

# CONCORD FESTIVAL of AUTHORS

OCTOBER 15–31, 2021

Now in its 29th year, the Concord Festival of Authors celebrates the written and spoken word with a global audience. For complete event listings and registration, please visit [ConcordFestivalofAuthors.org](https://ConcordFestivalofAuthors.org)

## Festival Highlights



2021 KICKOFF EVENT, KEYNOTE SPEAKER Friday, October 15, 7PM, LIVE online

### Dr. Clint Smith

Journalist, scholar, author and poet Dr. Clint Smith discusses his celebrated new book, *How the Word is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America*. Dr. Smith will reflect and share insights that offer a new understanding of the hopeful role that memory and history can play in making sense of our country and how it has come to be. Dr. Smith will be introduced by **Nikki Turpin**, board member of The Robbins House, Concord's African American History Museum. Sponsored by the Friends of the Concord Free Public Library in collaboration with The Robbins House.

2021 RUTH RATNER MILLER MEMORIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN AMERICAN HISTORY Saturday, October 16, 7PM, LIVE online

### Heather Cox Richardson

Join us to honor the 2021 Miller Award Winner Heather Cox Richardson, professor of American History at Boston College and esteemed author, who was recognized by *The New York Times* as “the breakout star of the newsletter platform Substack, doing the opposite of most media as she calmly situates the news of the day in the long sweep of American history.” Her latest book, *How the South Won the Civil War*, was named one of The Washington Post's 50 Notable Works of Nonfiction. Sponsored by the Friends of the Concord Free Public Library.



2021 LESLIE RIEDEL MEMORIAL LECTURE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE Friday, October 22, 7PM, LIVE online

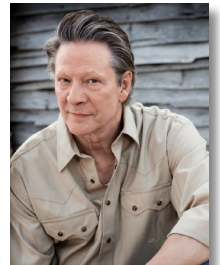
### Robert Sabuda

The Riedel Lecture Series was created in memory of Leslie Riedel by her family and friends so that young people could meet some of their favorite authors. This year's speaker, author and illustrator Robert Sabuda, is widely known for designing award-winning pop-up books for children, including his latest, *Love*. Sponsored by the Concord Free Public Library Corporation.

LITTLE WOMEN: A CONVERSATION WITH ACTOR CHRIS COOPER Saturday, October 23, 7:30PM, LIVE online

### Chris Cooper

Academy Award and Golden Globe winner Chris Cooper discusses his portrayal of Mr. Laurence in Greta Gerwig's film adaptation of *Little Women* with Louisa May Alcott's Orchard House Executive Director, Jan Turnquist. Chris is well known for his performance in the Spike Jonze film, *Adaptation*, opposite Meryl Streep. Other credits include *American Beauty*, *Syriana*, *Jarhead*, *The Company Men*, and *Seabiscuit*. Sponsored by Louisa May Alcott's Orchard House.



2021 HENRY DAVID THOREAU PRIZE FOR LITERARY EXCELLENCE IN NATURE WRITING

Friday, October 29, 8PM, First Parish, 20 Lexington Rd, Concord, MA

### Robin Wall Kimmerer

Botanist and best-selling author Robin Wall Kimmerer will receive the 2021 Thoreau Prize for Excellence in Nature Writing, an award which was established in 2010 to honor a writer of fiction, nonfiction or poetry whose work embodies Thoreau's legacy as a gifted stylist, keen naturalist and social thinker. Kimmerer is the author of *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*. Sponsored by The Thoreau Society.

# OCTOBER 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <p><b>ConcordFestivalofAuthors.org</b></p>					<p><b>15</b> <b>7PM</b> CFA 2021 Kickoff Event, Keynote <b>Speaker:</b> Dr. Clint Smith, author of <i>How the Word is Passed</i></p>	<p><b>16</b> <b>10AM</b> The Robbins House: Journey to Freedom  <b>7PM</b> 2021 Ruth Ratner Miller Memorial Award presented to: Heather Cox Richardson</p>
<p><b>17</b> <b>5PM</b> Concord Young Writers Award Ceremony in collaboration with Concord-Carlisle High School  <b>7PM</b> <b>Young Adult Authors:</b> Jennifer De Leon, Desmond Hall, Margo Rabb</p>	<p><b>18</b> <b>7PM</b> Storytelling from the Heart of Medicine: Dr. Suzanne Koven with Dani Shapiro</p>	<p><b>19</b> <b>1PM</b> Alan Lightman's <i>Ada and the Galaxies</i> for Concord Public Schools  <b>7PM</b> <b>Concord Museum:</b> Sue Miller and Doug Bauer</p>	<p><b>20</b> <b>4PM</b> Be Well Be Here Writing Workshop: <b>Short Stories</b> Pamela Painter  <b>7:30PM</b> <b>Debut Authors Panel</b> Lisa Braxton, Julie Carrick Dalton, Dariel Suarez</p>	<p><b>21</b> <b>7PM</b> Walden Woods Project Virtual Lyceum: <b>The Art of Perception</b> Dr. Justin Atwell, Jeffrey Cramer, Caroline Randall Williams</p>	<p><b>22</b> <b>7PM</b> 2021 Leslie Riedel Memorial Lecture for Young People featuring Robert Sabuda</p>	<p><b>23</b> <b>10AM</b> Breakfast with the Authors  <b>1PM</b> Concord Walking Tour  <b>3PM</b> Barefoot Books: Sharing Stories  <b>7:30 PM</b> <i>Little Women's</i> Chris Cooper</p>
<p><b>24</b> <b>3PM</b> Native Nations Poetry Panel Kimberly M. Blaeser, Jennifer Elise Foerster, Heid E. Erdrich  <b>5PM</b> <b>Barrow Bookstore:</b> <i>The Children of the Salem Witch Trials</i> Dr. Kristina West</p>	<p><b>25</b> <b>7PM</b> The Transcendentalists and Their World: Historian and author Robert Gross with Anke Voss</p>	<p><b>26</b> <b>7PM</b> Debra's Natural Gourmet: <i>Little Shop that Could</i> with Debra Stark</p>	<p><b>27</b> <b>4PM</b> Be Well Be Here Writing Workshop: <b>Historical Fiction</b> Allison Amend  <b>7:30PM</b> <b>Writing Memoir, Reading Memoir</b> Maryanne O'Hara and Faith Wilcox</p>	<p><b>28</b> <b>7PM</b> Orchard House: <b>Historical Fiction</b> featuring author Katherine Sherbrooke with Jan Turnquist of Orchard House</p>	<p><b>29</b> <b>8PM</b> 2021 Henry David Thoreau Prize for Literary Excellence in <b>Nature Writing</b> presented to: Robin Wall Kimmerer</p>	<p><b>30</b> <b>10AM</b> Workshop: Write for Well-Being  <b>1PM</b> <b>American Sage: The Spiritual Teachings of Ralph Waldo Emerson</b> Barry Andrews  <b>8PM</b> <b>The Umbrella: Filipino American Experiences</b></p>
<p><b>31</b> <b>11AM</b> Halloween Dog Parade &amp; Author Reading with Jenna Blum  <b>7PM</b> <b>MYSTERY NIGHT</b> with Kate Flora</p>	<p><b>THANK YOU TO THE CFA 2021 PLANNING TEAM</b></p> 					