



2023-2024 Membership Application
& Luncheon Selection

PLEASE PRINT AND MAIL TO PO BOX 3367 VERO BEACH, FL 32964

This year's application will include the membership fee and the option to pre-pay for lunches. Please make your selections and total your fees accordingly. We strongly encourage payment for the full season.

Name: (Ms. Miss Mrs. Mr.) _____ Email Address: _____

2023-2024 Season Membership

[] Yes, I would like to renew my membership.

[] \$350 Individual

[] \$700 Couple

[] No, I do not wish to renew my membership.

Please Note: By selecting this option you will no longer be a member of IRLS. Should you wish to rejoin, you will be put on the waiting list.

Membership Total: _____

2023-2024 Luncheon Attendance

Please select the luncheons you will be attending. If you cannot attend a luncheon, you may send a guest in your place. Please send your guests name to indianriverliterarysociety@outlook.com so that we can have a name tag for them.

(Entire season including membership= \$680)

[] November 14th- "The Beach at Summerly" by Beatriz Williams

[] December 5th- "The Beckoning World" by Douglas Bauer

[] January 23rd- "Mercury Pictures Presents" by Anthony Marra

[] February 20th- "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt

[] March 19th- "The House is on Fire" by Rachel Beanland

[] April 9th- "Gilded Mountain" by Kate Manning

of Lunches x \$55= _____

[] My schedule may change, so I would prefer to RSVP for each luncheon individually. I will look for the email reservation form and return my form and payment 2 weeks before attending the luncheon.

Total Payment Enclosed: _____

2023-2024 Membership Guidelines

**** Please sign and return with Membership Application ****

1. Meetings are held on Tuesdays at Bent Pine Golf Club. Check-in is 11:15am to 12pm. Lunch will be served at noon. The event will conclude at about 1:30pm.
2. Annual Membership fees are:
 - \$350.00 Annual Single Membership
 - \$700.00 Annual Spousal Membership
3. Luncheon fees are:
 - \$55.00 Per Member Inclusive of Book
4. Monthly notices and RSVP forms will be emailed in advance of each meeting indicating the next meeting date and guest author.
5. Members are required to respond by mailing the completed Membership Application Form AND the signed Membership Guidelines Form along with PAYMENT to PO Box 3367 Vero Beach, FL 32964. If RSVP'ing to individual luncheons, the RSVP form and payment **must be received two weeks prior to the luncheon**. Reservations past the RSVP date may not be honored as final arrangements must be made with Bent Pine.
6. Memberships are non-transferable.
7. Membership dues and luncheon fees are non-refundable.
8. Guests are welcome only if space permits. Availability will be determined, and you will be notified on Friday prior to the luncheon on a first come/first served basis. The guest fee is \$65.00 and does not include a copy of the book. If available, books may be purchased for \$15.00 after the meeting. For guest requests, please email to indiariverliterarysociety@outlook.com.
9. The featured book will be available for pick up at the Vero Beach Book Center and may be picked up prior to the meeting for those paid in full or with a CHECK ONLY for \$55 for those paying individually. Books will also be available at the luncheon meeting.

Member Signature

Date

Print Last Name

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2023 – 2024 Schedule of Authors

For questions and membership information, contact
Ricki Michals 772-559-3178 or rickimichals@gmail.com



Tuesday, November 14, 2023 - Featuring Beatriz Williams

The Beach at Summerly takes readers back to a mid-century New England rich with secrets and Cold War intrigue. Our heroine Emilia Winthrop helps capture a Soviet agent in 1946, only to learn in 1954 that he is to be swapped for an American prisoner, and Emilia alone can provide needed answers. It's the best of all worlds – mystery, romance and a seaside setting.



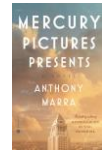
Tuesday, December 5, 2023 - Featuring Douglas Bauer

The Beckoning World is set in the first quarter of the 20th century and follows Earl Dunham, a coal miner turned baseball pitcher turned farmer. His story includes the love of his life Emily Marchand, his son Henry, Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, the Spanish Flu of 1918, and a myriad of other memorable characters. At the center is a relentlessly deep love persisting despite the heartbreaking complications that Earl and Emily endure.



Tuesday, January 23, 2024 - Featuring Anthony Marra

Marra's second novel, *Mercury Pictures Presents*, focuses on European exiles in 1940's Hollywood running a film studio that is constantly on the verge of bankruptcy. They are spared when, during World War II, the government hires them to make propaganda films. The novel, set 80 years ago, deals with current themes dominating American political life -- coercion, historical amnesia, and falsified realities -- in a witty and insightful manner.



Tuesday, February 20, 2024 - Featuring Shelby Van Pelt

Remarkably Bright Creatures features an unlikely relationship between a widowed aquarium employee, Tova, and a curmudgeonly giant Pacific octopus. The friendship results in Marcellus McSquiddles solving the mystery of what happened to Tova's son who vanished on a boat in Puget Sound 30 years ago. Original, funny, wise and heartwarming, the book ultimately is about lessons in love, loss and family.



Tuesday, March 19, 2024 - Featuring Rachel Beanland

The House is on Fire is a fictionalized version of the 1811 Richmond, Virginia theater fire that brings four diversified characters together in a tragic coincidence. Fast-paced, heartbreaking and heart-pounding, it examines the event, the aftermath, the stories that were told and the blame that was unfairly placed. It is a stark reminder of how privilege, sexism and racism have been in this country's DNA since its inception.



Tuesday, April 9, 2024 - Featuring Kate Manning

Taking place in early 1900's Colorado, *Gilded Mountain* stars slyly humorous Sylvia Pelletier and her struggles with conflicting loyalties. It is a novel of big ideas: love, beauty, suffering, desire for labor rights, women's equality and the rights of formerly enslaved people. When the harsh winter brings tragedy, our heroine with feet in two worlds decides to act. This is a story imbued with longing - for self-expression, freedom and adventure.

