



**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12**

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<b>Agents and Editors Pitches</b>	
<b>10 AM</b>	<b>Mike Bray – CEO of Wolfpack Publishing</b> Room 1
	<b>Casey Cowan – President &amp; CEO, Oghma Communications, Roan &amp; Weatherford Publishing, Hat Creek Imprint</b> Room 2
	<b>Sinclair Sawhney – Senior Editor, Tule Publishing</b> Room 3
	<b>Julie VanLaanen – Publisher, Filter Press</b> Room 4
	<b>Anjanette Barr – Dunham Literary</b> Room 5
	<b>Nicole Cunningham – The Book Group</b> Room 6
	<b>Dara Kaye – WME</b> Room 7
	<b>Sophia M. Ramos – New Leaf Literary &amp; Media</b> Room 8
	<b>Katie Reed – Andrea Hurst &amp; Associates / The Literary Experts</b> Room 9



**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13**  
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<p><b>8:45 AM – 8:55 AM</b></p>	<p><b>President’s Welcome, Announcements, Kickoff Speaker Intros</b>          SEQUOIA ROOM</p>
<p><b>Kickoff Speakers</b>          SEQUOIA ROOM</p>	
<p><b>8:55 AM – 9:15 AM</b></p>	<p>Manuela Schneider</p>
<p><b>9:15 AM – 9:35 AM</b></p>	<p>Johnny Boggs</p>
<p><b>9:35 AM – 9:55 AM</b></p>	<p>Bill Markley</p>
<p><b>9:55 AM – 10:15 AM</b></p>	<p>Page Lambert</p>
<p><b>10:15 AM – 10:45 AM</b></p>	<p>Questions</p>
<p><b>10:45 AM – 11 AM</b></p>	<p><b>Break</b></p>
<p><b>11 AM – 12 PM</b></p>	<p><b>Johnnie Bernhard: Creating Fictional Characters with Personality and Presence</b>          PACIFIC ROOM</p>
	<p><b>Laurie Bower: Audiobooks: A Rising Star in the Literary Market</b>          SHASTA ROOM</p>

<b>11 AM – 12 PM</b>	<b>Shirley Jump: Conflict – It’s Not an Argument</b> MALIBU ROOM
<b>12 PM – 12:15 PM</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>12:15 PM – 1:45 PM</b>	<b>Bring Your Lunch – Women Writing the West Awards and Readings</b> MOJAVE ROOM  The DOWNING Journalism Awards – Linda Wommack, Chair The LAURA Short Fiction Awards – Gayle Gresham, Chair
<b>1:45 PM – 2 PM</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>Agents and Editors Panel</b> MOJAVE ROOM	
<b>2 PM – 3 PM</b>	Jake Bray, President of Wolfpack Publishing
	Jane Porter, Founder and CEO of Tule Publishing
	Jule VanLaanen, Publisher of Filter Press
	Casey Cowan, President & CEO, Oghma Communications, Roan & Weatherford Publishing, Hat Creek Imprint
	Annette Chaudet, Pronghorn Press
	Katie Reed, Andrea Hurst & Associates / The Literary Experts
	Anjanette Barr, Dunham Literary
	Nicole Cunningham, The Book Group
Dara Kaye, WME	
<b>3 PM – 3:15 PM</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>3:15 PM – 4:15 PM</b>	<b>Kim Taylor Blakemore: Editing Bootcamp</b> PACIFIC ROOM
	<b>Jake Bray: AI and How it Relates to the Publishing Industry</b> SHASTA ROOM
	<b>Julie Weston: From Memoir to Mystery – Grounding Prose in Reality</b> MALIBU ROOM

<p><b>4:15 PM – 5:15 PM</b></p>	<p><b>Film Night – Bring Your Popcorn!</b> <b>Showing of <i>Miner's Candle</i></b> CATALINA ROOM</p>
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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14**

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<p><b>8 AM – 10 AM</b></p>	<p><b>WWW ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Open to All Members</b>  <b>MOJAVE ROOM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates on WWW activities, awards, and financials</li> <li>• Farewell to departing board members, and hello to VP/President-Elect and new directors</li> <li>• A sneak peek at the 2024 in-person conference in Denver</li> <li>• Introducing the new Book Corral</li> <li>• Introducing the 2023-2024 President, Gayle Gresham</li> </ul>
<p><b>10 AM – 10:15 AM</b></p>	<p><b>Break</b></p>
<p><b>10:15 AM – 11:15 AM</b></p>	<p><b>Sarah Elisabeth Sawyer and Carmen Peone: Creating Believable Native American Characters</b>  <b>PACIFIC ROOM</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Tammy Lough: I Marketed My (Western) Romantic Comedy to a #1 International Best-Seller on Amazon and So Can You!</b>  <b>SHASTA ROOM</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Sandra McGee: Collaborating with My Late Husband – The Good, The Bad, and What I’d Do Differently</b>  <b>MALIBU ROOM</b></p>

<b>11:15 AM – 11:30 AM</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>11:30 AM – 12:30 PM</b>	<b>Laura Drake: Query Workshop</b> PACIFIC ROOM
	<b>Debra Thomas: Story, not Soapbox: How to Write Compelling Fiction about Injustice</b> SHASTA ROOM
	<b>Candace Simar: Dialogue, the Writer’s Friend</b> MALIBU ROOM
<b>12:30 PM – 1:30 PM</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
<b>1:30 PM – 2:30 PM</b>	<b>Corinne Joy Brown: Pre-teen and Tween: Writing Great Stories for Middle-Grade Readers</b> PACIFIC ROOM
	<b>Vicki Felmlee: An Amateur’s Guide to Ebook Publishing</b> SHASTA ROOM
	<b>Janet Fox: The Importance of Backstory: Crafting Deeper Characters by Understanding Backstory Wounds</b> MALIBU ROOM
<b>2:30 PM – 3 PM</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>3 PM – 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Keynote Speaker, Susan Straight</b> LASSEN ROOM
<b>4 PM – 4:30 PM</b>	<b>Break</b> Take a break to grab your favorite beverage and get ready for our exciting WILLA award ceremony.
<b>4:30 PM – 6:00 PM</b>	<b>Women Writing the West Awards and Readings</b> MOJAVE ROOM  The WILLA Literary Award – Betsy Randolph, Chair

**Conference Closing – Lynn’s final remarks**

**6:15 PM – 7:15 PM**

**Water Cooler Sessions**  
MENDOCINO ROOM

Wish List for Board  
Wish List for the 2024 Conference