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NEW AT (sort of) THE DWC: ONLINE READINGS!

Join us this summer for the DWC's latest foray into online programming: online readings by visiting poets and authors. We know many of you were disappointed—as we were!—that our spring series had to be canceled. But throughout the month of July, we will be back up to our old tricks, virtually at least. Here's how to participate.

Platform: Readings will be held using Zoom. Up to 96 audience members can attend.

Admission: There is no charge, but space is limited. To get access to the Zoom information for each reading, please email me at pmemmer@ymcacny.org no later than the day before the reading. We will respond with login information no later than 4:00 PM on the day of the event. Please do not share your Zoom login with others, unless you have our permission... we need to ensure that audience size remains within our attendee limit.

Books are available for sale by all authors! You can purchase books in advance, and we will deliver them to you. To purchase books, email me the titles you want at pmemmer@ymcacny.org (titles available are listed with author bios on the next page). We will send you a PayPal invoice, which you can pay by credit card. We recommend purchasing books at least one week ahead of time, so that you can participate in the...

DWC Summer Book Club! The book club is back! We will gather on Zoom from 5:15-6:00 PM on the Thursday before each reading, to discuss the latest book by that Friday's author(s). The only admission cost for this program is to purchase the author's latest book.

Finally, as you know, all of our readings at the DWC are free of charge. But the shutdown has posed huge challenges for nonprofit arts organizations, including ours. If you are able to support our programming with a donation, you can donate online at <https://ymcacny.org/give>. Be sure to designate your gift to the YMCA's Arts Branch. We appreciate your support in this challenging time.

That's all for now. As always, feel free to email me with questions... and we look forward to seeing you soon at the YMCA's (Virtual) Downtown Writers Center!

Phil Memmer, Executive Director

SUMMER 2020 ONLINE AUTHORS

Friday, July 10, 7:00 p.m.
Poet MICHAEL BONDHUS

Michael (formerly Charlie) Bondhus is the author of *Divining Bones* (Sundress, 2018) and *All the Heat We Could Carry* (Main Street Rag, 2013), winner of the Thom Gunn Award for Gay Poetry. His work has appeared in *Poetry*, *The Missouri Review*, *Columbia Journal*, *Hayden's Ferry Review*, *Bellevue Literary Review*, *Poetry Ireland Review*, and *Copper Nickel*. He has received fellowships from the Virginia Center for Creative Arts, the Sundress Academy for the Arts, and the Hawthornden Castle International Retreat for Writers (UK). He is associate professor of English at Raritan Valley Community College (NJ). <http://charliebondhus.com>.



BOOK CLUB SELECTION: *Divining Bones*, \$16.



Friday, July 17, 7:00 p.m.
Poet JUDITH SORNBERGER

Judith Sornberger's most recent poetry collection *I Call to You from Time* was published in June 2019 by Wipf & Stock, and CavanKerry Press published *Practicing the World* in 2018. Her first book, *Open Heart*, is from Calyx Books. She is also the author of five chapbooks, and a memoir, *The Accidental Pilgrim: Finding God and His Mother in Tuscany*, published by Shanti Arts in 2015. Sornberger has taught creative writing in many venues, including prisons, colleges, and universities. As Professor of English at Mansfield University,

she taught poetry and creative nonfiction writing, as well as creating and teaching in the Women's Studies Program, for 25 years. A Nebraska native, Judith now lives on the side of a mountain outside Wellsboro, PA.

BOOK CLUB SELECTION: *I Call to You From Time*, \$16.

ALSO AVAILABLE: *Practicing the World*, \$16.

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MORE ONLINE AUTHORS & EVENTS

Friday, July 24, 7:00 p.m. Novelist ANNE VALENTE and Poet ALBERT ABONADO

Anne Valente is the author of two novels, *The Desert Sky Before Us* (William Morrow/HarperCollins, 2019) and *Our Hearts Will Burn Us Down* (William Morrow/HarperCollins, 2016), as well as the short story collection, *By Light We Knew Our Names* (Dzanc Books, 2014). Her fiction appears in *One Story*, *American Short Fiction*, *The Kenyon Review* and *The Chicago Tribune*, and her essays appear in *The Believer*, *Catapult*, *Literary Hub* and *The Washington Post*. Originally from St. Louis, she teaches creative writing and literature at Hamilton College.



BOOK CLUB SELECTION: *The Desert Sky Before Us*, \$16.

ALSO AVAILABLE: *Our Hearts Will Burn Us Down*, \$16.



Albert Abonado is the author of *JAW* and his poems have appeared in *Boston Review*, *Pleiades*, *The Margins*, *Zone 3*, and elsewhere. He holds an MFA from the Bennington Writing Seminars and has received a fellowship for poetry from the New York Foundation for the Arts. Every Thursday from 2-3PM, he hosts the poetry radio show *Flour City Yawp* on WAYO 104.3 FM-LP. He teaches creative writing at SUNY Geneseo and RIT. He lives in Rochester with his wife.

BOOK CLUB SELECTION: *JAW*, \$16.

DWC SUMMER OPEN MIC NIGHT Friday, August 21, 7:00 p.m.

Email dwcworkshops@ymcacny.org if you'd like to join us,
and indicate whether you'd like to read, or just listen.

Like our spring open mic night, we will have 25 spots for writers
to share 2-3 minutes of work... and plenty of additional space
for folks who just wish to hang out and enjoy.

*Preference will be given to those who did not read
at our spring open mic night, to ensure there are
opportunities for all.*