

Schedule Overview

Thursday, June 25, 2026

***Youth-focused or youth friendly workshops appropriate for youth and adult attendees

8:00am-6:00pm	Registration	Kares Library			
9:00am - 9:30am	Welcome	Kares Library			
9:45am-11:00am	Concurrent Session I	Session Categories			
		Creative Arts	Poetry	Writing	Music
		Location: Library 2 nd floor	Location: CB 210	Location: CB 214	Location: CB 203
		***Gentle Yoga for Mental & Physical Fitness Dana Waldrop	Pouring Pain Into Poetry Holly Gorman	Power of Pause Sonia Robinson	Storytelling Through Music Dave Ragsdale
		Location: Writing Center		Location: CB 106	
		***Word Stitching: A Cross-Stitch Typography Bookmark Workshop Jennifer Wolfe		***Writing Exposition for students Laura Hunter	
11:15-12:30pm	Concurrent Session II	Session Categories			
		Creative Arts	Poetry	Writing	Music
		Location: Library 2 nd floor	Location: CB 210	Location: CB 214	Location: CB 203
		***Crystal Singing Bowls Sound Therapy Michelle Crawford	***Expanding Your Poetic Palate Keiani Taylor	Turning Pro: Becoming a Career Author Georgina Cross	Rudiments of Lyrical Composition Jan Hammond
		Location: Writing Center		Location: CB 106	
		***Make Your Mark (make & take craft) Jessica Spowart		***Get Your Creative Juices Flowing Beth Anne Hill	
12:00pm-3:00pm	Food Truck Picnic Parking lots	Vendor Fair Sandridge Building	Please note: Lunch is on your own; food trucks on site; restaurants nearby Quiet room located in Kares Library Drum Circle led by Michelle Crawford at the fountain (weather permitting)		
12:30pm-1:30pm	Drum Circle Fountain Courtyard				

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2:45pm-3:45pm					
Joint Session I-- Arts & Authors Panel:					
Location: Sandridge Ballroom					
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sonia Robinson • Laura Hunter • Georgina Cross 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Beth • Zach Taylor • Brandy & Jerry Cobbs 		
4:00pm-5:30pm					
Concurrent Session III		Session Categories			
		Creative Arts	Poetry	Writing	Music
		Location: LB 114	Location: Writing Center	Location: CB 210	Location: CB 106
		***Crochet with Me! Edyn Roper	***Black Out Poetry Writing Center/ Scribe Tribe	Grant writing 101 Rachel O'Sullivan	***K-Pop Kreative Studio Stacey Brown
		Location: CB 202		Location: CB 203	
		Engaging Your Audience Shama Patel		Use AI for Good Laurie Fowler	
5:45pm-7:15pm					
Registration					
Location: McCandless Auditorium		Joint Session II—Open Mic			
		Featured Guests:		<p>Open Mic Sign up available at registration. Performances must be 5 minutes or less and appropriate for a general audience.</p>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athens State University community choir • Kailey Burbank • Laura Hunter • Brandy & Jerry Cobbs • Keani Taylor • Holly Gorman • Grayson Simmons & Daryl O'Donnel 			

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8:00am-6:00pm	Registration	Kares Library			
9:00am -9:30am	Welcome	Kares Library			
9:45am-11:00am					
	Concurrent Session IV	Session Categories			
		Creative Arts	Poetry	Writing	Music
		Location: Kares Library, 2nd floor	Location: CB 210	Location: CB 214	Location: Sandridge Ballroom
		***Gentle Yoga for Mental & Physical Fitness Dana Waldrop	Drawing from your own well: Sharing your ADHD experience in poetry Brandy Cobbs	Writing as Virtual Practice Holly Gorman	Inside the Music Industry with Darryl O'Donnel
		Location: Kares Library, 2nd floor		Location: CB 106	
		***Crystal Singing Bowls Sound Therapy Michelle Crawford		Turning Life Into Memoir Sonia Robinson	
		Location: CB 202		CB 203	
		Journey Through Art & Writing Laurie Fowler		***Writing Comes Naturally Heather Montgomery	
		Location: Library main floor			
11:15-12:30pm	Joint Session III—Poetry Reading & Workshop Jaqueline Trimble, Alabama Poet Laureate				
12:00pm-3:00pm	Food Truck Picnic Parking lots	Vendor Fair Sandridge Building			
1:30pm-2:30pm	Wise Women Artist Talk Char Baxter Location: Nazaretian House	Please note: Lunch is on your own; food trucks on site; restaurants nearby Quiet room located in Kares Library			
2:45pm-4:00pm	Concurrent Session V	Session Categories			
		Creative Arts	Poetry	Writing	Music
		Location: LB 114	Location: CB 202	Location: CB 106	Location: Sandridge Ballroom
		***Focused Writing Writing Center staff	Think Like a Poet, Think Like an Artist Susan Lucille Davis & Monica Yother	***Developing Multifaceted Characters Laura Hunter	Songwriting 101 Lee Baines

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2:45pm-4:00pm		Location: Founders Hall (near vending machines)			
		Mixed Media Workshop— Paint & Sip Char Baxter			
4:15pm-5:15pm	Concurrent Session VI	Session Categories			
		Creative Arts	Poetry	Writing	Music
		Location: CB 205		Location: Writing Center	Location: Sandridge Ballroom
		***How to Make an Accordion Book Mary Beth Johns		Our Routes, Our Stories Kailey Burbank	In Focus: Sound, Story, and Image Eric Essix
		Location: LB 114			
		You Gotta Fight for Your Right: Protest Music Laura Brink			

Joint Session IV—Closing Program

5:30pm-7:30pm

Location: McCandless Auditorium

- 5:30pm-5:50pm
 - Athens State University Orchestra
 - Awards/Recognition
 - Poetry Reading, Jaqueline Trimble, Poet Laureate

Location: TBD

6:00pm-6:20pm **ACA Spotlight**

- Kevin Kelleher
- Jennifer Burns
- Kelly Joyner & James Parker

6:30pm-7:30pm **Talent Showcase**

- Eric Essix trio
- Lee Baines
- Huntsville Drumline