

# 2024 Word on the Lake Writer's Festival Schedule

## PRESTIGE HOTEL - FRIDAY MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>

Registration opens at 3:30 pm – hotel lobby

TIME	BALLROOM
Opens 6:45 7:00- 10:00	<b>Café Lit</b> includes light refreshments. MC: Shirley Dekelver Included in Registration (except Saturday/Sunday only) Tickets at the door \$30

## PRESTIGE HOTEL - SATURDAY, MAY 18

Registration opens at 7:00am – Hotel Lobby      Book Sales – Main Hall, 10:00am – 6:00pm

TIME	BALLROOM				
9:00-9:45	<b>Official Opening</b> President of SAW, Mayor of Salmon Arm, Kenthen Thomas: Welcome to Secwépemc Territory Keynote: Robert J. Sawyer: Why Everyone Should Read Science Fiction				
	SEYMOUR	HUDSON	BALMORAL	MONASHEE	GRANDVIEW
10:00-11:15	<b>Angie Abdou</b> Breaking Up with Writer's Block	<b>Chris Brauer</b> The Winding Path of Self-Publishing: From Idea to Book in Hand	<b>Shari Ulrich</b> MASTER CLASS Pt one The Magic of Songwriting	<b>Corinna Chong</b> Narrative Structure: The Bones of a Great Story	<b>Blue Pencil</b>
11:15 - 11:30	Break				
11:30 - 12:45	<b>David Brown</b> Like Me, Love Me— Social Media Engagement for Authors	<b>S.M. Freedman</b> Make your Story a Page Turner: Add Tension to your Writing by Tapping into Fear	<b>Shari Ulrich</b> MASTER CLASS Pt two The Magic of Songwriting	<b>Conor Kerr</b> Holding Voice Through Poetry	
1:00 – 2:30	Lunch Included in Registration				
2:30 - 3:45	<b>Lorna Schultz Nicholson</b> Creating voice	<b>Robert J. Sawyer</b> The Intimately Human and the Grandly Cosmic	<b>Sheri-D Wilson</b> Writing Across Genres – Laboratory	<b>Panel</b> AI: love it, hate it, or tolerate it? Angie Abdou, David Brown, S.M. Freedman, Deanna Kawatski, (Moderator)	
3:45 - 5:00	<b>Karen Barnstable</b> Writing Memoir: A Spa for Your Soul	<b>David Brown</b> ChatGPT: Cheat-mode or Collaborative Tool?	<b>Angie Abdou</b> How to Hook and Hold Your Reader		
5:00-6:00	<b>Social Networking</b> Talk to someone you don't know about the festival or your writing. Take a stroll along the Wharf. Browse the books table. Informal Feedback to Festival Planners - All Welcome (Monashee)				
	BALLROOM				
6:30-10:00	<b>Gala Event &amp; Banquet</b> Writing Contest Awards and Entertainment: Saturday Night Vibe Kenthen Thomas Storyteller. Sheri-D Wilson Spoken Word, Shari Ulrich Musician Individual Tickets \$60 Available Online				

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OKANAGAN COLLEGE CAMPUS - SUNDAY, MAY 19

8:30AM COFFEE & MUFFINS – STUDENT LOUNGE

TIME	ROOM 130	ROOM 134	ROOM 136	ROOM 141
9:30 -10:30	<b>Conversation with Robert J. Sawyer</b> The Writing Life: Past, Present and Future			
10:45-12:00	<b>Sheri-D Wilson</b> Conjuring Characters – Atelier	<b>Karen Barnstable</b> Writing Memoir: A Spa for Your Soul	<b>S. M. Freedman</b> Finding An Agent: Guidance From an Author Who's Survived the Query Trenches – Twice!	<b>Corinna Chong</b> Narrative Structure: The Bones of a Great Story
12:00-12:30	<b>Break</b>			
12:30-1:45	<b>Robert J. Sawyer</b> A Thematic Approach to Writing	<b>Lorna Schultz Nicholson</b> Kids and teens love to read.	<b>Conor Kerr</b> Holding Voice Through Poetry	<b>Chris Brauer</b> The Winding Path of Self-Publishing: From Idea to Book in Hand
1:50-2:30	<b>Festival Closing</b> Book Draw & Free Festival Pass for 2025 (winner must be in attendance and have submitted a completed feedback form) Vacation Draw 1 week for 2 in Canmore (attendance is not required to win)			

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