

February 14 - March 14, 2026

THE COLUMBIA COUNTY STORIES BY THE RIVER FESTIVAL



Sponsored by the St. Helens Public Library and the Columbia County Authors Alliance

January 29, 2026 (Pre-Festival Event)

5:00 PM - Feb“word”ary Writing Challenge Kick-
7:00 PM Off Meeting
Location: Sunshine Pizza, St. Helens
Hosted by the Columbia County Authors Alliance

Saturday, February 14, 2026

11:00 AM - Columbia County Authors Special
12:00 PM Collection Launch Event
Location: Library, Columbia Center
Hosted by the St. Helens Public Library

12:00 PM - St. Helens Writers Guild Meeting
2:00 PM Location: Auditorium, Columbia Center
Hosted by the Columbia County Authors Alliance

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

10:00 AM - Write-In (Informal Writers Get-Together)
12:00 PM Location: Beyond the Forest, St. Helens
Hosted by the Columbia County Authors Alliance

6:00 PM - St. Helens Public Library Book Club
7:00 PM Location: Armstrong Room, Columbia
Center
Hosted by the St. Helens Public Library

Thursday, February 19, 2026

5:30 PM - Author Panel: Pathways to Publishing
7:00 PM Location: Auditorium, Columbia Center
Hosted by the Columbia County Authors Alliance

Friday, February 20, 2026

6:00 PM - Late Night Write-In (Informal Writers
11:00 PM Get-Together)
Location: Auditorium, Columbia Center
Hosted by the Columbia County Authors Alliance

Sunday, February 22, 2026

4:00 PM - Open Mic Night
6:00 PM Location: Beyond the Forest, St. Helens
Hosted by the Columbia County Authors Alliance

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

5:30 PM - Whodunit: An Interactive Murder
7:00 PM Mystery Event
Location: Auditorium, Columbia Center
Hosted by the Columbia County Authors Alliance

Saturday, February 28, 2026

12:30 PM - Writers Workshop: Finding Story Ideas
2:00 PM Location: Auditorium, Columbia Center
Hosted by the Columbia County Authors Alliance

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

6:00 PM - Pen & Perspective: In Conversation with
7:30 PM Local Authors
Location: Auditorium, Columbia Center
Hosted by the St. Helens Public Library

Thursday, March 5, 2026

5:30 PM - Writers Workshop: Kickstart Your Short
7:00 PM Story (registration requested)
Location: Auditorium, Columbia Center
Hosted by the Columbia County Authors Alliance

Saturday, March 7, 2026

10:00 AM - St. Helens Public Library Family
11:00 AM Storytime: Readings from Local
Children’s Book Authors
Location: Auditorium, Columbia Center
Hosted by the St. Helens Public Library

12:00 PM - Feb“word”ary Writing Challenge
2:00 PM Celebration
Location: Auditorium, Columbia Center
Hosted by the Columbia County Authors Alliance

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

5:15 PM - St. Helens Public Library Adults & Crafts
6:30 PM (registration required)
Location: Auditorium, Columbia Center
Hosted by the St. Helens Public Library

Thursday, March 12, 2026

10:00 AM - Write-In (Informal Writers Get-Together)
12:00 PM Location: Cathedral Coffee, Scappoose
Hosted by the Columbia County Authors Alliance

Saturday, March 14, 2026

10:00 AM - Local Author Book Sale & Signing
12:00 PM Location: Columbia Center
Hosted by the Columbia County Authors Alliance

12:30 PM - Anthology Release Celebration
2:00 PM Location: Auditorium, Columbia Center
Hosted by the Columbia County Authors Alliance