



Free February Events

SCBWI North & East Bay Meetups

Our meetups are the **FREE** SCBWI events hosted by our region's county coordinators. Your only fee is whatever you decide to eat and/or drink. We will meet whether two or twenty show up.

If you have questions about an event, please contact the listed county coordinator.



Mendocino County Meetup

Saturday, Feb. 16th (1 - 3pm)

Law Offices of Carter & Momsen, 305, N. Main Street, Ukiah

Contact: [Terri Nicholson](#)

Don't miss our Mendocino County Children's Writer & Illustrator Casual Meet Up! Have questions about the ins and outs of writing, editing, illustrating and publishing kidlit, or just need some writing and illustration inspiration? You are not ALONE! Join us and connect with other like-minded writers and illustrators, and share experiences, tips, and resources.

Marin KidLit Meetup

Thursday, Feb. 21st (7 - 9pm)

Jason's Bar, 300 Drake's Landing Road, Greenbrae

Contact: [Merriam Saunders](#)

Join us for an opportunity to meet other local writers and illustrators, find critique partners, and talk about your work in a relaxed social setting. We meet every third Thursday to build a larger sense of community in the writer tribe of Marin. You don't have to be from Marin to come!

Illustrator Meetup

Saturday, Feb. 23rd (10am - 12pm)

Espresso Roma, 2960 College Avenue, Berkeley

Contact: [Susan Szecsi](#)

Let's meet for coffee and chat! Come share your stories, experiences, and questions with the rest of us! All writers and illustrators are welcome, from all areas, including non-members. You are welcome to bring work to share (or books you love), though please don't expect any critiques. If you are looking for a critique group, this is a great chance to meet others who might be looking or who have room in theirs.

Please note: We will likely be in the side room off of Ashby.

Free Events from our Members

Check out these fantastic **FREE** events from our members!

These are NON-SCBWI writing and illustrating events where our members are speakers, panelists, or showrunners.

If you have a free event like a book launch, signing, or talk that you would like to share in the next newsletter, please [submit it here](#).



Children's Book Networking: You Can Be a Winning Writer

Thursday, Feb. 7th (7 - 8:30pm)

Charlie's Corner Bookstore
4102 24th Street, 94114 San Francisco
Contact: [Carine Roch](#)

Have you written that novel, poetry manuscript or short story but you haven't gotten it published? With over 15 years of experience as a writer, educator, community organizer, and writing coach, Joan Gelfand brings more to the table than basic troubleshooting. Her connections and real-world publishing experience have helped many fulfill their writing dreams with her 4 Cs system which has become the best-selling book, "You Can Be A Winning Writer: The 4 C's Approach to Author Success."

Join us to network and learn as Joan Gelfand shares her knowledge with us! [Learn more.](#)



How to Fly a Magic Carpet

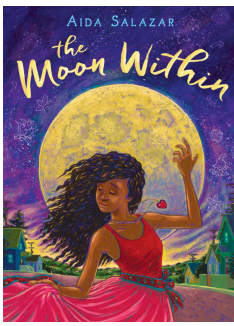
Friday, Feb. 15th (3:30pm)

Berkeley Public Library - Central Branch, 4th Floor
2090 Kittredge Street, Berkeley, CA
Contact: [Ilona Bray](#)

Mossby's Magic Carpet Handbook is the manual for new magic carpet owners, and Assistant Magicalist (author) Ilona Bray will entertain and show young readers:

- What happens if you fall off your magic carpet?
- How will you find your way home?
- Why do you fart more at high altitudes?

Don't miss this fun, interactive, "magical" STEM ride! *For ages 8-12*



Book Release Celebration for 'The Moon Within' by Aida Salazar

Tuesday, Feb. 26th (6 - 8pm)

Oakland Public Library - Dimond Branch

3565 Fruitvale Avenue, Oakland

Contact: [Miriam Medow](#), Branch Children's Librarian, (510) 482-7844

Join us for the launch of *The Moon Within*, with a reading by Oakland author and Oakland Public Library patron Aida Salazar, plus a special bomba dance and drum performance by local youth artists! Signed books will be available for purchase by local bookseller, Booklandia. [Learn more.](#)

Regional Team News

Departing County Coordinators

- Michelle Rodes - Website Coordinator
- Anna Cospier - Illustrator Co-Coordinator
- Jillian Michel - Contra Costa County Co-Coordinator
- Colleen Dwire - Sonoma County Co-Coordinator - *After five years of service and facilitating many innovative and wonderful events for Sonoma County, 2019 will be Colleen's last year as county coordinator.*

The regional team is tremendously grateful to Jillian, Colleen, and Anna for their dedication and commitment to supporting writers and illustrators in their counties. We have also appreciated Michelle's skills and knowledge in helping us set up and publicize our regional events on our website. We wish them all the best as they pursue other endeavors, and look forward to re-connecting with them at SCBWI events.

New Regional Team Members

We would like to welcome our new regional team members.

- Kathy Urban - Website Co-Coordinator
- Trish Henry - Website Co-Coordinator
- Kamela Portuges - Illustrator Co-Coordinator
- Pamela Herron - Napa/Solano County Coordinator

Join the Regional Team

We're seeking new regional team volunteers!

If you're a member of SCBWI San Francisco North & East Bay and are interested in volunteering as a co-coordinator for Contra Costa or Sonoma County or would like information on other volunteer roles/positions, please contact Assistant Regional Advisor [Natasha Yim](#), Co-Regional Advisor [Lisa Schulman](#), or Co-Regional Advisor [Shells Legoullon](#).

The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators is committed to providing a safe environment for all our members and guests. Please be aware that SCBWI has updated its Anti-Harassment policy. You can review the policy [here](#). By attending this event, you agree to abide by this policy.

SCBWI Weapons Policy

It is the policy of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators maintain a firearms and weapons-free environment at all of our events and prohibit the possession of firearms and weapons regardless of any license or permit that an individual may have which would otherwise authorize the individual to carry firearms or weapons. Weapons are defined as anything that is intended to cause harm to another person. By attending this event, you agree to abide by this policy.

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