

OUR AUGUST 2025 MEETINGS

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Spokane Authors met on Friday, June 13th at the Sans Souci West Club House. Members present included Caryl Briscoe-Michas, Joel Craig, Larry Danek, Mary DeBord, Betty Deuber, Sue Eller, Mark Lee Golden, Esther Hildahl, Bob Hildahl, Suzanne Holland, Kevin Hostbjor, Steve Lalonde, Amy Logan, Bob Manion, Dave McChesney, Carl Northrup, Sandra Philbin, Elena Smith, Terry Stratton, and Sarah Vail. Gary Edwards, Anna Goodwin, and Ron Goad attended as guests.

Our primary speaker was Maggie Crawford from the Spokane South Rotary Club. She gave us an overview of the organization, noting that the name originated when early meetings rotated between different locations. She told us that Rotary Club in general works to make things better around the world. They work to combat disease, hunger, and more. They also strive to ensure educational opportunities for all and to interest children in reading. Spokane South Rotary Club works to provide reading buddies for children, as well as to make books available to them. Lisa, who also spoke, mentioned that we could contact them through our Vice-President Sue Eller if we are interested in being a reading buddy. The group also puts on a barn dance as a fund raiser for this and other worthwhile projects.

Several members announced newly published books. Elena Smith has just published *Tucker: The Dog Who Thought He Was a Person*, an interactive children's book. Suzanne Holland also has a children's book called *Three Mini Pigs Get New Digs (In Spirit Lake, Idaho)*. Kevin Hostbjor is the author of *The 4th Cohort*, while Sarah Vail's new book is *The Legend of Flying Horses*, which was inspired by true events.

We ended the afternoon by drawing for door prizes and taking the time to visit with one another before going our separate ways.

The video of our August meeting is live at: <https://youtu.be/81QkikGeRXE>.

Spokane Authors also met on Saturday June 21, at the St. Francis of Assisi Social Hall. In attendance were Caryl Briscoe-Michas, Carl Northrup, Bob Manion, Terry Stratton, and Dave McChesney. There was some general discussion of literary

agents and the differences of publishing via the traditional route or opting for self-publishing.

Bob Manion noted that fellow Spokane Authors member Sarah Vail has a unique and effective way of developing characters and relating a story to the reader. He also mentioned her newest book that deals with horses. That led to a discussion on horses, riding,

Finally, we decided we had been there long enough, realized that no one else was coming, packed our stuff up and went home, or to our next destination.



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