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Yakima Valley Libraries to Host New Author Series

Yakima Valley Libraries is excited to announce the debut of *Authors Out Loud*, a new series of author talks and book signing events, scheduled to take place in community libraries throughout the Yakima Valley!

Starting April 5th, the Library will host five events featuring local, regional, and best-selling authors, including the Yakima Coffeehouse Poets group; renowned young adult novelist, Chris Crutcher; *New York Times* best-selling romance writer, Wanda Brunstetter, and others.

According to Krystal Corbray, programming and marketing librarian, the *Authors Out Loud* series offers free, high-quality events that are, both, educational and recreational.

“This is a project we’ve been thinking about for at least the last year,” Corbray said. “We generally host a community read event each October where we encourage people to read the same book and attend events centered around that one title, but with *Authors Out Loud*, we really wanted to expand on those successes, by providing a variety of different author events that should interest an even wider range of our adult patrons.”

***Authors Out Loud* events kick-off next week, on Wednesday, April 5th, at 6:00pm, with an evening of poetry readings by the Yakima Coffeehouse Poets group at the West Valley Community Library.**

Other events include:

JEFF YEAGER

Jeff Yeager, billed as “the ultimate cheapskate,” is the author of four popular books about frugal living, including his most recent, *How to Retire the Cheapskate Way*. He is also the AARP’s official Savings Expert, has appeared on over 500 radio and TV shows, and was an original cast member on TLC’s hit reality show, *Extreme Cheapskates*.

- Wednesday, April 19th, 6:30pm
- West Valley Community Library

ISAAC MARION

Isaac Marion is a Pacific Northwest Native, whose debut fantasy novel, *Warm Bodies*, became a New York Times bestseller and inspired a major film adaptation of the same name. The third book in the Warm Bodies series, *The Burning World*, was released in February 2017.

- Thursday, April 27th, 7:00pm
- Yakima Central Library

WANDA BRUNSTETTER (two events)

Wanda Brunstetter is a best-selling romance novelist who has introduced millions of readers to the simple joys of Amish life. She is the author of nearly 70 books, which have sold over 10 million copies, and her work has been covered by *Time Magazine*, *USA Today*, *Newsweek*, *Good Housekeeping*, and more. She is also a Yakima Valley resident!

- Wednesday, May 3rd, 5:00pm
- Sunnyside Community Library

- Thursday, May 4th, 7:00pm
- West Valley Community Library

CHRIS CRUTCHER

Chris Crutcher's young adult novels are some of the most loved—and banned—of the last three decades. Five of his books were named among the *100 Best Books for Teens of the 20th Century*, and his true-to-life writing style about the issues and challenges teens face, has earned him two Intellectual Freedom awards, in addition to a *Lifetime Achievement Award* from the American Library Association.

- Thursday, May 11th, 7:00pm
- The Seasons Performance Hall

All events are free and open to the public. For more information about the authors, and the complete events calendar, visit: www.yvl.org/authors

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