

## SPECIAL GUESTS

**Tim Henderson** Tim was born and grew up in Nashville, Tennessee. After attending local public schools, he attended Union University in Jackson, Tennessee, receiving his BA with honors in English and Philosophy. Later, he received his MA in English from Middle Tennessee State University, and his MS in Information Science from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He has been with Humanities Tennessee since 1998, serving as both Director of Digital Programs and Director of Operations before being named Executive Director in 2012.

**Mary Grey James** is past national president of WNBA. With many years in various segments of the book industry, she is currently Children's Manager at Parnassus Books, and a long-time member of WNBA Nashville. Her next life will be as a jazz pianist who writes critically-acclaimed novels on the side.

**Kent Oliver** The Director of the Nashville Public Library has been working in public libraries since high school, beginning as a book sheler with the Topeka (KS) Public Library. He has worked in libraries in Kansas, Missouri, Ohio and Tennessee. Kent is a past president of two state library associations and has been the chair of two state library association intellectual freedom committees. He is a three time President of the Freedom to Read Foundation and was a candidate for President of the American Library Association. His tenure as Director of the Nashville Public Library began in 2012.

**Jill A. Tandiff** is the WNBA National Reading Group Month chair/coordinator. She is the WNBA UN DPI/NGO representative, past national president and New York City chapter president.

## WNBA NASHVILLE CHAPTER COMMITTEE

Special thanks goes to NRCM local coordinators, WNBA-Nashville past president Lee Fairbend (community volunteer) and Mary McCarthy (Cokesbury), and NRCM committee members -Bebe Brechner (ProQuest), Sue Bredenstener (Publication Management Group-Nashville), Nina Cardona (Nashville Public Radio WPLN), Kathleen Dietz (Harper Collins), Serenity Gerbman (Humanities Tennessee, Southern Festival of Books), Mary Grey James (Parnassus Books-Nashville), Stephanie Koehler (Nashville Public Library Foundation), Wendy Kurland (Homework Hotline), Mike Sanders (community volunteer), Julie Schoerke (JKS Communications), Kathy Schultenover (Parnassus Books-Nashville) and Joanne Slaughter (community volunteer, freelance editor).

## LOCAL PARTNERS AND FRIENDS

Nancy Stewart, Bill Vinett, Gail Vinett, Ingram Content Group



"Celebrating the joy of shared reading"  
National Reading Group Month

Signature Event

# Coffee with Authors



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, 9:00-10:45 AM

Nashville Main Library  
615 Church Street, Conference Center Room 1 B

# Authors

## JILL MCCORKLE

*Life After Life* (Algonquin Books)

Jill McCorkle is the author of nine previous books—four story collections and five novels—five of which have been selected as New York Times Notable Books. The recipient of the New England Book Award, the John Dos Passos Prize for Excellence in Literature, and the North Carolina Prize for Literature, she teaches writing at North Carolina State University and lives in Hillsborough, North Carolina.

## CATHIE PELLETIER

*The One-Way Bridge\*\** (Sourcebooks)

Cathie Pelletier was born and raised on the banks of the St. John River, at the end of the road in Northern Maine. She is the author of nine other novels, including *The Funeral Makers*, *The Weight of Winter* (winner of the New England Book Award) and *Running the Bulls* (winner of the Paterson Prize for Fiction). As K. C. McKinnon, she has written two novels, both of which became television films.

## SUZANNE RINDELL

*The Other Typist\*\** (Amy Einhorn Books)

Suzanne Rindell is a doctoral student in American modernist literature at Rice University. This is her first novel. She lives in New York City and is currently working on a second novel.

## JOHN MILLIKEN THOMPSON

*Love and Lament* (Other Press)

John Milliken Thompson is the author of *The Reservoir*. His articles have appeared in *Smithsonian*, *Washington Post*, *Islands*, and other publications, and his short stories have been published in *Louisiana Literature*, *South Dakota Review*, and other literary journals. He holds an MFA in fiction from the University of Arkansas and lives in Charlottesville, Virginia.

## MARGARET WRINKLE

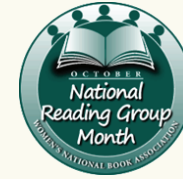
*Wash\*\** (Atlantic Monthly Press)

Margaret Wrinkle was born and reared in Birmingham, Alabama. Wrinkle is a writer, filmmaker, educator, and visual artist. Her award-winning documentary, *brokenground*, about the racial divide in her historically conflicted hometown, was featured on NPR's *Morning Edition* and was a winner of the Council on Foundations Film Festival.

# Moderator

Nina Cardona is a news reporter and host of *All Things Considered* for Nashville Public Radio. A Middle Tennessean since the age of two, Nina grew up in a home whose radio dials seemed to be permanently welded into the "90.3" position. After seven years as one of the station's music hosts, Nina became a reporter and local host of *All Things Considered* in 2004.

\*\* Great Group Reads Selection



## WELCOME

Bele Brechner  
WNBA Nashville chapter president

Tim Henderson  
Executive Director, Humanities Tennessee

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## AUTHOR PANEL

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## CLOSING REMARKS

Bele Brechner

Author signings follow at Festival Signing Colonnade