



Waterline Writers  
bringing literature to life

**February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018: Welcome to Waterline Writers!** We host live readings on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 7 PM. At 8:30, **Frank Rutledge** hosts our **\*Open Mic**. Here are tonight's featured readers:

**Richard Holinger's** poetry, fiction, and nonfiction has appeared in *The Southern Review*, *The Iowa Review*, *Boulevard*, and elsewhere. His collection, ***Not Everybody's Nice***, won the 2012 Split Oak Press Flash Prose Chapbook Contest. He writes a column for the Kane County Chronicle, teaches at Marmion Academy, and facilitates a writing workshop sponsored by the Geneva Public Library.

**Kristin LaTour's** full length poetry collection, ***What Will Keep Us Alive***, is available from Sundress Publications. This year Sundress will publish a chapbook of her poems illustrated by Aurora artist Angel Perez. She has three other chapbooks, several journal publications, and is trying to find a publisher for her second full length collection. In addition to teaching at Joliet Jr. College, she dabbles in art, bakes a lot, gardens and is overall busy at whatever life throws at her. Tonight, buy ***What Will Keep Us Alive*** for only \$10. [kristinlatour.com/](http://kristinlatour.com/)

**Cris Mazza's** latest book is ***Charlatan: New and Selected Stories***. Mazza has seventeen other titles of fiction and literary nonfiction including her last book, ***Something Wrong With Her***, a real-time memoir; her first novel ***How to Leave a Country***, which won the PEN/Nelson Algren Award for book-length fiction; and the critically acclaimed ***Is It Sexual Harassment Yet?*** She is a native of Southern California and is a professor in the Program for Writers at U. of Illinois at Chicago. Available tonight: ***Charlatan* \$12**, ***Various Men Who Knew Us As Girls* \$12**, or both books for **\$20**. [cris-mazza.com](http://cris-mazza.com)

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On Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, **Teen Writers and Artists Project** hosted **Slammin' The Sun Down**, a spoken word poetry slam and preliminary event for **Louder Than a Bomb!** We offered the winning team and the winning Indie poet a chance to share their 3-minute poems with you! Congratulations to:

**Nequa Valley High School's** Spoken Word Team, team members **Noah Espinoza**, **Malak (MJ) Jellouli**, **Campbell Kohls**, **David Mullons**, **Sereen Omer** and their coach [Eric Bodwell](#), whose poetry has been featured at Waterline Writers on three occasions!

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**West Aurora High School's** Indie poet **Sydney Williams** and her coach **Carly Hill!**

**Notice: our March 18<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup> lineups are full.**  
**Stay tuned on submission details for the 2018-2019 season.**

**READ LOCAL! BUY LOCAL!** Authors are selling their books here at special Waterline prices! Supporting local writers financially & artistically enriches our entire community -- and books make great gifts!

**\* 8:30: Frank Rutledge hosts our 5-minute-limit Open Mic!** **New: Limit of 6 writers. We want to hear many different writers. Please don't sign up more often than every other month!** Sign-up at the counter.

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February 2018 is our 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary! We've hosted 56 events featuring over 300 writers! We still ...

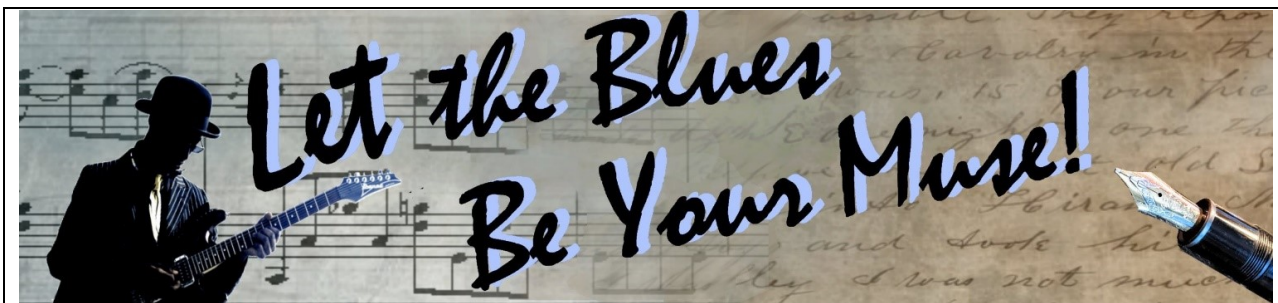
♥ **Our venue!** [Water Street Studios](#) makes Waterline Writers possible! Please [become a member](#) of WSS, sign up for [Art Classes](#), attend 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday [exhibit openings](#) or 4<sup>th</sup> Friday [Live Art Series](#), or expand your art collection – buy work from the main gallery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

♥ **Our sponsors!** [Solemn Oath Brewery](#) & [The Market at Gaetano's](#).

♥ **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](#), 1 W. State, Ste 103, Geneva offers books, classes, discussions, special events and more. Find Cathy & Ryan on Facebook or at [rolnfp.org](#). ♥ [The Book Shop Batavia](#) is becoming a reality thanks to Lizzy & James! 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:



Announcing a very special Blues-themed event on May 20, designed to kick off June's blues music festivals – **Blues & Roots on Water Street**, June 9<sup>th</sup> and **Blues on the Fox**, June 15-16<sup>th</sup> – with poetry, essays and fiction on The Blues. Find our special call for [Blues submissions](#) at [WaterlineWriters.org](#) or contact **Paula Garrett** at [waterlinewriters@gmail.com](mailto:waterlinewriters@gmail.com). **Deadline for submissions is March 30<sup>th</sup>!**

**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 6:45; 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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