



# Waterline Writers

bringing literature to life

**January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018: Welcome to Waterline Writers!** We host live readings on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 7 PM. Our 5-minute-limit Open Mic\* starts at 8:30. Here are tonight's featured readers:

**Jennifer DuBose** writes "[Tales from the Motherhood](#)," a *Kane County Chronicle* weekly column and winner of two 1st Place awards for Best Column (IL Press Assoc. '17 & N. IL. Newspaper Assoc. '15), and "Parenting Isn't for Sissies," a *Chicago Parent Magazine* monthly column and Bronze Award winner (Parenting Publications of America '08). Jennifer hosts local [humanlibraryofthefoxvalley.org](http://humanlibraryofthefoxvalley.org) events where the 'books' you 'check out' are people and 'reading' is a conversation. This Denmark-based movement believes that when people from different walks of life are given safe opportunities to encounter and hear each other's stories, prejudice, intolerance, and violence are diminished. Jennifer is also a Marriage & Family Therapist.

**Gint Aras'** prose and translations have appeared in *Quarterly West*, *The St Petersburg Review*, *STIR Journal*, *The Good Men Project* and other publications. He's the author of a novel, *The Fugue*, finalist for the 2016 Chicago Writers Association's Book of the Year Award. The *Chicago Tribune's* Dmitry Samarov called it a "magisterial novel ... (that) plays for all the marbles... (Aras) has written a story that should have no trouble holding many a reader under its spell." It's available from [Volumes Bookcafe](#) or from [Amazon](#). Gint currently lives in Oak Park with his family. Read his Liquid Ink blogposts at [gint-aras.com](http://gint-aras.com), especially his recent "[Avoiding Procrastination](#)." Tonight, he's reading from his upcoming memoir on racism and growing up in Cicero, the descendent of WWII immigrants.

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**Donald G. Westlake** was born in 1928 and raised during the Great Depression in the tiny village of Elburn, Illinois. He has a B.S. in Education from Northern Illinois University and a Ph.D. in Metallurgy from Iowa State University. He retired as a Senior Scientist from Argonne National Laboratory in 1984 and began writing poetry. His book of poetry, [Elburn: Forty-four Miles to Chicago](#), received the Studs Terkel Award from the Illinois Humanities Council and is available tonight for \$5. Since 2014, Don's been writing his memoirs, and tonight he's sharing a piece about the character of his mother, aptly entitled 'Dignity'. [donaldgwestlake@gmail.com](mailto:donaldgwestlake@gmail.com)

**Bruce Steinberg** is the author of the novels *The Widow's Son*, *River Ghosts*, *My Occasional Torment*, *An Assassinated Man*, *Allen's Rocket* (a children's first chapter book written and illustrated with his son and wife), and *Chasing Godot* (pending publication). He is represented by the Margret McBride Literary Agency as the co-author, with Henriette Agnes, of the literary nonfiction book *Henriette* (pending publication), and is the columnist of "The Back Page" in the monthly print and online magazine *Silent Sports*. His books are all available on Amazon and Kindle under [Bruce Steinberg](#) or [B.R. Robb](#).

**READ LOCAL! BUY LOCAL!** Authors are selling their books tonight at Waterline prices! Supporting local writers financially & artistically enriches our entire community. And don't forget, books make great gifts!

Subscribe to [waterlinewriters.org](http://waterlinewriters.org) or [Like](#) us on Facebook to find event info, author interviews, [Videos](#) of readings, portraits of the writers, and more!

\* **At 8:30 Frank Rutledge** hosts an **Open Mic!** **New in 2018: Limit of 6 writers. We want to hear many different writers, so please don't sign up more often than every other month!** Sign-up at the counter.

## Valentine's Day is approaching, and we at Waterline Writers love:

♥ **Our venue!** [Water Street Studios](#) makes Waterline Writers possible! Please [become a member](#) of WSS, sign up for [Art Classes](#), attend 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday [exhibit openings](#) or 4<sup>th</sup> Friday [Live Art Series](#), or expand your art collection – buy work from the main gallery or from one of the 26 resident artists' studios!

♥ **Our sponsors!** [Solemn Oath Brews \(\\$5\)](#), [Bright Angel Wines \(\\$5\)](#), [The Market at Gaetano's](#) for charcuterie and [Limestone Coffee & Tea](#) for dessert!

♥ **Our vendors!** Hand-tooled pens from [Wooden Writers](#) and handmade books & journals from [Tieri Ton Books](#) make wonderful gifts for writers, readers ... and you!

♥ **Our friends!** [The Republic of Letters](#) at 1 W. State, Ste 103 in Geneva offers books, classes, discussion groups, special events and more. Find Cathy & Ryan on Facebook or at [rolnfp.org](#). Congrats to Lizzy & James on opening [The Book Shop Batavia](#). Find them on Facebook and at 15 N. River Street!

♥ **Our neighbors!** [Kiss The Sky](#) hosts live music and offers new & vintage vinyl, audio equipment and eclectic gifts! Check out this local gem, our collaborators in the May 20<sup>th</sup> Blues-themed Waterline event:

### [Let The Blues Be Your Muse!](#)

**Announcing a very special Blues-themed event on May 20**, designed to kick off June's blues music festivals (Batavia's Blues & Roots on Water Street on June 9<sup>th</sup> and Aurora's Blues on Broadway, June 14<sup>th</sup> and Blues on the Fox, June 15-16<sup>th</sup>) with poetry, essays and fiction on The Blues. Read our new call for submissions, [Let The Blues Be Your Muse!](#) Or contact **Paula Garrett** at [waterlinewriters@gmail.com](mailto:waterlinewriters@gmail.com).

If you'd like to be a featured writer at a regular event (**Feb 18, Mar 18 or Apr 15**), follow our regular [submission guidelines](#).) All writers are welcome to submit work!

### Are YOU writing? Go to [WaterlineWriters.org](#) and please share our info with other writers!

1. Learn about **20** nearby [writers' groups](#). Find the perfect format, day and time for you.
2. **Paul LaTour's** [Lit By The Bridge](#) Open Mic for writers is 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, with sign-up at **6:30**; start time is 7 PM. Culture Stock, 43 E. Galena Blvd. in Aurora.
3. **Frank Rutledge** hosts [Modest Mic](#) for writers and musicians at The Sugar Grove Library, 125 S. Municipal Dr. on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays from 6:30-8 PM.
4. **Teens**, attend T-WAAP [Wordplay](#) workshops! To support Teen Writers & Artists Project and their vital writing programs, contact Shayne Phillips at [sphillips@twaap.org](mailto:sphillips@twaap.org), go to [twaap.org](#) or [Smile.Amazon](#).

This event is being filmed for broadcast on **BATV**, but [Videos](#) are available on our website at any time. Thanks to our crew **Frank Rutledge, Chuck Bennorth, Ginny Klespitz, Ray Ziemer, Paula Garrett, Barbara Barrows & Rick Veague**; WSS's **Dani Hollis & Jaime Gutierrez**; and to our wonderful audience!

Your hosts are **Anne Veague & Kevin Moriarity** at [waterlinewriters@gmail.com](mailto:waterlinewriters@gmail.com)  
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