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Concord Free Public Library Announces Danielle Bradley as 2026 Writer-in-Residence,
Sponsored by Barefoot Books

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2026 Writer-in-Residence

CONCORD, MA - The Concord Free Public Library and the Trustees of the Concord Free Public Library Corporation are delighted to announce that **Danielle Bradley** has been selected as the Library's **2026 Writer-in-Residence**, continuing Concord's tradition of fostering creativity, imagination, and community connection through literature.

The Writer-in-Residence program provides authors with dedicated time and space to create new work while engaging directly with the community through workshops, readings, and mentorship. Rooted in Concord's rich literary heritage, the residency celebrates the power of storytelling to inspire, connect, and continue cultural legacy.

Danielle Bradley is the winner of the 2025 Simon & Schuster Books Like Us First Novel Contest and the 2025/2026 Elizabeth Alexander Creative Writing Award. Her work appears or is forthcoming in journals, including Salt Hill Journal, Indiana Review, and Colorado Review. Her creative work has been supported with scholarships and residencies from the Kenyon Review Writers Workshop, the Juniper Summer Writing Institute, the Hudson Valley Writers Center, and Smith College.

Bradley is the second daughter of a Puerto Rican landscaper and a domestic worker and received her J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and MFA for

Poets and Writers at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. She will bring a distinctive voice and vision to the program.

As Writer-in-Residence, Bradley will host public events, mentor emerging writers, and contribute to the Library's ongoing celebration of Concord's literary tradition.

This year's residency is made possible through the generous sponsorship of **Barefoot Books**, an award-winning independent children's book publisher founded in 1992 and based in West Concord.

"At Barefoot Books, we're committed to creating books that encourage curiosity, creativity and a broad range of perspectives," says Nancy Traversy, CEO and Co-Founder of Barefoot Books. "This partnership allows us to extend that work in a meaningful way, supporting new voices and engaging readers through stories that reflect the richness of the world around them. We look forward to helping the initiative thrive in 2026!"

"We are thrilled to welcome Danielle Bradley as our 2026 Writer-in-Residence," said Sherry Litwack, President of the Library Corporation. "Her creativity and commitment to community engagement embody the spirit of this program, and we are deeply grateful to Barefoot Books for their sponsorship, which allows us to celebrate Concord's literary heritage with a new voice."

The residency underscores the Concord Free Public Library's mission to serve as a cultural hub, preserving history while fostering imagination for future generations. Through Danielle Bradley's residency, supported by Barefoot Books, the Library invites neighbors, families, and visitors to experience literature in fresh, meaningful ways.

About the Concord Free Public Library Corporation

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