvonne Murphy's "Aviaries" on Thursday Feb. 3, 2011, in Washington DC. Readings by both poets will be followed by a light reception and book-signing. Hillyer Art Space is one Metro stop (Dupont Circle) from the conference hotel.
- 6:30PM-8:30PM **Debut Fiction By Recent Bread Loaf Waiters**
Location: Busboys & Poets restaurant/bar (NOTE: 5th and K location)
Cost: FREE
Website: http://www.busboysandpoets.com/about_5th.php
Description: Come out for a reading by recent Bread Loaf waiters with recent/forthcoming debut books of fiction. Featuring: Tiphonie Yanique, Alexi Zentner, Peter Mountford, Jennine Capo Crucet.*Emceed by Michael Collier* NOTE: This event is at the 5th and K location of Busboys & Poets, near Chinatown, not to be confused with their V Street location.
- 6:30PM **Let's go upstreet!**
Location: Medaterra, 2614 Connecticut Avenue NW
Cost: Free and open to the public
Website: <http://upstreetfanclub.blogspot.com/>
Description: Reading and celebration featuring six poets and prose writers from upstreet 6: Mark Halliday, David Jauss, Jay Kauffmann, Maureen Sherbondy, Robin Underdahl, and Michelle Yasmine Valladares. Hosted by upstreet Editor/Publisher Vivian Dorsel. Light refreshments.
- 6:30PM **The Literati Gong Show**
Location: Madam's Organ Bar
Cost: FREE
Website: <http://www.flatmancrooked.com/archives/8127>
Description: Flatmancrooked with Dzanc Books, Featherproof Books, Hobart, and Barrelhouse present THE LITERATI GONG SHOW. The newest literary spectacle that promises to be huge hit and become an institution will be debuting at AWP 2011 in Washington DC. Ten contestants, all up-and-coming authors will perform anything but a straight reading for a panel of celebrity guest judges, all in hopes of avoiding The Gong, and taking home the top honors. This year's guest judging panel includes Benjamin Percy, Pamela Houston, and Forrest Gander. Hosted by Flatmancrooked's own Elijah

M Jenkins.

- 7:00PM-
2:00AM **A Pair of Teeth / Aperitif - Articles Press, SpringGun & Flying Guillotine: Readings + Afterparty**
Location: IOTA Club & Cafe - 2832 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA, 22201
Cost: Donations
Website: <http://awpoffsite.blogspot.com/>
Description: Articles Press, SpringGun, and Flying Guillotine host a reading and party at the venerated music venue, IOTA Club & Cafe (1 & 1/2 blocks from the Clarendon Metro (Orange Line)). Poetry readings by Joe Hall, J. Michael Martinez, A Minetta Gould, Donald Dunbar, Matthew Sadler, Derrick Mund, and a fiction reading by Sarah E. Harris. The evening's readings will be capped off by musical performances by DC bands Greenland and Laughing Man.
- 7:00PM-
9:00PM **Ahsahta Press & Friends Reading**
Location: Big Bear Café, 1700 1st St. NW
Cost: free
Website: <http://ahsahtapress.boisestate.edu>
Description: Join us for readings from Ahsahta Press authors and a few of our friends from Bateau Press and elsewhere. Readers are Carrie Adams, Dan Beachy-Quick, Susan Briante, Julie Carr, Ryan Flaherty, Paul Hoover, Kirsten Kaschock, Farid Matuk, James Meetze, Rusty Morrison, Allen Peterson, Brian Teare, Susan Tichy, and Jessica Young.
- 7:00PM-
10:00PM **Annalemma, PANK, & Mud Luscious Present Divination in DC**
Location: Ireland's Four Provinces
Cost: FREE
Website: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=184677981542696>
Description: Kristin O'Keefe Aptowicz, Tim Jones-Yelvington, Gregory Sherl, Molly Gaudry, Steve Himmer, Jesse Bradley, Ben Brooks, Mel Bosworth, Sal Pane, Sasha Fletcher, Mary Miller, Ethel Rohan, Michael Stewart, Rob Roensch, Brian Oliu, Mathias Svalina, Matt Salesses, Amber Sparks
- 7:00PM-
9:00PM **Cleveland State University Poetry Center Reading**
Location: Asylum, 2471 18th Street Washington, DC NW 20009
Cost: Free
Website: <http://www.asylumdc.com/>
Description: Please join us for readings by John Bradley, Lily Brown, Elyse Fenton, Emily Kendal Frey, Dora Malech, Shane McCrae, Helena Mesa, Zach Savich, Mathias Svalina, Allison Titus, Allison Benis White. See bookfair tables E8 and E9 for your invitation and directions.
- 7:00PM-
10:00PM **DOGZPLOT - JMWW - SENTENTIA - WIGLEAF Fiction Reading**
Location: The Wonderland Ballroom (1101 Kenyon St. NW DC)
Cost: free
Website: <http://thelookingglasslounge.com/wonderland/>
Description: A night of fiction and poetry from contributors to Dogzplot, JMWW, Sententia, and Wigleaf. Writers include: Daniel Bailey, Shaindel Beers, Kim Chinquee, Jereme Dean, Greg Gerke, Mary Hamilton, Ben Loory, Robert Lopez, Kyle Minor, Meg Pokrass, Laura Ellen Scott, Peter Schwartz, Tyler Stoddard Smith, and Ben Tanzer. Hosted by: Bill Barr
- 7:00PM **Edith Pearlman reading**
Location: Politics and Prose, 5015 Connecticut Avenue
Cost:
Website:
Description: Please join UNCW's new literary imprint, Lookout Books, for a reading and reception to celebrate the publication of Edith Pearlman's book, Binocular Vision: New & Selected Stories.
- 7:00PM-
9:00PM **Gargoyle Magazine's 35th Anniversary Reading**
Location: Artisphere's Dome Theater
Cost: Free
Website: <http://www.arlingtonarts.org/venues/Artisphere.aspx>
Description: Featuring: Toby Barlow, Barbara DeCesare, Reuben Jackson, Nani Power, Maya Sonenberg, Venus Thrash, Gregg Shapiro, and Susan Tepper.
- 7:00PM **Lightning Flash Poetry Reading, Four Way Books and Persea Books**
Location: Grand Central bar
Cost: Free
Website: <http://fourwaybooks.blogspot.com/2011/01/lightening-flash-poetry-reading-at-awp.html>
Description: Readers: Debra Allbery, Ellen Dudley, Cynthia Marie Hoffman, Sydney Lea, Sara London, Collier Nogues, Kevin Pruffer, Patrick Rosal, Anne Shaw, Daniel Tobin, Sidney Wade, and Joni Wallace. Grand Central DC bar, 2447 18th St., NW (walking distance from the hotel)
- 7:00PM **Live Nude Words! A Happy Hour Reading**
Location: The Velvet Lounge
Cost: FREE
Website: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=151554561562851>
Description: Featuring readings by Nik Korpon (Stay God), Caleb J Ross (Stranger Will), Brandon Tietz (Out of Touch), Richard Thomas (Transubstantiate), Jesus Angel Garcia (BadBadBad), Joe McGinniss Jr. (The Delivery Man), Michael Sonbert (The Neverenders), Jillian Weise (The Colony).
- 7:00PM **McSweeney's & 826DC Present "Meat Trucks, Steady Habits & Don Rumsfeld: A Talk About Fiction's Secret Weapon"**
Location: The Museum of Unnatural History 3233 14th St. NW Washington DC 20010
Cost: Free
Website: <http://bit.ly/eBeRdV>
Description: McSweeney's and 826DC bring you a reading/chat with novelists Stephen Elliott, Eric Martin, Jessica Anthony, and Ted Thompson.
- 7:00PM **Nightboat+Futurepoem+Litmus**
Location: Larry's Lounge-1836 18th St NW (between N Swann St & N T St) Dupont Circle Stop- Red Line
Cost: FREE
Website:
Description: Join us for an evening of fantastic (off-site) readings! Litmus: Jeffrey Jullich, Sawako Nakayasu, Amy King, Brenda Iijima Nightboat: Daniel Borzutzky, Michael Burkard, Dawn Lundy Martin Futurepoem: Alan Gilbert, Noah Eli Gordon, Camille Roy, Ronaldo Wilson
- 7:00PM **Reading is Sexy: Kindle Party!**
Location: The Sundry

Cost: \$5**Website:** <http://www.soundry.net>**Description:** Local authors with published books will do live readings while being streamed live. Anyone with an ereader (Kindle, Nook, Ipad, etc) is encouraged to attend and be exposed to emerging literary talent. A tweetup will also happen to field questions from the internet audience! Includes treat from Topless Bakery!7:00PM-
9:00PM**White Pine Press Reading****Location:** Busboys & Poets, 5th & K Streets**Cost:** free**Website:** <http://www.whitepine.org>**Description:** Celebrating the release of their new books and reading from them are: Susan RIch, Kelli Russell Agodon, Elisabeth Frost, Holly Iglesias, and Shin Yu Pai.7:30PM-
10:30PM**3 Dollar Bill (AWP Queer Reading)****Location:** Human Rights Campaign Equality Forum, 1640 Rhode Island Avenue NW, Washington, DC**Cost:** Free**Website:** <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/event.php?eid=170152696349960>**Description:** Join us for a night of rapid-fire readings by some of the LGBT community's most talented and dynamic writers. Thirty readers of poetry and prose will each read two minutes of their work: Francisco Arag3n, Ilse Bendorf, Tamiko Beyer, Regie Cabico, Cynn Chadwick, Julie Enszer, Danielle Evennou, Gina Evers, Reginald Harris, Natalie E. Illum Charles Jensen, Saeed Jones, Eloise Klein Healy, Rickey Laurentiis, Paul Lisicky, Michael Montlack, Eileen Myles, Kristin Naca, Achy Obejas, Christa Orth, Minnie Bruce Pratt, Raddlyffe, Douglas Ray, Jason Schneiderman, Joseph Shapiro, Ely Shipley, Justin Torres, Dan Vera, and V Wetlaufer. Sponsored by Arktoi Books, BLOOM Literary Journal, Human Rights Campaign, Knockout Literary Magazine, The Lambda Literary Foundation, A Midsummer Night's Press, The Publishing Triangle, Sibling Rivalry Press/Assarcus Journal, Sinister Wisdom Literary Journal, White Crane Institute, and The Writer's Center.

7:30PM

Below Zero**Location:** The Fridge**Cost:** FREE**Website:** <http://www.thefridgecd.com>**Description:** Please join us Thursday, February 3rd for an AWP off-site reading at The Fridge, featuring: Charles Alexander, Amy Allara, Andrea Bates, James Belfower, Joe Elliot, Jennifer Karmin, Laura Moriarty, Hoa Nguyen and Sarah Suzor. The Fridge is located at: 516 8th St, SE (in the rear alley). Small (delicious) snacks will be provided, and each press will be selling (delicious) books. Please direct any questions to: highway101press@gmail.com7:30PM-
10:30PM**Journal Porn: Lit Mags You'd Sleep With****Location:** The Black Squirrel, upstairs lounge, 2427 18th Street NW**Cost:** Free**Website:** <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=144366708951756>**Description:** A reading from five of the best designed journals on the planet: 1913 a journal of forms, 6x6, Lumberyard, Trickhouse, and Versal. Readings & performances from Lee Ann Brown, Katie Byrum, Julia Cohen, James Copeland, Lucy Ives, Joanna Klink, Matthew Lippman, Sawako Nakayasu, Elizabeth Frankie Rollins, and more! Buy the editors a beer and they may just kiss you.

7:30PM

Mark Our Words: A Reading for Encyclopedia Project & War Diaries**Location:** The DC Center for LGBT Community, 1318 U Street NW Washington, DC 20009**Cost:** Free**Website:** <http://www.thedccenter.org>**Description:** Join us as we join forces to celebrate the publication of Encyclopedia Vol. 2 F-K, and the arrival of War Diaries, the last in a series of arts-collaborative publications from AIDS Project Los Angeles, with some rowdy, smart, sexy and brave writers and artists who mean what they say, and say it with fire! Featuring Samiya Bashir, Amina Cain, Duriel Harris, Jen Hofer, A. Naomi Jackson, John R. Keene Jr., Sueyeun Juliette Lee, Robin Coste Lewis, Chana Morgenstern, Vanessa Place, Amarnath Ravva, Kevin Simmonds, Anna Joy Springer, Terese Svoboda, Bronwen Tate, Brian Teare, Matias Viegner and Sarah Fran Wisby. Hosted by Tisa Bryant

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Charming Billy**Location:** Round House Theatre Bethesda**Cost:** \$10 to \$60**Website:** <http://www.roundhousetheatre.org/performance/charming-billy/>**Description:** World premiere of the stage adaptation of the acclaimed novel by Alice McDermott. Round House Theatre is an easy 15 minute Metro ride on the Red Line from the Marriott Wardman Park & Omni Shoreham Hotels. Call 240-644-1100 or visit website for info.

8:00PM

Diode/Blackbird Off-Site Reading**Location:** The Avalon Theatre**Cost:** Free**Website:** <http://diodeawp.blogspot.com/>**Description:** Please join us for an incredible evening of poetry from Dilruba Ahmed, Rae Armantrout, Victoria Chang, Erica Dawson, Oliver de la Paz, R.H.W. Dillard, Matt Donovan, Claudia Emerson, Beckian Fritz-Goldberg, Bob Hicok, T.R. Hummer, Christine Klocek-Lim, Brian Teare and G.C. Waldrep.

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The Four Seasons AWP Reading**Location:** The Four Seasons Hotel in Georgetown, 2800 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.**Cost:** Free**Website:** <http://bridgestreetbooks.blogspot.com/2011/01/four-seasons-awp-reading-thurs-feb-3rd.html>**Description:** BRIDGE STREET BOOKS presents a gala event featuring 2010 Pulitzer Prize winning author RAE ARMANTROUT, & internationally recognized poets ANSELM BERRIGAN, TIMOTHY DONNELLY, ROBERT FERNANDEZ, CATHY PARK HONG, ISH KLEIN, K. SILEM MOHAMMAD, CHRIS NEALON, MEL NICHOLS, ED ROBERSON, ELIZABETH WILLIS, & MATHEW ZAPRUDER. Curated by Rod Smith and Nick Twemlow in conjunction with Wesleyan University Press, Canarium Books, Edge Books, The Iowa Review, Make magazine, & Wave Books. The Four Seasons Hotel is next to Bridge Street Books in Georgetown, five blocks from The Foggy Bottom station, blue & orange lines.8:00PM-
1:00AM**The Poetry Brothel (with Blue Flower Arts)****Location:** The Gibson, 2009 14th Street NW, Washington, DC

Cost: \$15**Website:** <http://www.thepoetrybrothel.com/events.html>

Description: The Poetry Society of New York and Blue Flower Arts present The Poetry Brothel, a unique and immersive poetry experience, which takes poetry outside classrooms and lecture halls and places it in the lush interiors of a bordello. Poets become high courtesans who impart their work in public readings, spontaneous eruptions of poetry, and most distinctly, as purveyors of private poetry readings on couches, chaise lounges and in private rooms. Central to this experience is the creation of character, which for poet and audience functions as disguise and as freeing device, enabling The Poetry Brothel to be a place of uninhibited creative expression in which the poets and clients can be themselves in private. Participating poets include: your hosts, Stephanie Berger as The Madame and Nicholas Adamski as Tennessee Pink; special guests, Ariana Reines and Valzhyna Mort; and the "poetry whores," Kathleen Rooney as Vivian Nightwood, Jennifer Michael Hecht as The Professor, Matthew Yeager as The Butler, Lisa Marie Basile as Luna Liprari, Meghann Plunkett as Echo Rose, Adrian Wyatt as Calico Cowl, B.C. Edwards as Oliver Durant, Rachel Herman-Gross as Simone, Alyssa Goldstein as Rusalka, and David Winter as Sebastien.

8:00PM

Tidal Basin Review Reading and Reception**Location:** Thurgood Marshall Center, 1816 12th Street N.W., Washington, DC 20009**Cost:** Free**Website:** <http://www.tidalbasinpress.org>

Description: Tidal Basin Review will host a reading at the Thurgood Marshall Center, 1816 12th Street N.W., Washington, DC 20009. No charge. Donations welcomed. Featuring Reginald Dwayne Betts, Iman Byfield, Ching-In Chen, Michela Costello, DéLana R.A. Dameron, Kyle Dargan, Elizabeth Fogle, Brian Gilmore, and Douglas Kearney. Music by DJ AJ and refreshments to follow.

9:00PM-
12:00AM**VIDA and the Men Who Love Us: Reading and Dance Party****Location:** The Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW, Washington, DC**Cost:** \$10**Website:** <http://http://vidaweb.org/>

Description: Support the work of VIDA: Women in Literary Arts! Sixteen fabulous male writers will read short selections by women writers they admire, followed by a dance party hosted by DJs Mark Bibbins and Adam Boles at the coolest spot in town.

10:00PM-
11:30PM**Alice James Books Poetry Reading****Location:** DC Arts Center**Cost:** FREE**Website:** <http://www.dcartscenter.org/index.htm>

Description: Don't feel like shaking your booty at the AWP dance? Then come on over to the very hip DC Arts Center theatre at 2438 18th St NW to hear poetry by recent Alice James Books authors including Reginald Dwayne Betts, Nicole Cooley, Frank Giampietro, Daniel Johnson, Leslie Lewis, Laura McCullough, Chad Sweeney, and Brian Turner.

10:30PM

Sonora Review Turns 31: The Sexiest Party at AWP**Location:** Madam's Organ**Cost:** Free**Website:** <http://sonorareview.com>

Description: Sonora Review celebrates its 31st anniversary with a sexy marathon of readings at Madam's Organ. No charge, but donations welcome. Readers include Kate Bernheimer, Kevin Canty, Nick Flynn, Joshua Furst, Michael Martone, D.A. Powell, Aurelie Sheehan, Ed Skoog, and Joshua Marie Wilkinson.

Friday, February 4:

10:30AM-
12:00PM**FUSE (Forum for Undergraduate Student Editors) 2011 Caucus****Location:** McDowell Formal Lounge in the Mary Graydon Center at American University**Cost:** Free**Website:** <http://www.susqu.edu/academics/FUSE.asp>

Description: During the first half of this year's FUSE caucus, we will elect national officers comprised of students and faculty from schools nationwide. In addition to six student officer positions, there are four positions available for faculty members. In the second half of the event, student panelsists from Widener University, Bennington College, and Susquehanna University will present talks on "The Undergraduate Journal Online."

10:30AM

Library of Congress Tours**Location:** Thomas Jefferson Building, 10 First Street SE**Cost:** Free**Website:** <http://www.loc.gov/poetry/>

Description: The Library of Congress Poetry and Literature Center offers two tours of the Jefferson Building and the Poetry Office on Friday, February 4, one at 10:30am and one at 1:30pm, for conference participants. A maximum of 30 people will be accommodated in each tour. To RSVP, or for more information, please email Robert Dardano at rdar@loc.gov.

1:30PM

Library of Congress Tours**Location:** Thomas Jefferson Building, 10 First Street SE**Cost:** Free**Website:** <http://www.loc.gov/poetry/>

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4:00PM-
6:00PM**Ping Pong Po!****Location:** Comet Ping Pong**Cost:** FREE!**Website:** <http://www.facebook.com/#!/event.php?eid=171785542864436>

Description: Please join 1913 a journal of forms, Action Books, Letter Machine Editions, and Octopus Books for Ping Pong & Poetry over Happy Hour @ Comet Ping Pong from 4-6pm on Friday Feb 4. Readers: Cynthia Arrieu-King, Claire Becker, Julie Carr, Lara Glenum, Joe Hall, Jeff T. Johnson, Juliana Leslie, Farid Matuk, Sawako Nakayasu, Kathleen Ossip, Ric Royer, Abe Smith, Ronaldo Wilson. Address: 5037 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington DC, <http://www.cometpingpong.com/>

4:00PM-
6:00PM**SAYING IT: A Walking Poem Against Censorship****Location:** Gather outside Marriott Wardman Park Hotel**Cost:** FREE**Website:** <http://www.belladonnaseries.org>

Description: JOIN US for a march & speak-out against the silencing of voices that want & need to be heard and a celebration of voices, of our voices, of your voices. 4PM GATHER outside Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, meet on corner of Connecticut Ave/Woodley Road NW. MARCH on Connecticut Ave to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow Monument at M Street NW for SPEAK-OUT, reading, breaking of silences Bring signs, texts, images, costumes!

- 5:00PM **American Short Fiction and Bat City Review Off-Site Reading**
Location: The Black Squirrel, 2427 18th Street NW
Cost: Free
Website:
Description: American Short Fiction and Bat City Review present fiction readings by Reese Okyong Kwon, Michael Martone, Melinda Moustakis, and Josh Weil, and poetry readings by John M. Anderson, Haines Eason, and Kathryn Nuernberger.
- 5:00PM-7:00PM **Atticus Books Presents a Happy Hour Reading with a "Pinch" of Boo Radley for Good Measure**
Location: Bourbon, 2321 18th Street, Washington, D.C. (Adams Morgan)
Cost: Free, cash bar, with a limited number of drink tickets available
Website: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=119704264767762>
Description: Come join us for a spirit-filled Happy Hour reading, featuring authors affiliated with indie press Atticus Books including novelists Joseph Zeppetello (Daring to Eat a Peach), Steve Himmer (The Bee-Loud Glade), Tommy Zurhellen (Nazareth, North Dakota), Eric D. Goodman (Tracks), and more. RSVP now and receive a complimentary drink ticket to this inaugural Atticus "Pinch" event OR visit Atticus table K34 in the AWP Exhibit Hall, Feb. 2 to Feb. 4, for a chance to win a FREE drink ticket and enter a drawing for a new trade paperback original courtesy of Atticus Books.
- 5:00PM-7:00PM **AWP POST ROAD/REDIVIDER PARTY**
Location: The Leaky Faucet 2450 18th St. NW
Cost: Free
Website:
Description: Please join the editors of Post Road for our TENTH(!)Annual AWP Party. Meet some contributors, catch up with old friends, and pre-game for the fully loaded Friday night schedule of events. As usual, we promise absolutely NO readings and a beer on the house.
- 5:00PM-6:30PM **Hidden River Publishing Book Launch - DeWitt Henry's SWEET DREAMS**
Location: Stone's Throw Restaurant, Marriott Wardman Park
Cost: FREE
Website: <http://hiddenriverpublishing.com>
Description: Hidden River Publishing celebrates the launch of DeWitt Henry's memoir SWEET DREAMS: A Family History. Founding Editor of Ploughshares Literary Magazine, and senior faculty in Writing, Literature and Publishing at Emerson College, DeWitt's other works include SAFE SUICIDE: ESSAYS, NARRATIVES, AND MEDITATIONS, Red Hen Press, 2008, and THE MARRIAGE OF ANNA MAYE POTTS, University of Tennessee Press, 2001 (winner of the Peter Taylor Prize for the Novel)
- 5:00PM-7:00PM **New Rivers Press Reading & Social**
Location: Busboys & Poets, 5th & K Location
Cost: Free
Website: <http://www.newriverspress.com>
Description: New Rivers Press authors and fans are invited to a reading and social event at Busboys & Poets; authors who wish to read their NRP work should contact Suzanne Kelley, managing editor: kelleysu@mnstate.edu asap. The readings are from 5-6pm and the social is from 6-7pm. Map & parking information available at http://www.busboysandpoets.com/about_5th.php
- 5:00PM-6:30PM **Northwestern University Press Author Reading**
Location: Slaviya Restaurant and Lounge 2424 18th St., NW Washington, D.C. 20009
Cost: Free
Website: <http://www.slaviya-dc.com>
Description: Please join us for a reading and a free drink (or two!) in a private lounge setting at the hip Eastern European restaurant, Slaviya, featuring NU Press authors Nikky Finney, Greg Fraser, Carol Frost, E.Ethelbert Miller, Toni Plummer, and Cornelia Spelman. The restaurant is within walking distance from the conference site; please visit the website for more info. We hope to see you there!
- 5:00PM-7:00PM **Vermont Studio Center Meet-Up**
Location: Open City Cafe, 2331 Calvert St NW
Cost: free
Website: <http://http://www.opencitydc.com>
Description: The Vermont Studio Center will be hosting a gathering on Friday, February 4, 2011 from 5-7pm. We will meet at Open City at 2331 Calvert St. NW. Swing by at your convenience to catch up with other VSC alumni and other interested writers, learn how to apply, and to see Writing Program Director, Gary Clark and Development Director, Jill Leininger.
- 6:00PM-8:00PM **Emergency Press Reading**
Location: Conner Contemporary Art Gallery, 1358 Florida Avenue, NE, Washington D.C.
Cost: free
Website: <http://emergencypress.com>
Description: Emergency Press authors read and perform, including Cris Mazza, Chad Faries, Kate Zambreno, Ewa Chrusciel, Scott Zieher, and Elizabeth Widener.
- 6:00PM **FLORICANTO IN DC: A Multicultural Response Reading to SB 1070**
Location: True Reformer Building, 1200 U Street NW, Washington, DC
Cost: \$5 suggested. No one turned away
Website: <http://literatiboricua.blogspot.com/2010/12/floricanto-in-dc-multicultural-reading.html>
Description: Join us as over twenty poets lend their energy and language to a group reading in response to Arizona Senate Bill 1070 and in resistance to the atmosphere of national xenophobia under which the bill (and its emerging counterparts) were created. Confirmed readers include: Francisco X. Alarcon, Tara Betts, Sarah Browning, Regie Cabico, Carmen Catalayud, Lorna Dee Cervantes, Susan Deer Cloud, Martín Espada, Odilia Galvan Rodríguez, Carmen Gimenez Smith, Aracelis Girmay, Randall Horton, Juan Felipe Herrera, Dorianne Laux, Marilyn Nelson, Mark Nowak, Barbara Jane Reyes, Abel Salas, Sonia Sanchez, Craig Santos Perez, Hedy Trevino, Pam Ushuk, Dan Vera, Rich Villar, and Andre Yang. Co-sponsored and presented by the Acentos Foundation, Split This Rock, and the Poets Responding to SB 1070 Facebook group. Hosted by Oscar Bermeo.
- 6:00PM-8:00PM **Friends of Spalding's brief-residency MFA Program**
Location: Busboys and Poets, Busboys @ 14th & V. 2021 14th St, DC (202) 387-7638
Cost: Free, Cash Bar
Website: <http://www.spalding.edu/mfa>
Description: Langston Room at 14th and V streets. Very short readings by Spalding faculty members: DIANNE APRILE, creative nonfiction LOUELLA BRYANT, short stories DEBRA KANG DEAN, poems, KATHLEEN DRISKELL, poems, BOB FINCH, essays JODY LISBERGER, short stories RICHARD GOODMAN, essays JOYCE MCDONALD, young adult fiction NANCY MCCABE, creative nonfiction SENA JETER NASLUND, fiction, ELAINE ORR, memoir, GREG PAPE, poems MOLLY PEACOCK, biography and poems, CHARLIE SCHULMAN, plays and screenplays JEANIE THOMPSON, poems, NEELA VASWANI, memoir.
- 6:00PM - 8:00PM **Hi-Brid: mingle, share & toast (A reception hosted by the University of Miami Creative Writing Program)**
Location: TRYST (in Adam's Morgan), 2459 18th Street NW, Washington, DC 20009

Cost: Free**Website:** <http://www.as.miami.edu/english/creativewriting/>**Description:** Join us for an evening of mingling, conversation, impromptu writing and drinks at Tryst (a laid-back cafe/lounge in Adam's Morgan). Undergraduates are invited to find out more about our stellar fully-funded program. MFAs, meet you peers from across the country. UM alumni, all writers and faculty too, join us in a celebration of writing unencumbered. A cash bar with drink specials will be available, and we'll serve food platters.6:00PM-
7:00PM**Lame House & Binge Press AWP Reading****Location:** Madam's Organ/ 2461 18th Street, NW**Cost:** Free**Website:** http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=124322460966587&num_event_invites=0**Description:** Come check out poets from Lame House and Binge Press from 6 to 7, and stick around for the Coconut Books, Horse Less Press, and Switchback Books reading that begins immediately after. Featured readers include Lauren Levin, Nathan Hauke, Ben Somers, Becca Klaver and more TBA. For more information on Lame House Press, check out <http://lamehouse.blogspot.com>. For more information on Binge Press, check out <http://www.27ruedefleures.com>.6:15PM-
8:30PM**Tupelo Press Reception****Location:** Petit Plats Restaurant**Cost:** Free**Website:** <http://www.petitsplats.com>**Description:** Join us at Petits Plats (close to the conference hotel) for drinks and hors d'oeuvres to toast Tupelo's authors and staff for eleven years of dynamic publishing!

6:30PM

Belladonna* Prose Event**Location:** Hamiltonian Gallery, 1353 U Street, Suite 101, half block away from U Street/Cardozo Metro stop at 13th St.**Cost:** Free**Website:****Description:** Featuring Bhanu Kapil, Eileen Myles, and Vanessa Place. This will be the first of four Prose Events that will be a reading and conversation with prose writers who write at the intersection of fiction and the essay, producing texts that are urgent and often unclassifiable. Featuring: Bhanu Kapil, Eileen Myles and Vanessa Place

6:30PM

Gulf Coast Presents Zaprunder, Zaprunder, and Bognanni**Location:** The Big Hunt 1345 Connecticut Ave NW Washington D.C. 20036**Cost:** Free**Website:** <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=186468694715531>**Description:** Come join Gulf Coast for a reading with poet Matthew Zaprunder and novelist Peter Bognanni, as well as a special acoustic set from musician Michael Zaprunder.6:30PM-
9:30PM**WIDE NIGHT****Location:** Wonderland Ballroom 1101 Kenyon St NW Washington, DC**Cost:** Free**Website:** <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=178866592135209>**Description:** Don't miss an evening of readings with the following presses: *BATEAU* *BIRDS, LLC* *BRAVE MEN* *FACTORY HOLLOW* *FLYING GUILLOTINE* *IMMACULATE DISCIPLES* *MINUTES* *PILOT* Readers include: Chris Martin, Lily Brown, Mark Horosky, Sasha Steensen, Emily Pettit, Dan Boehl, Sommer Browning, Jessica Young, Farrah Field, Guy Pettit, Kelin Loe, Alex Phillips, Luke Bloomfield, Megan M. Garr, & Francesca Chabrier

7:30PM

A Poetry Reading presented by The Kenyon Review, Rescue Press and Monsters of Poetry Reading Series**Location:** Asylum Bar, 2471 18th Street Washington, DC NW 20009**Cost:** Free, or \$2 dollar donation that includes entrance in raffle**Website:** <http://www.monstersofpoetry.org>**Description:** MONSTERS OF POETRY READING SERIES+ RESCUE PRESS + THE KENYON REVIEW present: JULIA STORY, ZACH SAVICH, SHANE MCCRAE, JESS LACHER, BECKA MARA MCCKAY, HANNAH SANGHEE PARK, DANIEL KHALASTCHI, CHRISTIE ANN REYNOLDS, KEVIN GONZALEZ, & ADAM FELL. A Reading @ Asylum Bar, 2471 18th Street Washington, DC NW 20009.7pm, Free...or \$2 donation which gets you a raffle ticket for a raffle that includes signed books and chapbooks by the readers and presses.

7:00PM

Caribbean Erotic book launch**Location:** Sisterspace & Books, 3717 Georgia Avnue NW, Washington DC 20010**Cost:** free**Website:** <http://www.sisterspacedc.com>**Description:** Get between the covers with the authors of this hot new book and join us for the After Party, too! With local D.C. writers Kathleen Brisbane, Ken Forde, Rudi Kristensen; visiting writers Christian Campbell, B. Alison Richards, Tiphonie Yannique; editors Opal Palmer Adisa, Donna Weir-Soley. Date :Friday Feb 4. Venue: Sisterspace & Books 3717 Georgia Avnue NW, Washington DC 20010. Time: 7pm Metro: Georgia Ave/Petworth Street (bookstore is next to the station) www.sisterspacedc.com

7:00PM

Confessions: Fact or Fiction? An Anthology**Location:** Books-A-Million at 11 Dupont Circle**Cost:** Free**Website:** <http://www.confessionsofanthology.com>**Description:** Twenty-two stories of love, lies, loss and betrayal explore the fragile boundary between truth and fiction. Come join the authors of this exciting new anthology as they read their stories, and decide for yourself which are true and which are not. Hosted by editors Herta B. Feely and Marian O'Shea Wernicke and Dupont Circle's Books-A-Million bookstore. Readings by Michelle Brafman, Mark Farrington, Elizabeth Patton, Nicole Louise Reid, George Nicholas.7:00PM-
8:30PM**COPPER NICKEL ISSUE 15 RELEASE****Location:** The Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW**Cost:** \$10 (includes a copy of the new issue)**Website:** <http://www.copper-nickel.org/awp/>**Description:** Copper Nickel will mark the release of its 15th issue with readings by SANDRA BEASLEY, KYLE G. DARGAN, MERRILL FEITELL, ANNA JOURNEY, DAVID KEPLINGER, MICHAEL MARTONE, and WAYNE MILLER on Friday, February 4th at 7pm at The Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW in Washington DC. A \$10 donation is requested for entrance and a copy of the issue. All contributors to the issue are our guests for the night7:00PM-
9:30PM**Corium, Prick of the Spindle, and Smokelong Quarterly Reading****Location:** The Black Squirrel in Adams Morgan, 2427 18th St. NW, Washington, DC**Cost:** Free**Website:** <http://smokelongquarterly.blogspot.com/2010/08/score-pots-smoke.html>**Description:** Readings by some of the best indie writers in the business, including: J. Bradley, Randall Brown, Mike Czyzniejewski, Nicolle Elizabeth, Heather Fowler, Scott Garson, Barry Graham, Joseph A. W. Quintela, Donna Vitucci, and more.

- 7:00PM **Graywolf Press authors Kim Kupperman and Nick Lantz reading at Teism**
Location: Teism, 800 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington DC, 20006
Cost: Free
Website: <http://www.graywolfpress.org>
Description: Kim Dana Kupperman (I Just Lately Started Buying Wings) and Nick Lantz (We Don't Know We Don't Know) will read from their latest works on Friday, February 4th at 7:00 PM at Teism. This event is free and open to the public. Sponsored by Chapters Literary Arts Center.
- 7:00PM-10:00PM **Launch Party and Reading for ModCloth's Written Wardrobe**
Location: Chief Ike's Mambo Room, 1725 Columbia Road, NW
Cost: Free
Website: <http://on.fb.me/WrittenWardrobeLaunchParty>
Description: Join us for the launch of ModCloth's The Written Wardrobe! Help us celebrate our inaugural issue as featured readers share their works, and enter to win fabulous raffle prizes! Readers include: Angelle Scott, Anne Barngrover, Marion Winik, Robert Yune, Jenny Sabre-Orafai, Kyoko Mori, and David Wancyk.
- 7:00PM **Lost Horse Press Monstrous Child Anthology Release: Reading and Reception**
Location: Affinity Lab: 920 U Street NW
Cost: Free and Open to the Public
Website: <http://www.losthorsepress.org/book/of-a-monstrous-child>
Description: Join Lost Horse Press for the release of its latest anthology, Of a Monstrous Child, edited by James Harris and Nate Liederbach, featuring rapid-fire readings by a number of its contributors, such as George Looney, Grace Bauer, Sam Ligon, Lee Ann Roripaugh, Derick Bureson, and more!
- 7:00PM-9:00PM **Red Hen Authors at The Big Hunt**
Location: The Big Hunt, 1345 Connecticut Avenue NW
Cost: Free!
Website: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=139760599416901>
Description: Come join Red Hen as we celebrate our new and recent authors with an evening of prose, poetry, and libations. Readers include: Ally Acker, John Barr, Gaylord Brewer, Kim Dower, Janice Eidus, Annie Finch, Steve Kistulentz, Ellen Meeropol, Rita Mae Reese, Susan Thomas and Richard Jackson, Jim Tilley, and William Trowbridge. The Big Hunt is an easy 15 minute Metro ride on the Red Line from the Marriott Wardman Park & Omni Shoreham Hotels; call 626-356-4760 or visit redhen.org for more info.
- 7:00PM-9:30PM **Switchback Books, Horse Less Press, and Coconut Books Reading**
Location: Madam Organ's
Cost: Free!
Website: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!event.php?eid=119112604822644>
Description: On the heated rooftop! Readers include the below and more! - Becca Klaver - Brian Foley - Christopher Salerno - Daniela Olszewska - Jennifer Tamayo - Marisa Crawford Madam's Organ (madamsorgan.com) 2461 18th Street, NW Washington, DC
- 7:00PM-8:00PM **The Word Works Hilary Tham Capital Collection Poets**
Location: Woodley Park Towers Party Room, 2737 Devonshire Place NW, Washington, DC
Cost: Free with refreshments
Website: <http://www.wordworksbooks.org/>
Description: Special reading by Word Works Hilary Tham Capital Collection Poets including W. Perry Epes, Brandon Johnson, Rosemary Winslow, Barbara Louise Ungar, and Michele Wolf. Woodley Park Towers is a 10-minute walk south on Connecticut Ave; turn right on Devonshire Place or a 12-minute walk north on Conn. Ave from the Marriott Wardman Park conference hotel. For more info, call 202-265-2312 (Woodley Park Towers).
- 7:00PM **Two Year College Caucus Reception**
Location: Cafe Paradiso, 2649 Connecticut Ave NW
Cost: Free
Website: <http://cafeparadisodc.com/>
Description: Join the Two Year College Caucus for a reception and launch party of SCRIBE! Come and have drinks, appetisers and/or dinner at Cafe Paradiso! If you have questions or would like to RSVP (not required, but encouraged), please email Pam Novak at pamelanovak@live.com
- 7:00PM-8:30PM **Waywiser Press Poetry Reading**
Location: Politics & Prose Bookstore, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW
Cost: free
Website: <http://www.politics-prose.com/>
Description: Waywiser poets George Bradley, Erica Dawson, Joseph Harrison, Carrie Jerrell, Matthew Ladd, Dora Malech, Eric McHenry, Cody Walker, and Greg Williamson will read from their poems.
- 7:30PM **Lantern Review and Boxcar Poetry Review: A Joint Reading**
Location: Go Mama Go!, 1809 14th St. NW
Cost: Pay as you wish (\$5 donation suggested; none turned away).
Website:
Description: The editors of LANTERN REVIEW: A JOURNAL OF ASIAN AMERICAN POETRY and BOXCAR POETRY REVIEW invite you to join us for a first-of-its kind literary evening featuring readings from both of our journals. Come out and help us celebrate the work of the little online literary magazine! For more information about us or about our publications, please visit our respective web sites at www.lanternreview.com and www.boxcarpoetry.com.
- 7:30PM **Maxine Hong Kingston Reads from New Memoir**
Location: The Writer's Center, 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda, MD
Cost: \$15 (\$10 for Writer's Center members)
Website: <http://www.writer.org>
Description: The Writer's Center is pleased to present Maxine Hong Kingston, who will read from her new memoir, I Love a Broad Margin to My Life.
- 7:30PM-10:00PM **Mayapple Press Reading**
Location: Big Bear Cafe
Cost: FREE!
Website: <http://www.mayapplepress.com>
Description: Come join us for the 3rd annual Mayapple Press Reading! Open mic from 7:30-8 and featured authors read from 8:15-10; bring your stuff to share, and listen to Mayapple Press authors and staff read their work! Cash bar and snacks for sale!
- 7:30PM-10:00PM **Writers Who Rock Gig**
Location: Solly's Tavern, 1942 11th St. (11th & U. St.)
Cost: Free

Website: <http://sollystavern.com>

Description: Live music by The Forgetters, featuring Madison Smartt Bell & Wyn Copper; The Skylarks featuring Megan Sexton of Five Points and a guest appearance by Kim Addonizio; and The Turnip Truckers. Drink specials until 8:00pm.

8:00PM

Charming Billy

Location: Round House Theatre Bethesda

Cost: \$10 to \$60

Website: <http://www.roundhousetheatre.org/performance/charming-billy/>

Description: World premiere of the stage adaptation of the acclaimed novel by Alice McDermott. Round House Theatre is an easy 15 minute Metro ride on the Red Line from the Marriott Wardman Park & Omni Shoreham Hotels. Call 240-644-1100 or visit website for info.

8:00PM

Gival Press Authors Reading

Location: Dupont Hotel Bar, 1500 New Hampshire Ave., NW

Cost: Free, cash bar, complimentary appetizers

Website: <http://www.givalpress.com/>

Description: Gival Press authors read fiction and poetry. Participants include: Tim W. Brown (Second Acts), John Domini (A Tomb on the Periphery), Robert L. Giron (Poetic Voices Without Borders 2), Vladimir Levchev (Refugee), M.L. Liebler (special guest), Cecilia Martínez-Gil (Psaltery and Serpentes), Rich Murphy (Voyeur), Lowell Mick White (That Demon Life), David Winner (The Cannibal of Guadalajara), and Barbara Louise Ungar (Origin of the Milky Way).

8:00PM

-11:00PM

Literary House Party at the Biltmore with 32 Poems, Born, Defunct, Tuesday: An Art Project and Drunken Boat

Location: The Biltmore, 1977 Biltmore St., Washington DC 20009

Cost: Free (donations welcome)

Website: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=187025421324198>

Description: Join the editors and authors of 32 Poems, Born, Defunct, Tuesday: An Art Project and Drunken Boat as they celebrate AWP by featuring contributors from their latest issues. Featuring performances by Ander Monson, Lia Purpura, Melanie Hendersen, Patrick Rosal, Garret Socol, Don Share, DeLana Dameron, Daniel Nester, Bernadette Geyer, Keetje Kuiper and Dan Albergotti, including special guests. Performance followed by intermingling in a writer's fabulous space just a few blocks from the conference hotel.

8:00PM

Salmon Poetry 30th Anniversary Reading!

Location: Pigment Art Studio, 1848 Columbia Rd. NW, Washington DC, 20009

Cost: Free

Website: <http://salmonpoetry.com>

Description: A POETRY READING TO CELEBRATE SALMON'S 30 YEARS OF LITERARY PUBLISHING! Launching SIX New poetry collections and the mega-volume 'Dogs Singing: A Tribute Anthology', ed. Jessie Lendennie. Readers: Simmons Buntin Andrea Cohen, Allan Peterson, Kevin Higgins, Susan Millar DuMars, Alan Jude Moore, Patrick Chapman, Druclilla Wall, Eamonn Wall, Mike Begnal, Patrick Hicks, Stephen Powers, Drew Blanchard, Phil Fried and John Fitzgerald

8:00PM

The Poetry Lab

Location: The Sundry, Vienna, VA

Cost: free

Website: <http://thesundry.net>

Description: In celebration of AWP coming to town, the Poetry Lab will be featuring Plan B Press poets who are here for the conference. Robert Miltner, Dan Maguire, Michele Belluomini, Jo Barbara Taylor, Finley Bullard Evans, Jason Venner, Elizabeth Bodien, stevenallenmay, Cynthia Atkins, and others will kick the night air at the art incubator, the Sundry, in Vienna, VA beginning at 8PM. All are welcome.

8:00PM

Vermin on the Mount

Location: MIE N YU 3125 M Street NW

Cost: FREE

Website: http://vermin.blogs.com/vermin_on_the_mount/2011/01/votm-awp-dc.html

Description: A night of irreverent readings, an extraordinary raffle, and a shitload of bad jokes aimed at embarrassing my mother sponsored by the fine folks at Annalemma Magazine. Kim Chinquee, Roy Kesity, Amber Sparks, Lindsay Hunter, Nicolette Kittinger, Tom Williams, Al Heathcock & Scott McClanahan.

8:30PM

Affrilachian Poets 20th Anniversary Reading

Location: Busboys and Poets, 2021 14th St., NW DC, 20009

Cost: \$5 suggested donation

Website: <http://www.affrilachianpoets.com>

Description: Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Affrilachian Poets! Join Frank X Walker, Randall Horton, Crystal Good, Makalani Bandele, Mitchell L.H. Douglas, Kelly Norman Ellis, Ellen Hagan, Ricardo Nazario y Colón, Stephanie Pruitt and Amanda Johnston for an evening of poetry from across the region and beyond.

9:00PM-

11:00PM

Fabulous Bohemian Gala

Location: 2629 Connecticut Ave NW

Cost: Free!

Website: <http://www.inter-visions.com>

Description: Come to the International Visions Gallery on Friday night to help four poets--Shira Dentz, Danielle Cadena Deulen, J. Michael Martinez, and Timothy O'Keefe--celebrate their first books. There will be a brief reading by each poet, as well as food, drink, music, love, and happiness. All are welcome.

9:00PM

Literate Rock: The Public Good

Location: The Rock and Roll Hotel, 1353 H St. NE, Washington DC, 20002

Cost: \$8

Website: <http://www.reverbnation.com/thepublicgood>

Description: Graduates of the University of Florida MFA program, The Public Good brings a special mix of rock and roll, brain-wrenching IQ quizzes, and occasional costume dramas that has inspired a loyal DC following. The band's music has been praised by Spin, Billboard, and Jon Pareles of The New York Times. The venue is located on DC's hip "H Street corridor."

9:30PM

Literature Party

Location: Black Cat located at 1811 14th St. NW, Washington, DC 20009

Cost: \$10

Website: <http://www.literatureparty.com>

Description: A NIGHT OF LITERATURE AND PARTY BENEFITTING 826DC. Tao Lin, Amelia Gray and Patrick Somerville will read to kick off a night of dancing, featuring DJ Lil 'E and immersive performances from the literary likes of Richard Nash, Giancarlo DiTrapano, Melissa Broder, Blake Butler, Adam Robinson and more.

Saturday, February 5:

- 2:00AM- **The Washington Monument**
 3:00AM **Location:** Washington Monument, Constitution Avenue Northwest, Washington D.C., DC
Cost: free
Website: <http://www.thebaumer.com>
Description: This is the most patriotic event at AWP. Real letters, written by real people, read aloud really late/earlier... Readers include: Mark Baumer, Karen Lepri, Amish Trivedi, Mary Wilson, Dongqiao Li, Andrew Bourne, Darren Angle, Aaron Kovalchik, Rachel Cole, Ottessa Moshfegh, Nalini Abhiraman, Micaela Morrisette, Robert Snyderman, Christopher Sweeney, Victoria Le, Sarah Schwartz, David Emanuel, Sarah Tourjee, Susannah Pabot, Ian Hatcher, Helia Rabie, Angela Ferraiolo, and others.
- 12:00PM **M.L. Liebler, editor of Working Words and Contributors**
Location: Politics and Prose, 5015 Conn. Ave., NW, DC 20008
Cost: Free
Website: <http://www.politics-prose.com/>
Description: Please join M.L. Liebler and several contributors to the anthology Working Words: Punching the Clock and Kicking Out the Jams (October 2010, Coffee House Press) as they read from this 2011 Michigan Notable Book of stories, poems, songs, and essays on the working class life. Contributors include: Mark Nowak, Dorianne Laux, Richard Peabody, Bret Lott, Caroline Maun, Allison Adele Hedge Coke, Minnie Bruce Pratt, Joseph Millar, Jan Beatty, and Jim Daniels.
- 1:00PM **Reading & Webcast, Florida Review Native Issue**
Location: National Museum of the American Indian, Rasmuson Theater, 4th St and Independence Ave, S.W.
Cost: Free
Website: <http://www.americanindian.si.edu/>
Description: In celebration of the special Native issue of The Florida Review, a reading, live webcast, and book and issue signing. Featured writers are Sherwin Bitsui, Orlando White, Santee Frazier, Sara Marie Ortiz, Allison Adele Hedge Coke, Tacey Atsitty, Kimberly L. Becker, Marianne Broyles, Susan Deer Cloud, Travis HedgeCoke, Sy Hoahwah, Toni Jensen, Denise Lajimodiere, Layli Long Soldier, Melissa Michal, Thomas Peacock, Cheryl Resetarits, and Erika Wurth. Free and open to the public.
- 1:00PM **The Song Cave AWP Reading**
Location: Bridge Street Books, 2814 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.
Cost: Free
Website: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Song-Cave/179287056448>
Description: The Song Cave AWP reading featuring MACGREGOR CARD, ANDY FITCH, AMARANTH BORSUK, JANE GREGORY, AMANDA NADELBERG, ROD SMITH, & JARED STANLEY. Hosted by Ben Estes. @ Bridge Street Books 2814 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. <http://www.the-song-cave.com/> <http://bridgestreetbooks.blogspot.com/>
- 3:00PM **Charming Billy**
Location: Round House Theatre Bethesda
Cost: \$10 to \$60
Website: <http://www.roundhousetheatre.org/performance/charming-billy/>
Description: World premiere of the stage adaptation of the acclaimed novel by Alice McDermott. Round House Theatre is an easy 15 minute Metro ride on the Red Line from the Marriott Wardman Park & Omni Shoreham Hotels. Call 240-644-1100 or visit website for info.
- 4:00PM- **Naugatuck River Review Poets Reading**
 6:00PM **Location:** The Big Hunt
Cost: Free
Website: <http://thebighunt.net/aboutus.html>
Description: Please join us and hear poets from Naugatuck River Review, a journal of narrative poetry. Poets in attendance include Pam Uschuk, Marie-Elizabeth Mali, Sheila Squillante, Lana Ayers, Kathryn Neel and more. 21+ Food and drink available for purchase.
- 4:00PM **Word Girls Do DC**
Location: Ireland's Four Provinces, 3412 Connecticut Ave. NW
Cost: FREE
Website: <http://www.irelandsfourprovinces.com>
Description: Four women poets published by Word Press read new work at 6-time winner "Best Irish Pub in DC": Barbara Crooker, Anne Colwell, Meredith Davies Hadaway, and Erin Murphy.
- 5:00PM- **Entasis Press/Waywiser Press reading & party**
 7:30PM **Location:** All Souls Episcopal Church, 2300 Cathedral Ave.
Cost: free
Website:
Description: Poets George Bradley, Erica Dawson, Moira Egan, Joseph Harrison, Carrie Jerrell, Stephen Kampa, Matthew Ladd, Dora Malech, Eric McHenry, Cody Walker, and Greg Williamson and fiction writers Susan McCallum-Smith and Margaret Meyers will read.
- 5:00PM **Fiction Reading: GMU Alumni**
Location: Politics and Prose, 5015 Conn. Ave., NW, DC 20008
Cost: Free
Website: <http://www.politics-prose.com/>
Description: Alan Chuse plays host to George Mason University MFA Fiction Alumni Steve Amick, Jessica Anthony, Liam Callanan, Ramola D, Dallas Hudgens, Nicole Louise Reid, and Andrew Wingfield, who will read from and sign their books.
- 5:00PM- **Gulf Tolls: A Poetry Reading in Tribute to the Gulf of Mexico and Surrounding Regions**
 7:00PM **Location:** Poets and Busboys--14th and V Streets, NW
Cost: \$5 suggested donation. None turned away.
Website: <http://www.poetsgulfoast.wordpress.com>
Description: Split This Rock (www.splitthisrock.org) and Poets for Living Waters [<http://www.poetsgulfoast.wordpress.com>] are partnering to offer a poetry tribute to the Gulf of Mexico and the surrounding regions. Readers will include: Naomi Ayala, Ana Bozicevic, Nicole Cooley, Peter Cooley, Amy King, Brenda Hillman, Katherine Howell, Brenda Iijima, Jan Heller Levi, Gregory Pardlo, Lisa Pegram, Martha Serpas, Kevin Simmonds, Sandra Simmonds, Jonathan Skinner, Patricia Smith, Heidi Lynn Staples, Melissa Tuckey, and Anne Waldman. Please join us for a night of provocation and witness.
- 5:00PM **The EDGE BOOKS/ABRAHAM LINCOLN/WEST WIND REVIEW AWP Reading**
Location: THE REEF, 2446 18th Street NW
Cost: Free
Website: <http://www.dcpoetry.com/>

Description: The EDGE BOOKS/ABRAHAM LINCOLN/WEST WIND REVIEW AWP Reading Saturday February 5th, 5 PM @ THE REEF, 2446 18th Street NW Marie Buck, Leslie Bumstead, Brandon Downing, Buck Downs, Cathy Eisenhower, K. Lorraine Graham, Dan Gutstein, Lacey Hunter, Doug Lang, Emily Liebowitz, K. Silem Mohammad, Chris Nealon, Mel Nichols, Tom Orange, Adam Roberts, Rod Smith, Sandra Simonds, Gary Sullivan, Anna Vitale, & Ryan Walker

5:00PM- **TORCH D.C.**

6:30PM **Location:** Thurgood Marshall Center for Service and Heritage, 1816 12th Street N.W. Washington, D.C. 2009

Cost: Free

Website: <http://www.torchliteraryarts.org>

Description: Join us for an intimate reading featuring TORCH: poetry, prose, and short stories by African American Women contributors Venus Thrash, Evie Shockley, Melanie Henderson, and Tara Betts hosted by Randall Horton. TORCH is an online journal published by Torch Literary Arts.

6:00PM- **Alex Gallery/U of Tulsa Off-Site AWP Reading**

9:00PM **Location:** 2106 R Street Northwest

Cost: Donations requested

Website: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=128062270593470>

Description: The Alex Gallery and the University of Tulsa are proud to present a reading featuring Rae Armantrout, Mark McMorris, Tom Orange, Cheryl Pallant, Grant Jenkins, Sloan Davis, Claudia Nogueira, Melody Charles, and Magnus Magnus, among others. The Alex Gallery is less than a mile from the main conference hotel and is two blocks north of the Phillips Collection and DuPont Circle. Brought to you by the English Department and Creative Writing at the University of Tulsa.

6:00PM- **The Fence Books Twenty-Eleven AWP Off-Site Spectacular**

8:00PM **Location:** The Jungle Room @ The Big Hunt (1345 Connecticut Avenue Northwest)

Cost: Free

Website: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/event.php?eid=125112714220632>

Description: A full-on Fence extravaganza the final night of AWP, featuring films and poems by Brandon Downing, and readings by Nick Demske, Douglas Kearney, Paul Maliszewski, and Ariana Reines, in support of their hot new Fence Books books, CDs, mp3s, LPs, and other audio, digital, and text formats, including air kisses and soundbites and paper planes.

6:30PM- **Possess Nothing**

9:30PM **Location:** The Wonderland Ballroom, 1101 Kenyon Street, NW

Cost:

Website: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=155684087815763>

Description: A reading event with Action Books, Apostrophe Books, Black Ocean, Slope Editions, and Tarpaulin Sky Press featuring Jessica Baran, Julie Dorse, Lara Glenum, Johannes Göransson, Matt Hart, Matthew Henriksen, Lucy Ives, Paul Foster Johnson, Joyelle McSweeney, Peter Richards, Brandon Shimoda, Abraham Smith and Daniel Tiffany. When the reading stops at 9:30, the dance party begins.

7:00PM- **Megareading**

9:00PM **Location:** The Black Squirrel, 2427 18th Street NW

Cost: free

Website: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=192594154088471>

Description: SATURDAY SATURDAY SATURDAY! JOIN US FOR A BONE-CRUSHING EVENING OF LITERARY MAYHEM! Featuring: AGNES FOX PRESS, MAGIC HELICOPTER PRESS, PARTHENON WEST REVIEW, SINK REVIEW, SMALL DESK PRESS. Readers include: Lizzy Acker, Dan Bailey, Jason Bredle, Matthew Cooperman, Phil Cordelli, Russell Dillon, Jen Gann, Matt Hart, Matt Henriksen, Jeremy Hoevenaar, Hailey Higdon, Aby Kaupang, Amy McDaniel, Christie Ann Reynolds, Matt L. Rohrer, Chad Sweeney, Sarah Fran Wisby, Angela Veronica Wong, + more to come!

7:00PM- **Monster Mags of the Midwest**

10:00PM **Location:** Bread & Brew

Cost: Free

Website: <http://www.cincinnatiareview.com/blog/>

Description: One bar, three magazines, five, count 'em, FIVE readers. Saturday night of AWP, Cincinnati Review, Mid-American Review, and Ninth Letter will team up for a reading by our contributors-in-common. Please come out at 7pm and see/hear an awesome array of poets and fictionists—Lucy Corin, Bob Hicok, Cate Marvin, Erika Meitner, and Kevin Wilson—at Bread & Brew, located just one metro stop from the conference hotel.

7:30PM **An Evening with The Sun**

Location: Go Mama Go

Cost: free

Website: <http://www.thesunmagazine.org/about/announcements/2011/39>

Description: Editor and publisher Sy Safransky and Sun contributors Krista Bremer, Lee Martin, Leslie Pietrzyk, and Heather Sellers will read at 7:30 P.M. at Go Mama Go, 1809 14th Street Northwest, Washington D.C. Admission is free; seating is limited. We hope you'll join us.

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Sunday, February 6:

2:00PM **Fiction Reading: Erika Dreifus**

Location: National Museum of American Jewish Military History, 1811 R Street NW, Washington DC, 20009

Cost: Free

Website: <http://nmajmh.org/>

Description: Please join us for a reading and discussion featuring Erika Dreifus and her debut short-story collection, QUIET AMERICANS. Refreshments will be served.

2:00PM **Indivisible: An Anthology of South Asian American Poetry**

Location: The Writer's Center, 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda, MD

Cost: Free

Website: <http://www.writer.org>

Description: Join editor Pireeni Sundaralingam and poets published in Indivisible: An Anthology of South Asian American Poetry (University of Arkansas Press). Readers will include Sachin B. Patel, Ravi Shankar, Dilruba Ahmed, and Pireeni Sundaralingam. "Rarely does one have the pleasure of seeing so many poets violate the truth that no one can be in two places at the same time. Indivisible provides hundreds of local poetic delights and deserves a place among the best anthologies of poetry." -- Billy Collins

3:00PM Anniversary Celebrations with Sable LitMag and Peepal Tree Press**Location:** philadelphia**Cost:** free**Website:** <http://http://www.moonstoneartscenter.org>**Description:** Peepal Tree Press celebrates 25 years of publishing Caribbean and Black British authors and SABLE LitMag, celebrates 10 years of publishing writers of colour. Authors who have been published by these two presses come together for this special anniversary celebration and will be reading from a new anthology– Caribbean Erotic (Peepal Tree), their own collections plus selections of work from SABLE LitMag Poets and fiction writers reading include: Lamont B. Steptoe, Kamilah Aisha Moon, Koye Oyedéji, Kadija Sesay, Nii Ayikwei Parkes, Jacqueline Johnson, Christine Lewis, Malachi D Join us for drinks after the reading**3:00PM Charming Billy****Location:** Round House Theatre Bethesda**Cost:** \$10 to \$60**Website:** <http://www.roundhousetheatre.org/performance/charming-billy/>**Description:** World premiere of the stage adaptation of the acclaimed novel by Alice McDermott. Round House Theatre is an easy 15 minute Metro ride on the Red Line from the Marriott Wardman Park & Omni Shoreham Hotels. Call 240-644-1100 or visit website for info.