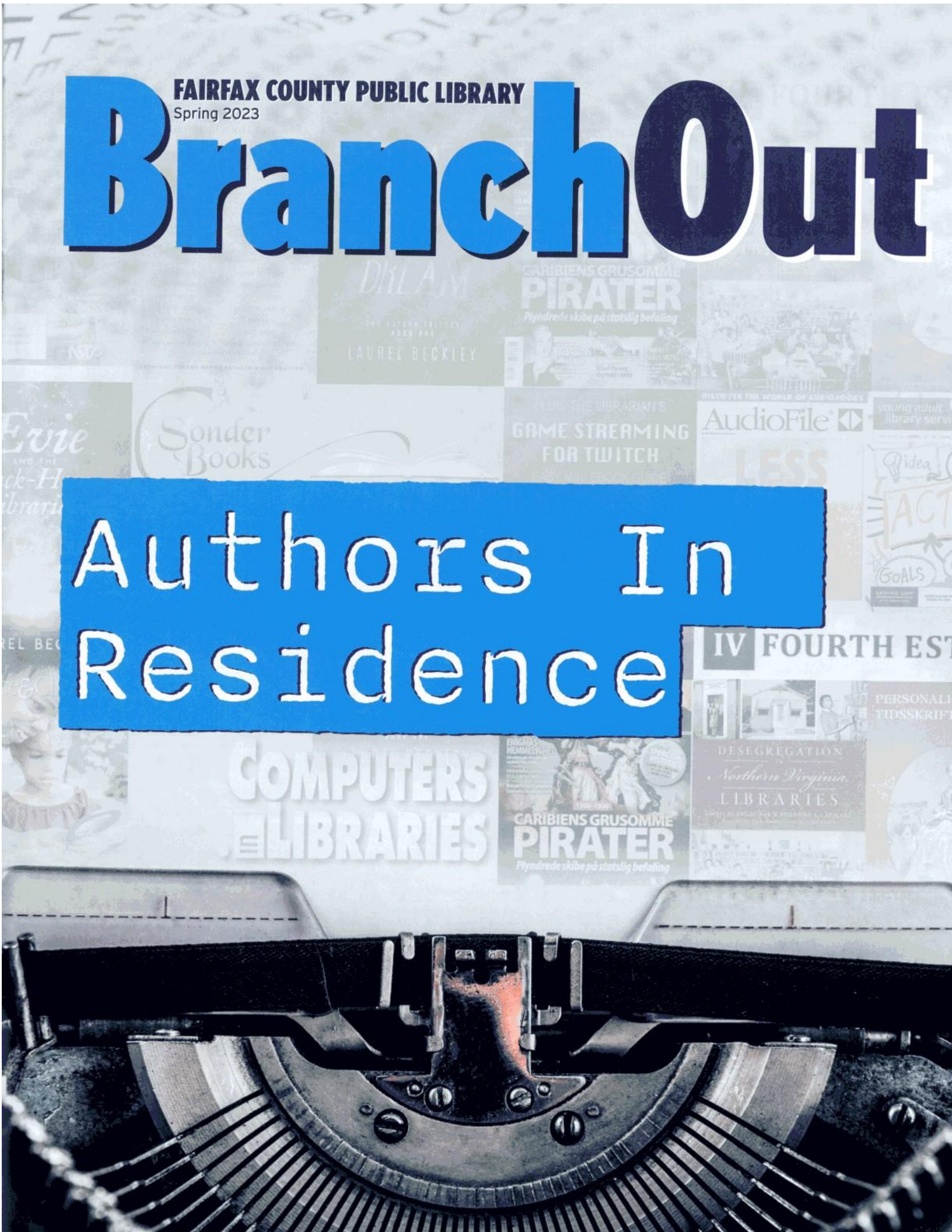


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At Fairfax County Public Library (FCPL), meeting an author can be as easy as walking in the door. It is no surprise that the people who work at FCPL love books and the written word; some so much that they are, themselves, published authors! From novels to nonfiction, book reviews to articles for magazines or academic journals, the works of FCPL staff authors range a wide variety of interesting topics and are available for anyone to read.

Learn more about just a few of FCPL's many "authors-in-residence" and find out where you can find their work.

Luis Aponte Centreville Regional Library

An information services librarian, Luis is a published author of several technology-based eBooks to help people gain technology literacy through easy, illustrated step-by-step instructions. The eBooks are available on various sites, including LuisTheLibrarian.com. Luis is also the author of multiple articles published in academic journals including *Florida Libraries*, as well as *Education*, both of which can be accessed using FCPL's Academic Search Complete database.

Luis's newest works include *A Safe Place: Imagining Schools Without Gun Violence* and *The Ultimate U.S. School Shooting Reference Guide*. A former student of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, he felt emotionally and morally compelled to write both books following the deadly 2018 shooting at the school. More information about Luis's latest work can be found at ASafePlaceBook.com.



Chris Barbuschak & Suzanne S. LaPiere Virginia Room

Chris and Suzanne are part of FCPL's team of history experts at the Virginia Room, which is located inside City of Fairfax Regional Library. Together, they have released *Desegregation in Northern Virginia Libraries*, an in-depth look at the effort to integrate local libraries by citizens-turned-activists in Fairfax and surrounding counties. The book explores the hard truth about the barriers imposed on the Black community, as well as the inspiring stories of the civil rights advocates who used protests and lawsuits to achieve more equitable library services. The book is available for checkout through bit.ly/FCPL_DesegregationInNoVaLibraries or can be purchased online from Amazon.

In addition, Suzanne writes "The Wired Library" column for *Public Libraries Magazine*, the bi-monthly publication for the Public Library Association. She is also the author of essays published in the 2022 and 2023 editions of *The Library and Book Trade Almanac*.

Sunny Carito Pohick Regional Library

Before coming to FCPL's Pohick Regional branch where she serves as a part-time youth services librarian, Sunny worked in audiobook production as a studio engineer and audio editor. Even today, she still edits audiobooks in her spare time. Utilizing her experiences working with audio production, Sunny has a unique perspective when it comes to audiobooks, a perspective she shares as an audiobook reviewer for *AudioFile Magazine*. For the past five years, she has written an average of two reviews per month for the magazine, focusing mainly on middle grade chapter books; fantasy, realistic fiction, horror and mystery books for young adults; and adult memoirs and mysteries. Sunny's reviews can be accessed using the FCPL's MasterFILE Complete database or on AudioFileMagazine.com.

