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3rd Annual Printers' Ball Announced

Expanded Chicago literary festival includes month-long reading series

Chicago—The **3rd Annual Printers' Ball** is scheduled for Friday, July 20, at the Zhou B. Art Center in the heart of Chicago's Bridgeport neighborhood. Created by local print publications, book publishers, and literary organizations, the festival provides readers with an opportunity to celebrate and explore Chicago's vibrant print scene. For the first time, a variety of literary organizations including Bookslut, *Stop Smiling*, The Dollar Store, *ACM*, Danny's, Myopic and Palabra Pura will host a month-long series of collaborative readings leading up to the July 20 literary festival.

What: 3rd Annual Printers' Ball in celebration of print literature in Chicago

Where: Zhou B. Art Center, 1029 West 35th Street • Chicago
Free parking • Close to public transportation

When: Friday, July 20, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Features: Live music! *Punk Planet* presents Magic Lantern. *Venus Zine* presents The Blue Ribbon Glee Club and The 1900s. • DJs from WLWU & Flameshovel Records • Demonstrations by Gnoetry & Reading Under the Influence • Installation by Chicago Underground Library • Comics by Shortpants Press • Free featherproof books T-shirts to the first 100 attendees • Posters by Delicious Design League • Special-offer subscriptions & more!

The Printers' Ball is an annual celebration of print literature in Chicago, hosted by *Poetry*, in collaboration with more than 80 local literary organizations. The festival showcases a diverse selection of print publications including magazines, journals, and weeklies. Event organizers expect to give away more than 6,000 free magazines at this year's Printers' Ball.

Participating literary organizations include:

ACM • *After Hours* • *Alarm Magazine* • *AREA* • *Bailliwik* • Beard of Bees • bleached whale design • Bookslut • Busy Beaver Buttons • *The Canary* • *Chicago Innerview* • *Chicago Quarterly Review* • *Chicago Reader* • *Chicago Review* • Chicago Underground Library • *Chicagoland Tails Pet Magazine* • *Columbia Poetry Review* • *The Common Review* • *contratiempo* • *Court Green* • Cracked Slab Books • The Danny's Reading Series • d'cypher press • Delicious Design League • The Dollar Store • Em Press • *f magazine* • featherproof books • Flameshovel Records • *Free Lunch* • Front Forty Press • Gnoetry • *Green Lantern* • The Guild Literary Complex • Haymarket Books • Hourglass Books • *In These Times* • *International Socialist Review* • *Jack Black's Body* • *Journal of Ordinary Thought* • Kedzie Press • Literago • *Love, Chicago* • *Lumpen* • *LVNG* • *The Machine* • *MAKE* • *Milk Magazine* • *Moonlit* • *Mule Magazine* • Myopic Books & Poetry Series • *Newcity* • *Other Voices* • Palabra Pura Series • *Poetry* • The Poetry Center of Chicago • The Poetry Foundation • Press of the Third Mind • Puddin'head Press • *Punk Planet* • Reading Under the Influence • Reconstruction Room • Red Rover Series • *Rhino* • *Roctober Magazine* • Rose Metal Press • *Rubba Ducky* • Screwball Press • *Select* • *Seven Ten Bishop* • *shelter* • Shortpants Press • *The Skeleton News* • *Small Happy* • *Stop Smiling* • *StoryQuarterly* • Switchback Books • *Terry Plumming* • *THE2NDHAND* • Tia Chucha Press • *Time Out Chicago* • *TriQuarterly* • *Try Less Hard* • *UR Chicago Magazine* • *Venus Zine* • Visual Artists Collective • WLUW • The Writers WorkSpace • You Are Beautiful • And others . . .

The Printers' Ball is open to the public and admission is free. For more information, visit printersball.org or e-mail editors@poetrymagazine.org.

Printers' Ball Chicago Summer Reading Series

Wednesday, June 27, 8 p.m.

Bookslut Reading Series at the *Stop Smiling* Storefront
"A Night of Comics"

Bookslut & Stop Smiling present Nick Bertozzi, Paul Hornschemeier and Austin Grossman reading from the boundaries of comic books and literature.

Stop Smiling Storefront
1371 North Milwaukee Avenue
FREE • All ages

Friday, July 6, 7 p.m.

The Dollar Store
"Buck a Book"

Local print-scene fixtures give us a dollar's worth of print-themed readings.

The Hideout
1354 West Wabansia
\$1 • 21 +

Sunday, July 8, 6 p.m.

Red Rover: Experiment #13
"Exquisite Corpse"

Not just *Another Chicago Magazine* release party, hosted by Red Rover with surprises and high jinks.

HotHouse
31 East Balbo Avenue
\$10 (Includes an issue of *ACM* #47, "ACM Is DEAD") 21 +

Wednesday, July 11, 7:30 p.m.

The Danny's Reading Series

Featuring *MoonLit* and *The Canary*

The Chicago-based editors of *MoonLit* and *The Canary* present four poets from around the country.

Danny's

1951 West Dickens

FREE • 21+

Sunday, July 15, 7 p.m.

Myopic Poetry Series

"*Poetry* Since 1912"

Local poets read poems from the *Poetry* archive, chosen at random.

Myopic Books

1564 North Milwaukee Avenue

FREE • All ages

Wednesday, July 18, 8 p.m.

Palabra Pura Series

Featuring Suzanne Frischkorn and Shlomit Baytelman. Open mike from Tia Chucha, Momotombo and March/Abrazo Presses.

The California Clipper

1002 North California Avenue

FREE • 21+

About *Poetry*

Founded in Chicago by Harriet Monroe in 1912, *Poetry* is the oldest monthly devoted to verse in the English-speaking world. Harriet Monroe's "Open Door" policy, set forth in Volume I of the magazine, remains the most succinct statement of *Poetry*'s mission: to print the best poetry written today, in whatever style, genre, or approach. The magazine established its reputation early by publishing the first important poems of T.S. Eliot, Ezra Pound, Marianne Moore, Wallace Stevens, H.D., William Carlos Williams, Carl Sandburg, and other now-classic authors. In succeeding decades it has presented—often for the first time—works by virtually every significant poet of the twentieth century.