

# THE MYST-ERIE BLOTTER



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# Let's Get Together!

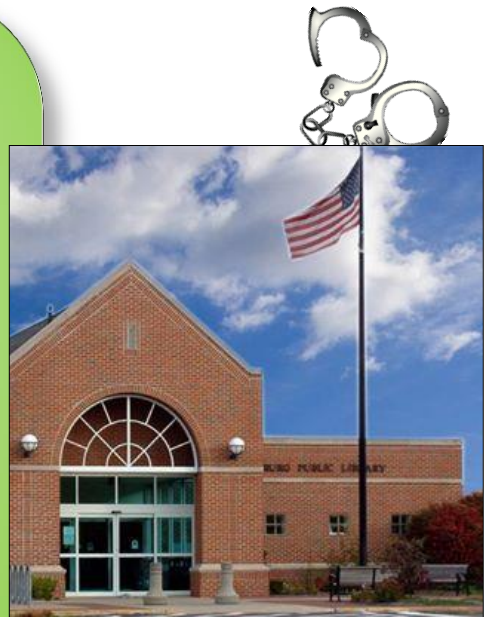


**May Meeting**  
**Monday, May 14**  
**Twinsburg Public Library | 7:00 p.m.**



**Special Guest Speaker**  
**Officer Ron Fruscella**  
of  
**Twinsburg Police Department**

Join us for an evening of interesting conversation with Officer Fruscella as he discusses and answers questions on police procedures.



10050 Ravenna Rd.,  
Twinsburg, OH 44087  
Phone: (330) 425-4268

**Register  
NOW**

## JUNE

### **"Killer Heat - A Mystery Writers Weekend Getaway"**

Saturday & Sunday, June 9 & 10

Cuyahoga County Library's Skirball Writers Center  
SinC National Author and Former Military Spy Laura DiSilverio  
NEOSinC Authors, Forensic Psychiatrist, Editors  
South Euclid, OH

*See page 3 for program and registration information.*



**Free  
Event!!!!**



# "Killer Heat"



## A Mystery Writers' Weekend Getaway

**June 9 & 10, 2018**

**Register  
NOW**



**Presented by NEOSinC  
& Cuyahoga County Public Library**

***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.***

***To register, go to the Events Page at [www.cuyahogalibrary.org](http://www.cuyahogalibrary.org) or copy & paste the following link:  
<http://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/655848>***

***You may register for either day or both days. To register for both days, register for each day individually.***

### **Saturday, June 9**

- 9:00 Registration
- 9:30 Opening Remarks  
NEOSinC President Jane Ann Turzillo
- 9:45 "Inside the Criminal Mind"  
Forensic Psychiatrist Megan Testa, M.D.
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 Keynote: "Mystery Writing and Publishing:  
The Guts and the Glory"  
Laura DiSilverio
- Noon - 1:15 Lunch (on your own at local restaurants  
or brown bag)
- 1:15 "Solving the Mystery of Writing Mysteries"  
Vivien Chien, Shelley Costa, Amanda  
Flower/Isabella Alan, Annie Hogsett, and  
Kathryn Long
- 2:00 "After the Manuscript Is Done - Confessing  
to What Comes Next" Casey Daniels/Kylie  
Logan, Mary Ellis, Julie Anne Lindsey/Julie  
Chase/Jacqueline Frost, and Jane Ann Turzillo
- 2:45 "Indie Publishing: We Did It!" Gloria Alden,  
Irene Chambers, Cari Dubiel, Michael Haas,  
M. S. Verish, and Abby L. Vandiver
- 3:30 – Authors signing & Break
- 4:00 – Interview: Laura DiSilverio
- 4:45 – Closing Remarks

### **Sunday, June 10**

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

*Authors' books will be available for purchase both  
days.*

This is **NO COST** for this event. You may  
register for both days or for either Saturday or  
Sunday. To attend both days, please register for  
each day individually. To register, go to

**PARKING** at the library and at Notre Dame  
College, directly across from the library.  
Uniformed personnel will be available during  
library hours to help pedestrians cross South  
Green Road.



# "Killer Heat"

## A Mystery Writers' Weekend Getaway

### June 9 & 10, 2018



**Presented by NEOSinC  
& Cuyahoga County Public Library**



**Dates:** Saturday, June 9, 9-5 and Sunday, June 10, 1-4:30

**Place:** Cuyahoga County Public Library's Skirball Writers' Center, South Euclid. *Same place we held Death March in 2016*

**National Keynote Speaker & Workshop Leader:** National Best-Selling Author Laura DiSilverio

In addition to Laura's presentations, the weekend will include **Author Panels** (Traditional and Self-Published), **Author Signings**, **Editors Panel** and a **Presentation by a Forensic Psychiatrist**. *A complete program will be published closer to the event dates.*

**Cost:** Because we are collaborating with the Cuyahoga County Public Library there is **no registration fee**. Laura's participation is provided by a grant from the SinC Speakers Bureau.



**Laura DiSilverio**

A retired Air Force intelligence officer, Laura DiSilverio 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 most recent book, *Close Call*, one of the Top Five mysteries of 2016, and *The Reckoning Stones* (2015) won the Colorado Book Award for Mystery in 2016. *Incubation*, the first book of her self-pubbed young adult dystopian trilogy, is an Amazon bestseller and was published in France and other French speaking countries. Her newest release is the suspense novel *That Last Weekend*. A Past President of Sisters in Crime, Laura taught for Mystery Writers of America's Mystery University, and teaches writing at Writer's Digest conferences and in other venues. Some of her popular workshops include "No Pain, No Gain: Increasing Conflict in Your Novels"; "Revealing Character through Setting"; "Getting Serious about Series Writing"; "Plot and Conflict: A Match Made for Murder"; "Antagonists: Six Ways to Make the Bad Better"

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# Author Events



## Murder and "May"hem - Author Event

**May 19 | 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**  
North Olmsted Public Library  
27403 Lorain Road  
North Olmsted, OH, 44070  
(440) 777-6211

Meet local mystery authors Casey Daniels, Annie Hogsett, Sara Coast, Francis Fisher, and Vivien Chien. A panel discussion with the authors will be followed by a book signing. Copies of their books will be available for purchase following the program.

**Registration Link:** <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/332109>



## Our Members at Malice Domestic

*NEOSinC was well represented at Malice Domestic last month in Bethesda, Maryland. The annual conference honors mysteries in the tradition of Agatha Christie. Here are photos from the Facebook pages of several of our members at the event.*

Gloria Alden  
with her table  
co-host,  
author Tony  
Perona.



Kim Hammond (third from left) meets British "Vera" actress Brenda Blethyn.



Amanda Flower/Isabella Alan and Malice 30 mascot, Dead Fred.

Vivien Chien  
(third from left)  
with fellow  
culinary mystery  
authors on the  
"Tasty Bites of  
Murder" panel.



Check It  
Out!

Did you  
know...?



### Reminder!

Don't forget to pay your dues for 2018!  
**The membership fee is \$20.** Make check  
payable to: Kim Hammond  
You may bring your payment to the next  
meeting or contact a member of the board  
for more information.

Also, if you haven't renewed your  
membership in SinC National, it's time.

Want to share your blog or  
website? Or maybe a  
favorite quote? Send an  
email to the editor!  
paula.corrao@yahoo.com

## Birthdays:

May 13 - Daphne du Maurier  
May 22 - Sir Arthur Conan Doyle  
May 25 - Robert Ludlum  
May 27 - Tony Hillerman  
May 27 - Dashiell Hammett

### May is:

National Physical Fitness and Sports  
Month, Asian American Heritage Month,  
Jewish American Heritage Month, Skin  
Cancer Awareness Month, National Bike  
Month

**"What I try to do is  
to write a story  
about a detective  
rather than a  
detective story."**

**—Dashiell Hammett**



## Who's Who and What's Where

President – Jane Ann Turzillo  
Vice President – Lisa Kaplan  
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Secretary – Kim Wuescher  
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Newsletter Editor – Paula Corrao  
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Immediate Past President – Irma Baker



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**Check out our website!**  
<http://neosinc.org/wordpress/>



## Chapter Business

**Open Office...** The office of **Publicity Chair** needs to be filled. Currently the board is handling this office as needed but we want to hear from any members interested in taking on this or becoming a Member-at-Large. *We promise it won't take over your life.*

*We Need  
You!*

*When Do  
We Meet?*

**Meeting Dates/Flexible Scheduling...** Generally our meetings are held once a month on a weekday evening. This year we are trying to schedule meetings on Monday evenings, since that evening seems to work for more members, but we adjust the date, time and place based on the focus of the meeting, availability of speakers and opportunity for special events.

**Meeting Locations...** Meetings are often held at the Twinsburg library or local eateries. Meeting details are announced via email and the newsletter. *We're open to suggestions for off-site meetings or events for third and fourth quarter. Would you like to host a meeting at your local library or another location or do you have a suggestion for an event or field trip? Let us know!*

*Where  
Do We  
Meet?*

*What's  
Our  
Focus?*

**Meeting Topics...** Presentations generally focus on the theme of "Getting It Right" with speakers professionally involved in crime detection/prevention, or others whose expertise can help us get our mystery writing right. We also cover craft-related issues and offer opportunities to get together to share experiences and learn from each other. Special events, such as the Life Coach session in March and the upcoming "Killer Heat - Mystery Writers Weekend Getaway," and meeting presentations, like those on paranormal investigation and lock-picking, expand our knowledge to enhance our writing.