

CCC Library Reading Festival this Weekend

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Relax, recharge, rethink, and read on! The Contra Costa County Library will hold the first-ever county-wide Reading Festival this weekend, Friday May 16th through Sunday May 18th. There are a variety of authors scheduled to do readings at all three of the Lamorinda public libraries. “We tried to bring in authors that represent all of our reading audiences,” states Caroline Glick, Community Library Manager at the Orinda Library. “We are celebrating the creative process during the Festival,” she adds. “We have activities planned for children and adults throughout the weekend.”

Highly-successful San Francisco consumer trial attorney J. Gary Gwilliam will share his more personal side discussing his acclaimed autobiography, *Getting a Winning Verdict in My Personal Life: A Trial Lawyer Finds His Soul*. Children’s book author and illustrator Jane Wattenberg will be reading from her updated version of the classic *Henny Penny* with some live chicks in tow to help bring the story to life. And, culinary whiz kid Joey Altman, host of the local food magazine show *Bay Café*, will be on hand with tips from his latest cookbook *Without Reservations*.

“What I am most excited

about with this first Festival is having fun with reading,” says Glick. “We want to celebrate it as part of

our everyday life.” A complete list of the Reading Festival author events in Lamorinda is listed below.

| Contra Costa County Library Reading Festival Author Events in Lamorinda | | |
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| <i>Saturday, May 17th</i> | | |
| Moraga | 11:00 am | Joyce Maynard; journalist radio commentator, and author of the memoir <i>At Home in the World</i> |
| Orinda | 1:00 pm | Yuyi Morales; children’s book author/illustrator, most recently <i>Little Night/Nochecita</i> |
| Lafayette | 1:00 pm | Jane Wattenberg; children’s book author/illustrator, most recently <i>Henny Penny</i> |
| Moraga | 2:00 pm | Wallace J. Nichols; marine biologist and co-author of <i>Chelonia: Return of the Sea Turtle</i> |
| Lafayette | 2:00 pm | J. Gary Gwilliam; consumer trial lawyer speaks about his no-holds-barred autobiography |
| Lafayette | 3:00 | Drew Dellinger; founder of Poets for justice and author of <i>Love Letter to the Milky Way</i> |
| <i>Sunday, May 18th</i> | | |
| Orinda | 11:00 am | Joey Altman; host of KRON’s Bay Café and author of the new cookbook <i>Without Reservations</i> |