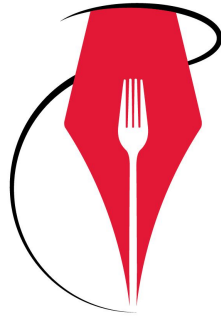


The 78th Book & Author Event



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**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF RICHMOND
ANNOUNCES 78th BOOK & AUTHOR EVENT**

RICHMOND, Va., March 5, 2023 – The Junior League of Richmond (JLR) and Dominion Energy will welcome six nationally-recognized authors to Richmond the evening of Thursday, May 4, 2023 for the 78th Book & Author Event. Hosted once again by Bob Deans, this Event features six distinguished authors and their latest works.

The Book & Author Event has long been one of the JLR’s largest fundraisers, with the funds benefitting the Junior League’s work in the greater Richmond community. Throughout its 97 year history, the Junior League of Richmond has been involved in key initiatives and advocacy efforts that have improved the well-being of women, children, and families. Members of the JLR provide, on average, more than 2,000 hours of volunteering each year, and serve more than 13,000 members of the community. For example, in 2022, over 60 community programs were held with over 1,000 volunteers participating in community programming.

The Junior League of Richmond is grateful for Dominion Energy’s commitment to our long standing tradition in the Richmond community as the Presenting Sponsor of the Event. “Dominion Energy is honored to partner with the Junior League of Richmond to bring the 2023 Book & Author Event to the Richmond region and continue this much-anticipated tradition within our community,” said Wendy Wellener - Vice President of Shared Services, Dominion Energy.

Our distinguished panelists and their books are outlined below, along with the dates of publication:

Rachel Beanland – *The House is on Fire* (4/4/2023)

Colleen Cambridge – *Mastering the Art of French Murder: An American in Paris Mystery* (4/25/2023)

Sandra Kitt – *The Time of Your Life* (4/11/2023)

Matt Moore – *Butcher On The Block* (5/4/2023)

Colleen Oakley – *The Mostly True Story of Tanner & Louise* (3/28/2023)

Saket Soni – *The Great Escape: A True Story of Forced Labor and Immigrant Dreams in America*

“The Junior League of Richmond is proud to host the 78th Book & Author Event. Promoting literacy, creating connections with well-known authors, and celebrating the longest-running event of its kind make Book & Author a truly unique event. The Junior League of Richmond is deeply appreciative of this year’s sponsors, attendees, and member-volunteers, who make Book & Author possible. With their support, Book & Author is able to help fund the League’s mission and our work of Women Helping Women. We’re excited to continue to share wonderful authors and a love of reading with the Richmond community and look forward to a memorable event,” said Jenn Keegan - President of the Junior League of Richmond.

This year’s Event will take place both in-person and virtually on Thursday, May 4, 2023 , at 7:00 p.m. The in-person Event will feature heavy hors d’oeuvres and cocktail hour (cash bar) beginning at 6:00 p.m and will be held at the Virginia Museum of History & Culture, located at 428 N. Arthur Ashe Blvd., Richmond, VA 23220. The author presentation and virtual Event will begin at 7:00 p.m. The Virginia Museum of History & Culture is not a sponsor of this event.

Fountain Bookstore, Inc. will once again assist with the sale of books written by the featured authors, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting JLR community programs. Galley copies of the featured books are available for review by journalists.

Tickets for the in-person Event are \$75. Tickets for the virtual Event are \$30. There will be two luncheons the day of the event. Tickets for the luncheon at Blue Willow Tea Room are \$50 and lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. with special appearances from author Rachel Beanland, Colleen Cambridge, and Sandra Kitt. Tickets for the luncheon at Sam Miller’s Oyster Bar and Seafood Restaurant are \$50 and lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. with special appearances from author Matt Moore, Colleen Oakley, and Saket Soni. Blue Willow Tea Room is located at 104 W. Old St., Petersburg, VA 23803. Sam Miller’s Restaurant is located at 1210 E. Cary St., Richmond, VA 23219.

To purchase tickets (both virtual and in-person) to the Event, books, and luncheons, please visit www.bookandauthorevent.org. Any questions regarding tickets may be directed to bookandauthor@jlrichmond.org or 804.643.4886.

About the Junior League of Richmond

Founded in 1926, the Junior League of Richmond is committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. The Junior League of Richmond is an inclusive group of informed thought leaders intentionally serving and empowering women, youth, and families, striving for collective impact through collaboration and advocacy. We are part of the Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc., which is made up of 295 Junior Leagues in four countries. For more information, visit our website at www.jlrichmond.org.

About the Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation

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