

# THE MYST-ERIE BLOTTER



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# Let's Get Together!



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**Happy  
Holidays!**

**December 4**

Members Only  
Holiday Get Together  
7 pm  
Twinsburg Library

**January**

Annual  
Board Meeting

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Tentative  
Mystery Writers  
½-Day Life Coach Session  
Limited Enrollment



**February**

Annual Chapter  
Business Meeting  
Date & Time TBA



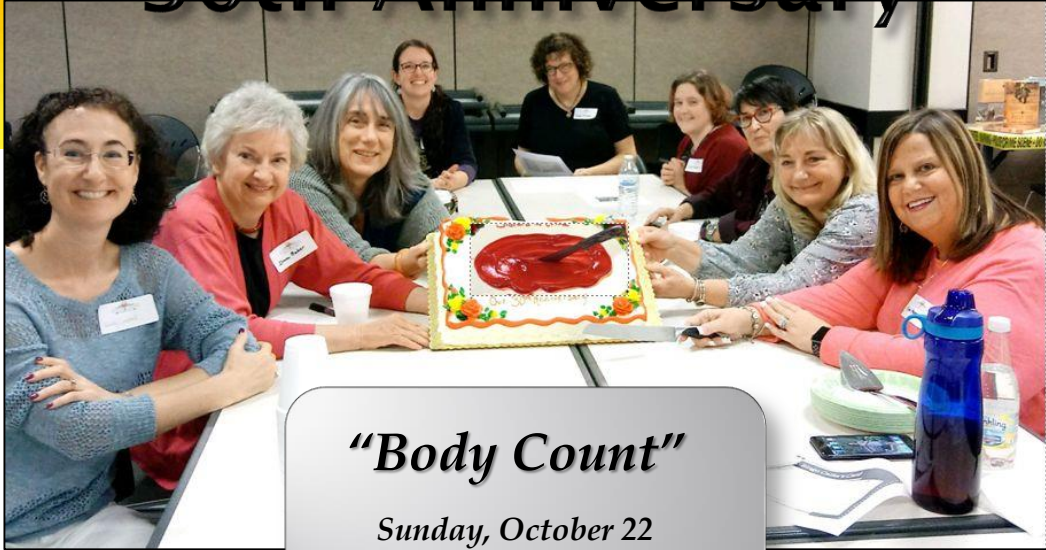
**Looking Ahead**

**June 9 & 10**

Mystery Writers  
Weekend at  
Cuyahoga County  
Library Writing Center



# Celebrating Sisters in Crime 30th Anniversary

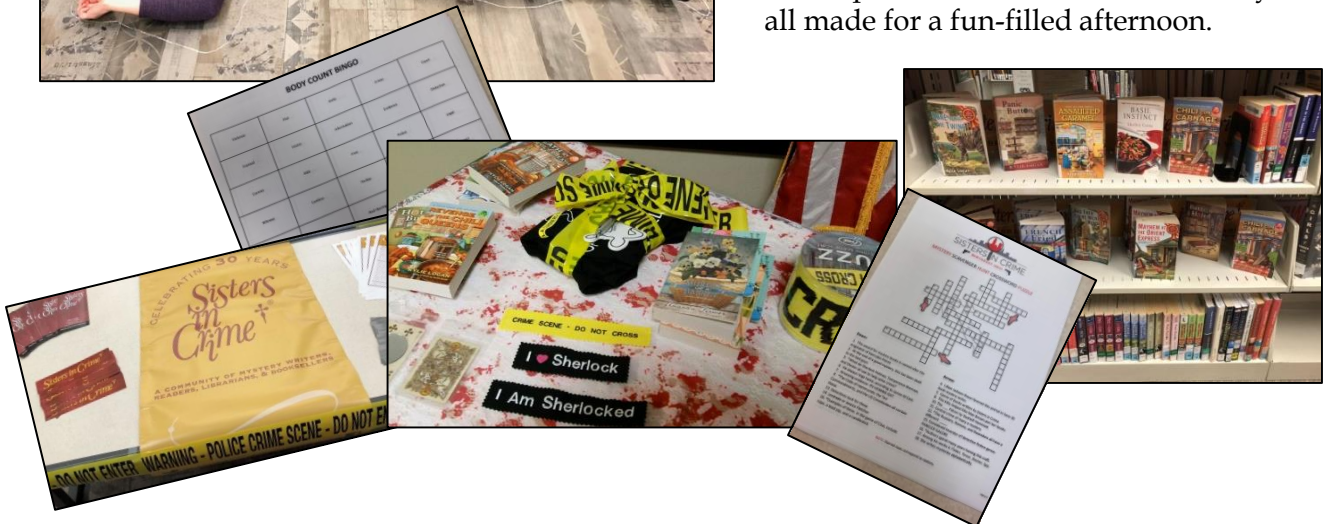


## *"Body Count"*

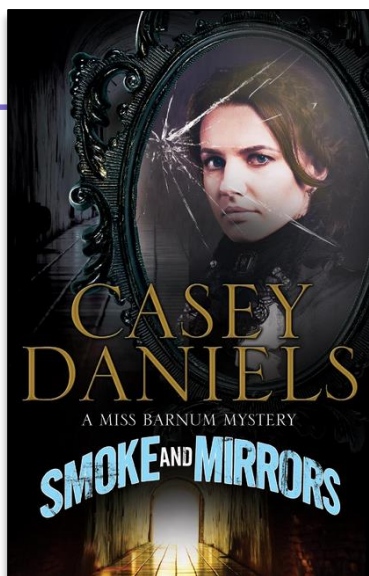
*Sunday, October 22  
Twinsburg Library*



Everyone pitched in and made "Body Count" a great celebration of SinC National's 30th Anniversary. Whether it was Amanda posing as a corpse while Wendy drew a chalk outline around her, the anniversary cake with a dagger embedded in a puddle of blood, scavenger hunt clues in the displays of our authors' books, the presentations tied to the mystery bingo, or any of the other special features of the event, they all made for a fun-filled afternoon.



# What's Everyone Up To?



## Casey Daniels

Casey Daniels' first Miss Barnum mystery, *Smoke and Mirrors*, hit store shelves on November 1.

Introducing museum curator and amateur sleuth Miss Evie Barnum in the first of a deliciously quirky new historical mystery series:

*Evie Barnum is in charge of her brother's museum, a place teeming with scientific specimens and "human prodigies" including a bearded woman and the lizard man. In this weird and whacky workplace, Evie hopes she can bury her secrets.*

*But when an old friend shows up and begs for her help, she does all she can to stay away. The next time she sees him, he is dead in front of the exhibit of the Feejee Mermaid. Suspicion for the murder falls on Jeffrey, known as the Lizard Man, but Evie knows it isn't possible.*

*When Jeffrey also goes missing, Evie becomes determined to solve the mystery of her friend's murder, even if it brings her face to face with her past...*

## Mary Ellis

Mary Ellis recently signed a two-book contract with Severn House for the *Marked for Retribution* mysteries. The first book is called *Hiding in Plain Sight* and will release sometime in 2018.

She has also signed with Kensington to write a novella for the *Amish Sweet Shop* anthology. Her novella will be called *Nothing Tastes So Sweet* and will release in late 2018.





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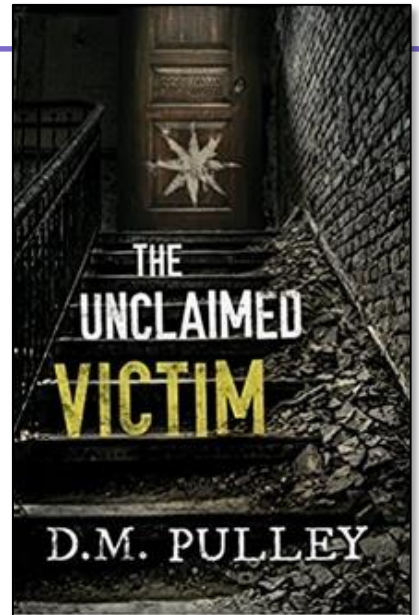
## D.M. Pulley

D.M. Pulley's third novel, *The Unclaimed Victim*, will release on November 14 by publisher Thomas & Mercer. It is currently available for pre-order.

*In 1938, at the height of the Great Depression, a madman hunts his victims through the hobo jungles of Cleveland, terrorizing the city. Ethel Harding, a prostitute struggling to survive both the cold streets and the Torso Killer, takes refuge with a devout missionary sect – only to find that its righteous facade conceals the darkest of secrets.*

*Sixty years later, the police find the butchered body of Alfred Wiley in the woods. But before his daughter, Kris, can even identify the remains, things he never told her begin to surface one by one – a mysterious private eye who'd been tracking him, an eerie website devoted to the unsolved "Torso" murders, missing archives, stolen books, and an abandoned Bible factory harboring vagrants. The more she learns about her father's obsession with the Torso Killer, the more Alfred's death appears to be related, pulling Kris further into Cleveland's hellish past.*

*Living decades apart, Ethel and Kris must unravel the truth behind the city's most notorious serial killer...or die trying.*



A cartoon character wearing a cap and holding a newspaper that says "EXTRA!" is on the left. On the right is a calendar with a red circle around a date. The title "Author Events" is in the center in a large, green, 3D-style font.

# Author Events

## Julie Anne Lindsey



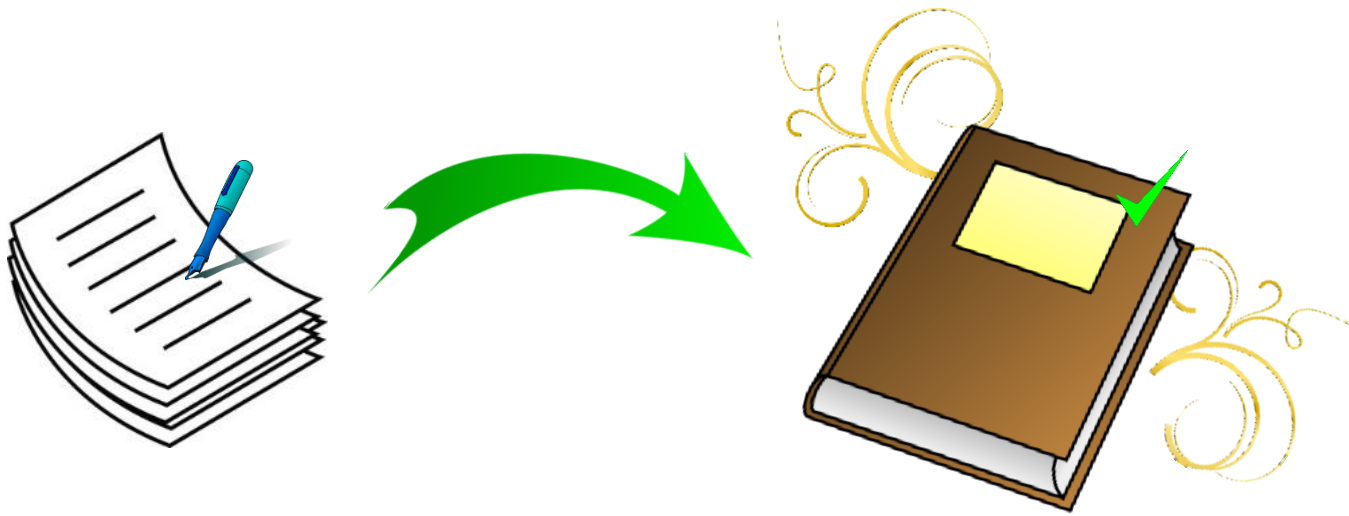
**Author Chat – Bolivar**  
**November 14 | 6:30 p.m.**  
Tuscarawas County Public Library  
455 West Water Street  
Bolivar, Ohio 44612  
(330) 874-2720

## Casey Daniels



***Smoke and Mirrors***  
**Book Signing**  
**November 18 | Noon until 5 p.m.**  
Something Different Gallery  
1899 West 25th Street  
Cleveland  
(just a bit north of the West Side Market)  
(216) 696-5226

# 2017 Writing to Publish Series at Hudson Public Library



## **Literary Agent Jennifer Wills from the Seymour Agency, Your Social Media Platform**

Tuesday, 11/21, 7pm

Registration open:

[https://engagedpatrons.org/EventsExtended.cfm?SiteID= 3850&EventID=311932&PK=](https://engagedpatrons.org/EventsExtended.cfm?SiteID=3850&EventID=311932&PK=)

## **Tricia Springstubb, Writing for Children**

Wednesday, 12/6, 7pm

Registration open:

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Check It  
Out!

Did you  
know...?

## Birthdays:

November 10 – Neil Gaiman  
November 10 – W.E.B. Griffin  
November 14 – Cara Black  
November 25 – Charlaine Harris  
November 28 – Rita Mae Brown  
November 30 – John Dickson Carr



## November is:

Good Nutrition Month, Aviation Month,  
American Diabetes Month, National Stamp  
Collecting Month, National Peanut Butter  
Lover's Month, National Novel Writing Month,  
National Adoption Awareness Month, National  
American Indian/Alaskan Native Heritage  
Month

NaNoWriMo began in 1999 with 21 participants in the San Francisco Bay area. 18 years later, more than 350,000 people participated in the month long writing contest. The average of successful participants who achieve the goal of 50,000 words was around 34,000 people.

For more information on NaNoWriMo, check out:  
<https://nanowrimo.org/published-wrimos>



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"The one thing you have that nobody else has is you. Your voice, your mind, your story, your vision. So write and draw and build and play and dance and live as only you can."

—Neil Gaiman  
*Author of American Gods*

## Who's Who and What's Where

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## Chapter Business

**Open Offices...** The office of **Secretary** is open. We also need a **Publicity Chair**. Currently the board is handling these offices as needed but we want to hear from any members interested in taking on these roles. *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. Meeting presentations, such as those on paranormal investigation and lock-picking, and special events expand our knowledge to enhance our writing.