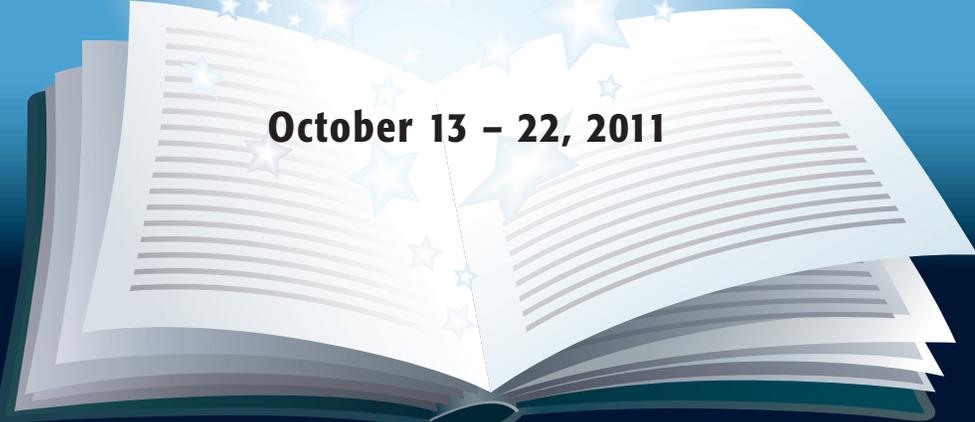




St. Albert Public Library
presents



STAR Fest
St. Albert Readers Festival



October 13 – 22, 2011



Welcome to STARFest

Welcome to the St. Albert Public Library



Kelly Aisenstat
Library Board Chair



St. Albert Public Library

I extend a warm welcome to you as we embark on our first Readers' Festival. If you are a regular here at the Library, I hope you enjoy our exciting lineup of writers. If STARFest brings you to the Library for the first time, I hope you will stay with us and become a member of the ever-growing St. Albert Library community. We offer programs for all ages, and a wide range of collections and formats to suit all tastes. We are at the heart of the St. Albert community - come, check us out.

Welcome to St. Albert and to STARFest



Mayor Nolan Crouse



This is a special year for St. Albert as it celebrates its 150th anniversary. It is also a special year for the Library as it marks its 50th year as a municipal service. What better way to commemorate such a milestone than to launch the St. Albert Readers' Festival. It is such an honour to have these great writers here in our City and I hope you can share in this special event in this special year. I wish everyone connected with STARFest much success.

STARFest at a glance

<i>Thursday, October 13</i>	Will Ferguson	7pm – 8:30pm Forsyth Hall
<i>Saturday, October 15</i>	Charlotte Gray Hosted by Paula Simons	7pm – 8:30pm Forsyth Hall
 Wine reception		
<i>Wednesday, October 19</i>	Mark Anielski	8am – 9am Forsyth Hall
<i>Thursday, October 20</i>	Gail Bowen	7pm – 8:30pm Forsyth Hall
<i>Friday, October 21</i>	Charles Foran Hosted by Todd Babiak	7pm – 8:30pm Forsyth Hall
 Wine reception		
<i>Saturday, October 22</i>	Marni Jackson Hosted by Anne Bailey	2pm – 3:30pm Forsyth Hall

Books will be available for purchase and signing at each event.

Find out more at: www.sapl.ab.ca
780-459-1682



STARFest Tickets

Available from:
2nd floor Information Desk at St. Albert Public Library
TIX on the Square, Edmonton



The Insiders Guide to STARFest



Peter Bailey
Library Director

Welcome to STARFest, the inaugural St. Albert Readers' Festival, at the St. Albert Public Library. Launching this new festival is part of the Library's role of "cultivating community" through a vision of being "a vibrant, welcoming centre of community life, leisure and learning for all".

2011 marks the Library's 50th year as a municipal service, and STARFest can be seen as the Library's birthday gift to St. Albertans. We hope the fabulous collection of writers

appearing in St. Albert will spark ideas, provoke thoughts and provide fodder for conversations.

STARFest kicks off with a St. Albert favourite: **Will Ferguson**. As a three-time winner of the Leacock Medal for Humour you can be guaranteed a great time at his presentation.

Charlotte Gray is based in Ottawa, but her new book, *Gold Diggers*, tells the story of the Klondike Gold Rush. Gray will be in conversation with award-winning *Edmonton Journal* columnist **Paula Simons**.

As part of Small Business Week, **Mark Anielski** will speak about ideas raised in his acclaimed book *The Economics of Happiness*.

Gail Bowen is another favourite of local readers, with her Joanne Kilbourn mystery novels. Bowen will give a sneak peek to her next mystery, due out in the spring.

Charles Foran won critical acclaim and the Charles Taylor Prize for his biography of **Mordecai Richler**. Foran will be in conversation with award-winning writer and *Edmonton Journal* columnist **Todd Babiak**.

Closing STARFest is **Marni Jackson**, whose new book, *Home Free*, speaks to a topic familiar to many St. Albert parents – kids leaving the nest! Hosted by Edmonton writer **Anne Bailey**.

Please join us in "cultivating life" here in St. Albert!

Will Ferguson



The Writing "Life": On Being Canadian and Becoming a Writer

Thursday, October 13, 2011 – 7pm
Tickets \$5

Join Will Ferguson for this humorous session about how he fell into the writing gig, first as a travel writer and later a novelist. He will read from his new collection *Canadian Pie* and will touch on many of his previous books.

STARFest FACTS

Born in the former fur-trading post of Fort Vermilion, Ferguson has lived in Ecuador, Peru, and Japan. While in Asia, he backpacked across Korea, Malaysia, Indonesia and mainland China and became the first person ever to hitchhike the length of Japan (think Miami to Montreal).

Ferguson's stint on Prince Edward Island, selling Anne of Green Gables tours to Japanese tourists was "about as difficult as selling a glass of water to someone whose hair is on fire," he says. He holds a BFA in Film Production and Screenwriting.

Ferguson's book *How to Be a Canadian*, has sold 200,000 copies and was awarded Non-Fiction Book of the Year. He is a three-time winner of the Leacock Medal for Humour; he was shortlisted twice in the same year (a first!). He has also been given the Pierre Berton Award by Canada's National History Society.

Photo credit: Alex Ferguson

Charlotte Gray



Klondike Days

Saturday, October 15, 2011 – 7pm
Tickets \$5

Share in Charlotte Gray's experiences of researching and writing her most recent book, *Gold Diggers, Striking It Rich in the Klondike*, as she talks with journalist Paula Simons. She will bring to life the six characters through whose eyes she experienced being part of the biggest gold rush Canada has ever seen.

STARFest FACTS

Born and educated in England, Charlotte Gray began her writing career as a magazine editor and newspaper columnist. After coming to Canada in 1979, she worked as a political commentator, book reviewer and magazine columnist before she turned to biography and popular history.

Her previous books include *Reluctant Genius: The Passionate Life and Inventive Mind of Alexander Graham Bell*, *Sisters in the Wilderness* and *The Museum Called Canada*. She has had a number of award-winning bestsellers.

She appears regularly on radio and television as a political and cultural commentator and has been a judge for several prestigious literary prizes.

She is currently Chair of Canada's History Society and publisher of the magazine *Canada's History*.

Paula Simons is an award-winning journalist and columnist for the *Edmonton Journal*. Her documentary *Stories of the Southesk Collection* aired on CBC Radio's *Ideas*.



Wine reception

STARFest is proud to partner with LitFest for this event. Charlotte Gray will also appear at the Writers Cabaret for Literacy, October 16 at 7pm. See www.litfestalberta.org for details.

Mark Anielski



The Economics of Happiness: Building Genuine Wealth

Wednesday, October 19, 2011
8am

An Enmax 2011 Small
Business Week event



Be inspired by Mark Anielski, an expert in measuring the sustainable well-being of communities. He will focus his short presentation on the economics of well-being based on the science of happiness.

STARFest FACTS

Mark Anielski has been named one of the 50 most influential Albertans in *Alberta Venture* magazine. He wears many hats: ecological economist, entrepreneur, professor, author and president of his family-owned consulting firm. He has dedicated the past 25 years to developing ways of measuring the sustainability and genuine well-being of nations, communities, businesses and organizations.

His book, *The Economics of Happiness: Building Genuine Wealth*, won the gold medal in the Nautilus Book Awards and a bronze medal in the New York Axiom Book Awards. In the book he explains how economics, accounting, capitalism, and banking can be reoriented towards the pursuit of genuine happiness and how to measure "Genuine Wealth".

In April 2011 Mark Anielski won the John Cobb Common Good Award.

Gail Bowen



A Night of Mystery

Thursday, October 20, 2011 – 7pm
Tickets \$5

Be one of the first to get a sneak peak of Gail Bowen's new Joanne Kilbourn mystery due out next spring. Find out more about these popular Prairie based novels as Bowen shares her passion for mystery writing.

STARFest FACTS

Born in Toronto and educated at a number of universities, Bowen taught English in Saskatchewan, and was associate professor of English at First Nations University of Canada before retiring from teaching.

Bowen's mystery novels feature Joanne Kilbourn, a widowed mother, political analyst and university professor who finds herself involved in criminal investigations in various parts of Saskatchewan.

The first book in the series, *Deadly Appearances*, was nominated for an award for best first novel. Many of her mysteries have been adapted as Canadian television movies.

Bowen has had several plays produced which have been performed on the stage and on radio. She was a previous winner of the Crime Writers of Canada Arthur Ellis Award and in 2008, *Reader's Digest* named her "Canada's Best Mystery Novelist".

Charles Foran



Mordecai: the Life and Times

Friday, October 21, 2011 – 7pm
Tickets \$5

Meet Charles Foran, whose biography of Mordecai Richler has received international acclaim. He will read from the book and talk with writer Todd Babiak about the surprises of researching and crafting this work.

STARFest FACTS

Foran was born and raised in Toronto. He studied in Toronto and Dublin, Ireland, and taught in China, Hong Kong, and Canada. He has published ten books, including four novels, and writes regularly for magazines and newspapers in Canada and internationally. He is a contributing reviewer for *The Globe and Mail* and has won a number of awards for his work. Foran has also made radio documentaries and co-wrote the TV documentary *Mordecai Richler: The Last of the Wild Jews*.

He was the 2011 winner of the Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction for his biography of Mordecai Richler. His book *The Last House of Ulster* was chosen as Best Book of the Year by *Maclean's*, *The Toronto Star*, and others. Titles by this acclaimed writer include *Butterfly Lovers*, *The Story of My Life So Far* and *Join the Revolution, Comrade*.

Todd Babiak is an award-winning author, journalist, screenwriter and columnist for the *Edmonton Journal*. His most recent book is the novel, *Toby: A Man*.



Wine reception

STARFest is proud to partner with LitFest for this event. Charles Foran will also appear at the Charles Taylor Prize Gala, October 20 at 7pm. See www.litfestalberta.org for details.

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Marni Jackson



Home Free: An Intimate Conversation

Saturday, October 22, 2011 – 2pm
Tickets \$5

Join Marni Jackson for an afternoon of conversation with writer Anne Bailey. One of Canada's most respected non-fiction writers, Jackson is best known for her stylish and darkly comic family memoirs, *The Mother Zone* and the companion volume, *Home Free: The Myth of The Empty Nest*.

STARFest FACTS

Marni Jackson writes about a broad range of subjects, including family, motherhood, medical education, pain studies, the literary world, and wilderness expeditions.

Jackson's writing has appeared in the *Globe & Mail*, *Toronto Life*, *Maclean's*, *Rolling Stone*, and *The London Sunday Times*, among others. Her journalism has won numerous National Magazine Awards. She was also a senior editor at the award-winning *Walrus Magazine*. She is closely involved with the Banff Centre for Literary Arts.

Jackson has featured as a panelist on CBC Radio's *Talking Books*, been a TV co-host, and written pieces for the theatre.

Anne Bailey is a writer at the University of Alberta. Author of two books of literary criticism, she has written recently for *Legacy*, *New Trail* and *Work of Arts*.

STARFest is proud to partner with LitFest for this event. Marni Jackson will also appear at the AMPA Workshop, October 22 at 10am; The Mother of all Readings, October 22 at 7pm; and A Brunch of Writers, October 23 at 11am. See www.litfestalberta.org for locations and details.

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Coming soon to the St. Albert Public Library

Desert Island Beers: which six beers can't you live without?

Saturday, September 17

2pm – 3:30pm

A beer talk and tasting. \$10 per ticket.

Time Management: it's not what you think

Tuesday, September 20

7pm – 8:30pm

An insight into time wasters and time boosters to help you get organized.

Fire up your fiction with Marty Chan

Sunday, October 2

2pm – 3pm

Celebrate Alberta Arts Days at this creative writing workshop for adults.

It's not child's play: talking to your kids about money

Thursday, October 6

7pm – 8:30pm

Fun and interactive – help your kids become financially astute.

Open to all. To book your place at any of these programs call [780-459-1682](tel:780-459-1682) or stop by the 2nd floor Information Desk at the Library. Full program listings available at www.sapl.ab.ca

Let STARFest lead you to a world of imagination and learning

Check out the Library's collections to further explore the worlds of our STARFest writers. As a Library member you can borrow books and other items, including books on CD and Playaways. You can also download eBooks for your eReader or iPhone so you can read on the go, and download eAudiobooks to listen to your favourite books using your iPod or other device. Our friendly, knowledgeable staff can help you get started. Or come to one of our classes to find out more about downloading new formats.

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Thank you to LitFest, our partners in our first St. Albert Readers' Festival.



Check out the LitFest website for their great line-up for 2011:
www.litfestalberta.org

We acknowledge the support of the Canada Council for the Arts which last year invested \$20.1 million in writing and publishing throughout Canada.

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