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Thursday July 16	9:00 AM MJCAC North Studio	Worldbuilding with tonia laird: 3Hr Breaking down worldbuilding pertaining to real-world Indigenous history and how video game worldbuilding helps in with creating a novel's world, along with marketing and pitching your novel. Sponsored by: MJCAC and SWG	\$35 Registration Required
	MJPL Taylor Room	Getting Away With Murder with Janice MacDonald: 3Hr In this workshop, you will delve into all the essential elements that go into the formula of mystery fiction. While we will talk about all subgenres, we will focus on the amateur detective, because it offers the most scope. Sponsored by: SWG	\$35 Registration Required
	MJPL South Room	Kids Ink with Alice Kuipers 2Hr In this interactive workshop, you'll build your own unforgettable adventure story centred around a mysterious portal of your own creation. (Ages 10-13) Sponsored by: SSCF and Rotary Club of Moose Jaw Wakamow	Free Registration Required
	10:00 AM MJPL Fr. Lawn	Storytime for Little Ones with Karl Subban 1Hr Sponsored by SaskTel	Free
	1:00 PM MJPL Taylor Room	Who are the voices in your head? with Jon Claytor: 3Hr Creating characters inspired by Jung's archetypes (the innocent, the protector, the magician etc.) and finding out what they have to say to each other. Sponsored by: SWG	\$35 Registration Required
	MJPL South Room	Great Big Book Club with Elinor Florence 3Hr A festival book club for <i>Finding Flora</i> , followed by a discussion with the author. Moderated by Angie Abdou.	\$35 Registration Required
	6:00 PM Mae Wilson	Jane Austen Wrecked My Life 1:38Hr A desperately single bookseller, lost in a fantasy world, finds herself forced to fulfill her dreams of becoming a writer in order to stop messing up her love life.	\$13 Inc. in Pass
	8:30 PM Mae Wilson	Readception* 1Hr Mini readings with Robert Currie, Kim Fu, Sydney Hegele, Sue Hincenbergs, Conor Kerr, and Uzma Jalaluddin.	\$25 Inc. in Pass
	9:30 PM MJCAC Lobby	Saskatchewan Writers Guild Reception : 1Hr Come and mingle with authors and audience members alike!	Free

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Friday July 17	9:00 AM	AMT* South Taylor Reading	Shani Mootoo & Elinor Florence Yann Martel & Sydney Hegele tonia laird & Patty Krawec Kim Fu & Glenn Dixon	1:00 PM	AMT* South Taylor Reading Online*	Yann Martel & Amanda Leduc Suzy Krause & fanny kearse David Robertson & Shani Mootoo Monique Gray Smith & Cat Abenstein Teen Read Out (Sponsored by SGI)
	10:10 AM	AMT* South Taylor Reading	Janice MacDonald & Uzma Jalaluddin HYLAND SESSION: R. Currie & C. Kerr FREE - Sponsored by SSCF Larry Wilson Fund David Berry & Louise Bernice Halfe ArchAngel Ehijie & Alice Kuipers	2:10 PM	AMT* South Taylor Reading	Jon Claytor & Tara Gereaux Michael Crummey tonia laird & Sue Hincenbergs Glen Sorestad & Isaac Bond
	4:00 PM	Mae Wilson	Future Readers Panel* 1HR A discussion of youth literacy and how future generations are reading today. Featuring Alice Kuipers, Monique Gray Smith and Karl Subban Moderated by Amanda Leduc.	\$17 Inc. in Pass		
	6:00 PM	Bobby PL	Trivia Night 2HR Fish and Chip Dinner with literary trivia. Doors open at 5:30PM.	\$35		
	8:00 PM	Mae Wilson	Spoken Word Showcase* 1.5HR A special poetry event featuring Gwen Aube, Isaac Bond, ArchAngel Ehijie, Charlie Petch and, fanny kearse. Produced and hosted by Cat Abenstein.	Entry by Donation		
	Note: All prices listed have taxes and fees already included.					

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Saturday July 18	9:00AM	AMT* South Taylor Reading Gallery	Dramatic Reading: MJCP Kim Fu & Jon Claytor Michael Crumme & Janice MacDonald Robert Currie & Tara Gereaux Yann Martel	1:00PM	AMT* South Taylor Reading	Sask Book Awards Session Feat: t. laird, TBA & TBA Glenn Dixon & Amanda Leduc Elinor Florence & Sue Hincenbergs Monique Gray Smith & Charlie Petch
	10:10AM	AMT* South Taylor Reading	Dramatic Reading: MJCP David Berry & Glenn Dixon Uzma Jalaluddin & Gwen Aube Shani Mootoo & Suzy Krause	2:10PM	AMT* South Taylor Reading	Suzy Krause & David Berry Karl Subban & David Robertson Sydney Hegele & Tara Gereaux Patty Krawec & Louise Bernice Halfe
	4:00PM	Mae Wilson	Interview with Michael Crumme* 1Hr Join us for an exciting interview with internationally recognized author Michael Crumme. Hosted by Angie Abdou. Sponsored by Visit Moose Jaw			\$17 Inc. in Pass
	5:00PM	MJCAC Lobby	Shadowpaw Press Book Launch: 1Hr Join us for author readings and conversation, with light refreshments to follow.			Free
	8:00PM	Mae Wilson	Saskatchewan Concert Showcase 2Hr A special concert showcasing Saskatchewan talent. Featuring Last Birds, Tegan Littlechief, and Moose Jaw's very own Megan Nash with intermissions between acts.			\$50 Inc. in Pass

Sun. July 19	9:00 AM	TGC	Breakfast and Panels Catered breakfast with coffee, juice and tea. Venue sponsored by Temple Gardens Centre	\$35 Included in Pass
	10:00 AM	TGC	Moving Forward* 50 Min A discussion of what the Canadian literature landscape will look like in the next 30 years and beyond with Glenn Dixon, Conor Kerr and Patty Krawec. Moderated by Amanda Leduc	
	11:10 AM	TGC	Looking Back* 50 Min Join us in reflecting on the literary landscape in Saskatchewan with industry veterans Robert Currie, Louise Bernice Halfe and Tracey Hamon. Moderated by Angie Abdou	

Passes	Full	Entry into all events except Thurs Workshops and Trivia Night	\$200
	Student	Entry into all events except Thurs Workshops and Trivia Night	\$65
	Flex	Punch card with \$125 in \$5 punches. Can be shared.	\$110
	Friday	Entry into all events on Friday except Trivia Night.	\$45
	Saturday	Entry into all events on Saturday.	\$85

Venues	Bobby Pl.	Bobby's Place Pub. 63 High St. E
	MJCAC	Includes Mae Wilson Theatre and North Studio. 217 Main St. N
	MJPL	Includes Art Museum Theatre (AMT) (Street level), South Room (Upper Level), Taylor Room (Upper Level), Reading Room (Off Main Foyer), Art Gallery (Basement). 461 Langdon Cres.
	TGC	Temple Gardens Centre, 110 1 st Ave NW



Note: McNally Robinson is the official bookseller for the Festival of Words. Visit their book shop, located in the lower level, Moose Jaw Art Gallery (461 Langdon Cres.). A portion of the proceeds will be donated back to the Festival.

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