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Jenna Bush Hager, Wilmer Valderrama to visit Canton for Stark Library's author series

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CANTON – Jenna Bush Hager, David Baldacci, Wilmer Valderrama and Kimberly Williams-Paisley will headline the 10th season of Stark Library's Dr. Audrey Lavin Speaking of Books Author Series, which brings authors of diverse genres and backgrounds to Stark County.

The first two sessions in the series will be at the Canton Palace Theatre. In 2025, the events will move to First Christian Church auditorium while the Canton Palace Theatre undergoes renovations. Ticket information for the Series is coming soon at StarkLibrary.org.

Oct. 24, Jenna Bush Hager

Co-host of "Today with Hoda and Jenna," literacy advocate, and bestselling author Jenna Bush Hager has written several books, including "Everything Beautiful in Its Time," a collection of essays paying homage to her grandparents, as well as several children's books. She will appear with support from the National First Ladies Library and Museum.

Nov. 18, David Baldacci

Global No. 1 best-selling author, David Baldacci is the cofounder of the Wish You Well Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting literacy efforts across America. He was selected as the 2024 PEN/Faulkner Literary Champion in recognition of his work devoted to literacy advocacy.

March 6, Wilmer Valderrama

Wilmer Valderrama stars in the TV drama "NCIS" and is beloved from his role on "That '70s Show." Valderrama's new book, "An American Story: Everyone's Invited," is the true story of a young immigrant with a dream to change the world. An actor, producer, and entrepreneur, Valderrama is a leading voice for Latino representation.

April 24, Kimberly Williams-Paisley

Author, actress, producer, and director Kimberly Williams-Paisley first lit up the screen in the film "Father of the Bride." In 2014, her mother was diagnosed with a rare form of dementia called primary progressive aphasia. In her book, "Where the Light Gets In," Williams-Paisley tells the full story of her mother's illness, drawing on her memories of her relationship with the woman who raised her.

Throughout the years, Stark Library has partnered with many organizations to bring more than 30 authors to Stark County. Opportunities to sponsor the 10th season of Speaking of Books Author Series are available.