

what's going on @ ORFOB, April 15

Thursday, April 15th is a very busy day!!!



10:00-12:00 am. *Madcap Puppets* will make a second presentation of their skills and craft at the J.B. Sowards Theatre, College Drive Campus, in Ashland. (THIS PERFORMANCE IS SOLD OUT)

10:00-11:30 am. *Mark Crilley*, [Salt Rock Library](#) and 1:00 pm at [Barboursville Library](#)



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Mark Crilley was raised in Detroit, Michigan where he began drawing at a very early age. He graduated from nearby Kalamazoo College in 1988, and then taught English in the Far East, first in Taiwan and then in Japan. It was while living in Japan in 1992 that he created the character of Akiko, eventually writing a 33-page comic book story entitled "Akiko on the Planet Smoo." Upon returning to Michigan in 1995, he found a publisher for his tale and the *Akiko* series was born, eventually garnering a small but dedicated fan following. In 1998 Crilley was chosen by *Entertainment Weekly* for a spot on the "It List", their annual issue dedicated to the 100 most creative people in entertainment; this led to a deal with Random House and the publication of a novelized version of *Akiko*,

which he wrote and illustrated. In 2004 the first issue in his *Billy Click* series was published, and his latest creation, the four-volume manga series *Miki Falls*, was recently published by Harper Collins. Kirkus reviews called *Miki Falls* "stellar" and the American Library Association put it on their official list of recommended graphic novels. It has since been optioned for film development by Paramount Pictures and Brad Pitt's Plan B production company. Crilley says, "I sincerely hope I can spend the rest of my life doing just what I'm doing today: writing, drawing, and speaking to young readers at schools and libraries across the nation." He lives in Michigan with his wife and two children.

12:00 am-1:30 pm. Friends Luncheon, Main Library, Huntington

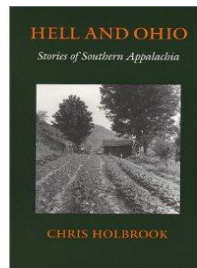
[Join the Friends of the Library](#), and then come to the Friends Luncheon (This is a ticketed event please call the library for tickets, 304-528-5700).

M. Glenn Taylor will speak about his successful first novel, *Trenchmouth Taggart*.



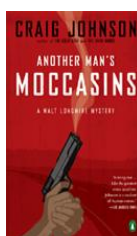
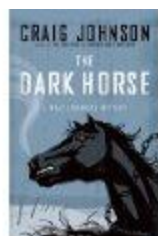
[M. Glenn Taylor](#) was born and raised in Huntington, West Virginia. *The Ballad of Trenchmouth Taggart* is his first novel. It was a Fall 2008 Barnes & Noble Discover Great New Writers selection, and it was also a finalist for the 2008 National Book Critics Circle Award. *The Ballad of Trenchmouth Taggart* is an epic novel about the oldest living man in West Virginia and the often unbelievable events of his life. His next novel will be titled *The Marrowbone Marble Company* and will tell the story of a glass factory worker from Huntington, West Virginia who enlists in the Marines shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Taylor teaches English and fiction writing at Harper College in suburban Chicago, where he lives with his wife and two sons.

3:15-4:30 pm. *Chris Holbrook, ACTC, KY*



In 1995, Chris Holbrook burst onto the Southern literary scene with *Hell and Ohio: Stories of Southern Appalachia*, stories that Robert Morgan described as “elegies for land and lives disappearing under mudslides from strip mines and new trailer parks and highways.” Now, with the publication of *Upheaval*, Holbrook more than answers the promise of that auspicious debut. In eight interrelated stories set in Eastern Kentucky, Holbrook again captures a region and its people as they struggle in the face of poverty, isolation, change, and the devastation of land and resources at the hands of the coal and timber industries. In the title story, Haskell sees signs of disaster all around him, from the dangers inherent in the strip-mining machinery he and his coworkers operate to the accident waiting to happen when his son plays with a socket wrench. Written with a gritty, unflinching realism reminiscent of the work of Larry Brown and Cormac McCarthy, the stories in *Upheaval* prove that Holbrook is not only a faithful chronicler and champion of Appalachia's working poor but also one of the most gifted writers of his generation. Holbrook is a native of Knott County, Kentucky and received the Thomas and Lillie D. Chaffin Award for Appalachian Writing for *Hell and Ohio: Stories of Southern Appalachia*. A graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop, he is associate professor of English at Morehead State University.

5:00-6:30 pm. [Craig Johnson, Gallaher Village Branch Library.](#)



[Mr. Johnson](#) has written some jolly good mystery tales, and has won several awards from various mystery and western writers' associations. Craig Johnson has received both critical and popular praise for his novels ***The Cold Dish***, ***Death Without Company***, ***Kindness Goes Unpunished***, ***Another Man's Moccasins*** and ***The Dark Horse***. All five novels have been made selections by the Independent Booksellers Association, and ***The Cold Dish*** was a DILYS Award Finalist, was translated into French in 2009 as ***Little Bird*** and was just named one of the top ten mysteries of the year by Lire magazine. ***Death Without Company*** was selected by Booklist as one of the top-ten mysteries of 2006 and won the Wyoming Historical Society's fiction book of the year. The short story, ***Old Indian Trick***, won the Tony Hillerman Mystery Short Story Award and appeared in *Cowboys & Indians Magazine*. ***Kindness Goes Unpunished***, the third in the Walt Longmire series, was number 38 on the American Bookseller's Association's hardcover best seller list. ***Another Man's Moccasins***, was the recipient of Western Writer's of America's Spur Award as Novel of the Year and the Mountains and Plains Book of the Year. ***The Dark Horse***, the fifth in the series has garnered starred reviews by all four prepublication review services. He is also Director at Large for Mystery Writers of America. Johnson lives with his wife Judy on their ranch in Ucross, Wyoming, population 25. Plan to come and spend your lunchtime with this award winning author.

6:00-8:00 pm. Paul Martin, [West Huntington branch Library](#)



He will sign copies of his novel, [underthebridge.com](#). The novel features the trials and tribulations of a former dot-com business executive who finds himself a homeless fugitive in Sinking Creek, in rural Virginia. Taking refuge with a struggling country family, the novel explores the contact and conflict between protagonists of very different backgrounds. Described as "deftly-handled" and "deeply humane," this is Paul Martin's first novel. A 2001 winner of the Fellowship for Fiction awarded by the west Virginia Department of Culture and History, Marin's short fiction has appeared in numerous and diverse publications. Paul Martin was born in Los Angeles, California but moved to Huntington in his youth. He graduated from Vinson High School, and then studied creative writing at Marshall University. A substitute teaching position at a rural West Virginia elementary school resulted in a career as an educator that continues to this day. Throughout his teaching career, Mr. Martin has seen the publication of his short fiction in periodicals as diverse as The Cosmic Unicorn, Dogwood Tales, Writer's Digest and Glimmer Train. In 2001 he was awarded the Fellowship for Fiction by the West

Virginia Department of Culture; this led to the completion of his first novel, underthebridge.com. More recently, Martin has completed a memoir about his teaching experiences. He lives with his family in Huntington.

6:00-8:00 pm. Devin Brown, Main Library, Huntington



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The timeless classic, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, has been reprinted countless times, turned into a play, and made into a number of movies. Devin Brown, a Kentucky based scholar of C.S. Lewis, will shed light on the meaning of this much-loved literature. Devin Brown is a Lilly Scholar and Professor of English at Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky where, in addition to other literature classes, he teaches a course on C. S. Lewis. Devin has published articles on C.S. Lewis in *numerous journals* and has been invited to write chapters for six books on Lewis. Devin's own books include *Inside Narnia: A Guide to Exploring The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* and *Inside Prince Caspian*. Devin has presented scholarly papers on Lewis at universities worldwide. He has served as Visiting Writer-in-Residence at Transylvania University, and as the featured author for the Kentucky Reading Project and Kentucky Writing Project. Devin's novel for young people *Not Exactly Normal* was published in 2005 and was named a Children's Book Council Notable Social Studies Book. He has also published original poetry in literary journals, among them *Connecticut Review*, *Wind*, *The Chaffin Review*, *South Carolina Review*, *Cold Mountain Review*, and the *Journal of Kentucky Studies*. Devin was born and grew up on Chicago's south side. He and his wife Sharon live in Lexington, Kentucky with their 15-pound cat, Mr. Fluff.