

## SUMMER 2006 NEWS

The bad news is Laura and my grandson, Drew, are moving to Michigan soon. The good news is that Charity Harris, a long-time customer and friend, has joined us and we're excited to have her. Please help us welcome her to the team!

Hearty thanks to all of you who helped make our Charles de Lint signing a huge success. It was our second-best event ever, exceeded only by the Harry Potter party last July, and that's largely because you responded to my begging and pleading ; )

New upcoming hardcover lists are now available, either in the store or online at our website, <http://www.cncbooks.com>. Please let us know as soon as you can if there's something you want--it helps our ordering immensely.

We're trying an experiment through the warm months—being open on Sundays, starting July 9th, from 12 to 5PM (although the hours are somewhat tentative till we see what works). In September, we'll decide whether it's been worthwhile and whether we should continue, so, for all you folks who've said you wished we were open on Sundays, here's your chance.

We'd like to start more reading/writing groups, now that Sunday afternoons are available and we could also stay open till 9 on Wednesdays if warranted and weekday lunchtimes/afternoons are a good possibility. Let us know if you or someone you know have any interest in a themed mystery group, a strictly fantasy/dark fantasy group, a graphic novels group, a writing group for ages 10 through high school (we'd need a volunteer adult to lead that one) or tell us if you have other ideas.

Customer picks needed! We have several people who've given us extensive list (thanks very much for that) but the display looks like we only have half a dozen folks who want to recommend titles. All we need is a title—better yet, multiple titles--or you can suggest an author if you prefer and we'll pick the title.

### ***JULY EVENTS***

*Clearance sale starts early this month. Come check out the bargains!*

#### **Thursday, July 6th, 7PM**

Strange Horizons reading group

#### **Saturday, July 8th, 1 to 4PM**

Horror/Dark Fantasy Authors Brian Keene and JF Gonzalez

Old favorites Brian and JF return, Brian with *The Conqueror Worms* and JF with *Survivor*, along with older books by both. For further information about these authors, see <http://www.briankeene.com/> and <http://www.jfgonzalez.com/>

#### **Tuesday, July 11th, 7:30PM**

Mystery Lovers mystery reading group, discussing Vince Flynn's *Term Limits*

#### **Thursday, July 13th, 7PM**

Writers Endeavor writing group

#### **Saturday, July 15th, 2 to 4PM**

Local fantasy author Shirley Hiter will debut her first book, *Creator Born*. Join us for a bit of a party and a chance to chat with Shirley.

**Abstract:**

Belina Paillin is chosen by the Creator to save her world, Rheudaushim, from destruction. Such destruction hasn't been seen since the Devastation War; over 1000 years ago. Her world still lives in the shadow of that War. She alone can prevent the Destroyer from beginning another reign of terror that would bring her people to complete desolation. She must study and use a power that has been restricted since the war. Torn between following the Creator's will, and young love, she struggles against an inner turmoil. A turmoil more wrenching than the Destroyer himself could have sought.

*Bastille Day July 15th—a number of Carytown merchants, led by Can Can Brasserie, will recognize this big French holiday (which actually is on the 14<sup>th</sup>) and we'll be offering 15% off all French-related titles that day. You'll be surprised how many there are!*

**Thursday, July 20th, 7PM**

Morgan's Guild mystery reading group

**Saturday, July 22nd, 2 to 4PM**

Mystery authors Joyce and Jim Lavene

Joyce & Jim return with Fruit of the Poisoned Tree, second in their Peggy Lee Garden Mystery series. See

<http://www.joyceandjimlavene.com/>

**AUGUST EVENTS****Thursday, August 3rd, 7PM**

Strange Horizons reading group—discussing any works by fantasy author Lawrence Watt-Evans

**Tuesday, August 8th, 7:30PM**

Mystery Lovers reading group, discussing Unwise Passions by Alan Pell Crawford

**Thursday, August 10th, 7PM**

Morgan's Guild mystery reading group (date change)

The group will be visited by authors Donna Andrews, Dana Cameron and others to be announced

**Saturday, August 12th, 1 to 3PM**

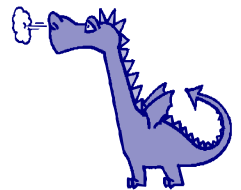
Mystery author John J. Lamb visits with The Mournful Teddy, first in the Bear Collector's series, a blend of cozy and police procedural. John's first mystery, Echoes of the Lost Order, has been a big success at Creatures 'n Crooks. See <http://www.johnjlamb.net/index.htm>

**Sunday, August 13th, Carytown Watermelon Festival**

*No explanation needed, right? What a terrific excuse to have a good time!*

**Thursday, August 17th, 7PM**

Writers' Endeavor writing group (date change)



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