

ILLINOIS READS

A READING STATE OF MIND



Saturday, April 25, 2026

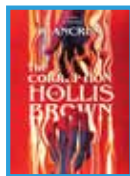
Tinley Park High School
6111 175th Street
Tinley Park, Illinois
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Join IRC at the Illinois Reads and Young Authors Book Festival! Plan now to bring your families, students, and all book lovers to this fun and free event. Authors will be present. Bring your books and have them signed! Books will also be available for purchase from Anderson's Bookshops. At this event, IRC will also be honoring the Young Authors at a special celebration!

Visit our website for more information at www.illinoisreads.org



Adi Alsaid
Grades 9-12



K. Ancrum
Grades 9-12



Gina Bellisario
Grades K-2



Betsy Bird
Birth to Age 4



Veronica Castillo
Grades K-2



Gloria Chao
Adult



Neil Dahlstrom
Adult



Darcy Day Zoells
Grades K-2



Juleesa Espinoza
Grades K-2



Jessika Fleck
Grades 3-5



Jessie Ann Foley
Grades 6-8



Harold Green III
Birth to Age 4



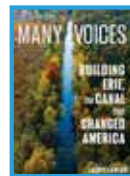
Gene Ha
Grades 9-12



Kate Hannigan
Grades 3-5



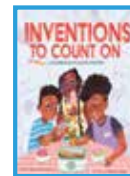
Nicole M. Hewitt
Grades 6-8



Laurie Lawlor
Grades 9-12



Lisa Maggiore
Grades 3-5



Dana Marie Miroballi
Birth to Age 4



Kristin Nilsen
Grades 6-8



Heidi Bee Roemer
Birth to Age 4



Rebecca Siegel
Grades 6-8



Zach von Zonk
Birth to Age 4



Alex Willan
Grades K-2

ILLINOIS READS & YOUNG AUTHORS BOOK FESTIVAL

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SCHEDULE

- 10:00 – 10:20 **Opening Ceremony**
- 10:30 – 12:45 **Illinois Reads Author Book Talks and Author Book Signings**
- 11:00 – 2:00 **Exhibits Open**
- Anderson's Bookshop ~ Illinois Reads Books for Sale
 - NIU STEAM Activities
 - Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom
 - IRC Guatemala Handicraft Project
 - Illinois Reading Council ~ Free Illinois Reads Bookmarks & Posters
 - Tinley Park Library
 - And Snacks will be available for purchase
- 1:00 to 2:00 **Young Authors Celebration (Registration is Required)**
- Young Authors will be given a ticket for the luncheon celebration
 - Chaperones who preorder lunch will also be given a luncheon ticket

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

- Anderson's Bookshops
- Central Illinois Reading Council
- Fox Valley Reading Council
- Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom
- Illinois Council for Affective Reading Education
- NIU Steam
- Prairie Area Reading Council
- Secondary Reading League
- Southern Illinois Reading Council
- Starved Rock Reading Council
- Tamera Swinford-Potts

