

9:00-10:15am

Secrets of Successful Self Publishing - [Room A](#)  
with Bob Buckley, Dale Kueter and JL Wilson.

-or-

Starting Stories: Getting From Pen to Paper - [Room B](#)  
with Mary Swander, Mary Vermillion and Christian Schoon.

10:30-11:45am

Telling Your Stories: Putting Your Past on Paper - [Room A](#)  
with Patrick Ireland, Gerhard Loewenberg and Marilyn Gooding.

-or-

Weaving Stories for Your Audience - [Room B](#)  
with Ethel Barker, Mollie Marti and Mike Ostlund.

12:00-1:30pm

Lunch with the Authors, reservation required.  
(\$5.00 - email [jpearson@cityofmarion.org](mailto:jpearson@cityofmarion.org))



[Thank you to our moderators:](#)

Thomas Dean, Jane Nesmith, Dave Rasdal, Mary Sharp



# CELEBRATE WRITING @MPL

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If you would not be forgotten as soon as  
you are dead, either write something worth  
reading, or do things worth writing.

--Benjamin Franklin

I'm writing a book. I've got the page  
numbers done. --Steven Wright



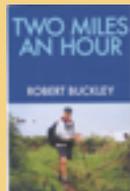
## ETHEL BARKER

As a remedial reading teacher Barker discovered the need for books that educate while holding students' interest. She and her husband are retired and live just outside Iowa City. *For the Love of Pete* is her first book.



## BOB BUCKLEY

Buckley was born and raised in New York and is a graduate of Iowa State University. He spent his career in the advertising agency business and now lives in Marion, Iowa. His previous books include *The Slave Tag* and *Ophelia's Brooch*.



## MARILYN GOODING

Gooding writes about significant personal experiences, family memories and "God moments" that have helped her develop as a simple woman of prayer and trust. *Until Death Did Us Part* is her third book.



## PATRICK IRELAN

Irelan is an editor for the Division of Continuing Education at the University of Iowa. He is an award-winning short story writer and is the author of two memoir collections, *Central Standard* and *A Firefly in the Night*. He is also the author of *Reruns*, a collection of short stories.



## DALE KUETER

Kueter is a native Iowan who wrote for Iowa newspapers for 41 years and has won a number of state and national awards for reporting. He currently resides in Cedar Rapids with his wife Helen. His other books include *Vietnam Sons* and *Hide the Daddy*.



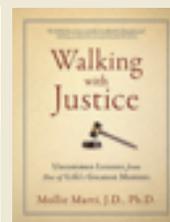
## GERHARD LOEWENBERG

University of Iowa's Professor Emeritus Loewenberg is a specialist on European Legislatures. His most recent published work, *Moved by Politics*, is a memoir chronicling 12 firsts in his life beginning with leaving Nazi Germany at age 7.



## MOLLIE MARTI

Marti is a psychologist, lawyer, and adjunct professor at the University of Iowa. She speaks around the globe on leadership resilience, servant mentorship, life design and business ethics. She lives on a scenic apple orchard in Northeast Iowa with her husband, 3 kids, and many pets.



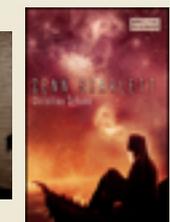
## MIKE OSTLUND

Ostlund was raised in Webster City, Iowa, a few blocks from where his uncle Bill Ostlund (who was lost on the USS Gudgeon) grew up. His book is about the history of a long-forgotten submarine and her incredible crew, but it is also a book about people who performed above and beyond the call of duty during the war.



## CHRISTIAN SCHOON

Schoon was scriptwriter for teen and tween TV series and an in-house writer at Disney for several years. He lives with his wife Kat on a 150-year-old Iowa farmstead and is active in animal welfare and wildlife rescue projects. *Zenn Scarlett* is his latest book.



## MARY SWANDER

Iowa Poet Laureate and Iowa State University's Distinguished Professor Swander is a nationally and internationally known, award-winning author of non-fiction, poetry, drama, and journalism. *The Girls on the Roof* has been adapted to the stage and is touring as a puppet show with the Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre.



## MARY VERMILLION

Vermillion is a Professor of English at Mount Mercy University. She is the author of 3 lesbian mystery novels - all set in Iowa and all featuring the plucky and neurotic radio personality Mara Gilgannon. Vermillion lives in Iowa City with her partner, two cats, and three guinea pigs.



## JL WILSON

Hailing from small town Iowa and a "Beaver Cleaver existence," Wilson is the author of 25 books and has won many awards across three genres: mystery, science fiction, and romance. Her books feature older heroines, a niche she identified and successfully filled.

