

**Northeast Ohio Sisters in Crime and Cuyahoga County Public Library
Present**

**“Killer Heat”
A Mystery Writers Weekend Getaway**

**Saturday, June 9, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
& Sunday, June 10, 1-4:30 p.m.**

**William N. Skirball Writers Center
1876 South Green Road
South Euclid, Ohio**

Mystery Writers and Aspiring Mystery Writers

Get away from the house, the spouse, the kids, the cats (and dogs), the job, the neighbors, well-meaning friends and relatives and the mile-long to-do list and do what you really want to do – improve your mystery writing skills and mingle with others who share your passion.

This is a free event. You may register for both days or for either Saturday or Sunday.

To register for both days, register for each day individually.

Program and registration at Cuyahoga County Library Events Page at www.cuyahogalibrary.org

"Killer Heat: A Mystery Writers' Weekend Getaway"

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Saturday, June 9:

9:00 – Registration

9:30 – Opening Remarks, NEOSinC President Jane Turzillo

9:45 – “Inside the Criminal Mind”
Forensic Psychiatrist Megan Testa M.D.

10:45 – Break

11:00 – "The Writing and Publishing Biz ~ Truths No One Else Will Tell You"
Keynote: Laura DiSilverio

Noon - 1:30 – Lunch, on your own at local restaurants or brown bag

1:30 – Panel 1: “Solving the Mystery of Writing Mysteries”

2:10 – Panel 2: “Publishing Made Easy – We Wish!”

2:50 – Panel 3: “The Blood and Guts of Self Publishing”

3:30 – Authors signing & Break

4:00 – Interview: Laura DiSilverio

4:45 – Day 1 Closing Remarks

Sunday, June 10:

- 1:15 – Opening Remarks, NEOSinC President Jane Turzillo
- 1:30 – "Conflict: No Pain, No Gain ~ Increasing the Conflict in Your Stories"
Workshop: Laura DiSilverio
- 2:45 – Break
- 3:00 – "The Editors Clue You In"
Lydia Sharp, Entangled, and Rhonda Merwarth, Hallmark Publishing
- 4:00 – Authors Signing

Authors' books will be available for purchase both days.



**National Bestselling and Award-Winning Author
Laura DiSilverio**

Keynote – Saturday Morning

"The Writing and Publishing Biz ~ Truths No One Else Will Tell You"

Workshop – Sunday Afternoon

"Conflict: No Pain, No Gain ~ Increasing the Conflict in Your Stories"

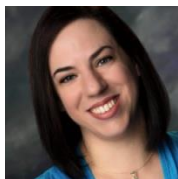
Laura DiSilverio, a retired Air Force intelligence officer, is the national bestselling and award-winning author of 21 mystery, suspense and young adult sci-fi novels. She has written four cozy series for various Penguin imprints, and the Swift Investigations books, a humorous private investigator series, for St. Martin's Minotaur. *Library Journal* named her *Close Call*, a Top Five mystery, and *The Reckoning Stones* won the Colorado Book Award for Mystery in 2016. *Incubation*, the first book of her self-published young adult dystopian trilogy, is an Amazon bestseller and has been published in France and other French speaking countries. Her newest release is the suspense novel *That Last Weekend*. A national past president of Sisters in Crime, she taught for Mystery Writers of America's Mystery University, and teaches writing at Writer's Digest conferences and in other venues. Find out more at www.lauradisilverio.com or <https://careerauthors.com/author/laura/>: Her appearance at "Killer Heat" is sponsored by national Sisters in Crime.



**Forensic Psychiatrist
Megan Testa M.D.**

**Saturday
“Inside the Criminal Mind”**

Dr. Testa is a physician specializing in adult, community and forensic psychiatry. She completed medical school at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. During her psychiatric residency, Dr. Testa became interested in the criminalization of mental illness and the social effects of having severe and persistent mental illness. She currently practices at University Hospitals, where community contracts allow her to care for individuals with mental illness and criminal histories at local mental health agencies. Previously she practiced at Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare as a psychiatrist for individuals who were found incompetent to stand trial on criminal charges.



**Editor and Acquisitions Manager for Entangled Publishing
Lydia Sharp**

Mystery Focus: Suspense & Thriller

**Editors Panel – Sunday
“Editors Clue You In”**



**Editor for Hallmark Publishing
Rhonda Merwarth**

Mystery Focus: Cozy

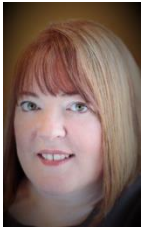
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Author Panels
Saturday
“Solving the Mystery of Writing Mysteries”
“Publishing Made Easy – We Wish!”
“Blood & Guts of Self-Publishing”



Gloria Alden

Gloria Alden writes the “Catherine Jewell Mystery” series and is now working on the tenth in the series. She is also the author of a middle-grade book, *The Sherlock Holmes Detective Club*, based on the third grade classes she taught for twenty years. She has numerous short stories published as well as poetry, which does not include mystery and mayhem. Well, mostly not. Gloria blogs Thursdays on “Writers Who Kill.” She lives on a small Northeast Ohio farm with her collie, Maggie, a cat, two old African Ring-neck doves, a canary named Pavarotti, two ponies and four old hens. Website: www.gloriaalden.com Blog: <http://writerswhokill.blogspot.com>



IreAnne Chambers

IreAnne Chambers' self-published books contain the spirit and tone of the traditional regency, inspired by Jane Austen, with the promise of mystery, adventure, and mishap intermixed with plenty of fun and surprises along the way – and they're always PG/PG-13. She also enjoys writing poetry and song lyrics, but her love is the regency period filled with dashing heroes and feisty heroines. Website www.IreAnneChambers.com and <https://www.facebook.com/AuthorIreAnne/>



Vivien Chien

Vivien Chien first started writing simple stories about adventures with her classmates when she was in elementary school. As she grew up, her love of books and the written word increased, leading to the attempt of her first novel at age 16. After many struggled beginnings and several different genres, she found her passion in the mystery world. Her first book in the “Noodle Shop” series, *Death by Dumpling*, releases in March. Book two is in production and currently she is hard at work on book three side-by-side with her toy fox terrier. When she's not writing, she can be found frolicking in the bookstore or searching for her next bowl of noodles. Somehow she also finds time to edit the Northeast Ohio Sisters in Crime newsletter, *The Myst-Erie Blotter*. Website www.vivienchien.com and <https://www.facebook.com/vivienchienaauthor/>



Shelley Costa

Shelley Costa's work has been nominated for both the Edgar and Agatha Awards. She is the author of *You Cannoli Die Once*, *Basil Instinct*, *Practical Sins for Cold Climates*, and *A Killer's Guide to Good Works*. Her stories have appeared in *Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery Magazine*, *Blood on Their Hands*, *The World's Finest Mystery and Crime Stories*, *Crimewave*, and *The Georgia Review*. "Glock, Paper, Scissors," her latest story, has been chosen for the next Mystery Writers of America anthology, *Odd Partners*, edited by Anne Perry. Shelley, who wrote her dissertation on suspense, teaches fiction writing at the Cleveland Institute of Art. Website: <http://www.shelleycosta.com>



Casey Daniels/Kylie Logan

Casey Daniels (who also writes as Kylie Logan) is the author of 60 novels, including the "Pepper Martin Mystery" series. Pepper works at a historic cemetery in Cleveland and solves mysteries for the ghosts there. Book #10 in the series is *Graveyard Shift*. Casey also writes the historical "Miss Barnum: series which feature a (fictional) sister of PT Barnum. The first book is *Smoke and Mirrors*. As Kylie Logan she writes the "League of Literary Ladies" series (set at Put-in-Bay) and the "Ethnic Eats" series set in Hubbard, Ohio. Newest books in those series are *Gone with the Twins* and *French Fried*. Casey is one of the founding members of Northeast Ohio Sisters in Crime. She can be found at www.caseydaniels.com, www.kylielogan.com and at Facebook under both those names.



Cari Dubiel

Cari Dubiel is a librarian by day in northeast Ohio where the libraries are well-funded and the weather is mercurial. She sees herself as "kind of like a human search engine, which is funny, because there is a search engine called Cari in Malaysia." Cari traces her urge to write back to third grade when she was given a Garfield notebook and told to write journal entries. The "writing bug" ensues – a peculiar urge to put words together into sentences and hope that others might read them. Cari writes short stories, essays, articles and blog posts. Her first novel, *How to Remember*, is forthcoming from Inkshares/Quill. She served for five years on the board of Sisters in Crime as the National Library Liaison.: www.caridubiel.com and podcasts at <http://www.abcbookreview.com/>



Mary Ellis

Mary Ellis has written twenty-one novels including Amish fiction, historical romance, and suspense. First in the “Secrets of the South” series, *Midnight on the Mississippi* was a finalist for the *Romantic Times Magazine’s* Reviewer’s Choice Award and a finalist for the Daphne du Maurier Award for Mysteries. Second book in the series, *What Happened on Beale Street*, won the “Judge a Book by its Cover” award for Inspirational Romance. In April, Severn House will release book one of the “Marked for Retribution” mysteries called *Hiding in Plain Sight*. Mary is also working on a novella for Kensington called *Nothing Tastes so Sweet* for the *Amish Candy Shop Anthology*. It will release in late fall 2018. www.maryellis.net
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Amanda Flower/Isabella Alan

Amanda Flower, a *USA Today* bestselling and Agatha Award-winning mystery author, started her writing career in elementary school when she read a story she wrote to her sixth grade class and had the class in stitches with her description of being stuck on the top of a Ferris wheel. She knew at that moment she’d found her calling of making people laugh with her words. In addition to being an author, Amanda is a librarian in Northeast Ohio. Amanda’s series include the “Magical Bookshop” and “Living History Museum” series as well as her YA series. Book 2 in her “Amish Candy Shop” series, *Lethal Licorice*, was released in February. As Isabella Alan she wrote the “Amish Quilt Shop” mysteries. www.amandaflower.com
<https://www.facebook.com/authoramandaflower>



Annie Hogsett

Annie Hogsett has a master’s degree in English literature and spent her first career writing advertising copy – a combination which, in Annie’s opinion, totally qualifies her for making a bunch of stuff up. Her first published novel, *Too Lucky to Live*, Book 1 in the “Somebody’s Bound to Wind Up Dead” mystery series, was released by Poisoned Pen Press in May of 2017. Second book in her series, *Murder to the Metal*, launches June 5, 2018. Annie lives ten yards from Lake Erie in the City of Cleveland with her husband, Bill, and their delinquent cat, Cujo. She has never won a \$550 million lottery jackpot.
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Julie Anne Lindsey/Julie Chase/Jacqueline Frost

Julie Anne Lindsey is a multi-genre author who writes the stories that keep her up at night. She has published more than 20 novels since 2012, writing both as herself and under the pen names of Julie Chase for the “Kitty Couture” mysteries and Jacqueline Frost for the “Christmas Tree Farm” mysteries. She has four books scheduled for release this year: *Federal Agent Under Fire*, April 2018; *The Sheriff's Secret*, May 2018; *T'was the Knife Before Christmas* (Jacqueline Frost), November 2018; and *Daring the Deputy*, December 2018. Julie lives in Green, Ohio with her patient husband and three busy children. Today, she hopes to make someone smile. One day she plans to change the world. Julie is a member of the International Thriller Writers, Romance Writers of America and Sisters in Crime.

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Kathryn Long

Kathryn Long resides in Green, Ohio and as a retired teacher she loves spending time writing mysteries and romantic suspense. Her passion is writing mysteries, creating the intricate details and weaving them together into the clues which the reader will enjoy collecting to solve the crime, whether it's romantic suspense, cozy or paranormal mystery. Her most recent publication is *A Deadly Deed Grows with Wild Rose Press*. She also has self-published a mystery series, *The Lilly M. Mysteries*. She stays active on social media where you can find her on Facebook, Twitter, and her blog. www.kathrynlolong.webs.com; her blog www.kjlong-teacherwriter.blogspot.com; Facebook pages: Author Kathryn Long and Kathryn Long's Books and Goodreads.



Jane Ann Turzillo

True-crime writer Jane Ann Turzillo is the Agatha nominated author of *Unsolved Murders & Disappearances in Northeast Ohio* and the National Federation of Press Women's award winner for *Ohio Train Disasters. Wicked Women of Ohio*, due out in June, is her seventh book for The History Press and Arcadia Publishing Company. A full-time author and speaker, she concentrates on true crime and history. As one of the original owners of a large weekly newspaper, she covered police and fire news. She is a graduate of The University of Akron with degrees in Criminal Justice Technology and Mass-Media Communication. She is a member of Mystery Writers of America, National Federation of Press Women

and the Northeast Ohio chapter president of Sisters in Crime. Visit her website at www.janeannturzillo.com and read her blog at <http://darkheartedwomen.wordpress.com>.

Special Indie Guest Authors



Matthew and Stefanie Verish (M.S. Verish) write fantasy and science fiction where crime and suspense thrive in alternate worlds. They appear yearly at the Wizard World Convention in downtown Cleveland with their novels, which are set in the world of Secramore. Both are veterans of the indie publishing world, and they own their own business, Night Apple, LLC. They live in Cuyahoga County with their Shelties and large family of cavies. Read more at <https://www.msverish.com/>.



Michael Haase's first book, *The Man Who Sold the World*, is forthcoming from Inkshares in 2018. Haase placed second in The Nerdist Space Opera contest of 2016, which won him his publishing contract. The novel, which follows a burned-out ER nurse as he grapples with the fate of the Earth and unravels the secrets of his own parentage, is a funny sci-fi trip through space. He was recently featured on Keep Talking: A Storytelling Show at the Happy Dog. Find Haase on Facebook as he prepares for his book launch: <https://www.facebook.com/AuthorMichaelHaase/>