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Saturday, January 16

**Literary Vendor Fair
&
Writers' Workshop**

Free and open to the public.

Dinner with the Authors

Tickets \$20

The Desoto House Hotel



SCHEDULE:

Literary Vendor Fair

11am to 3pm | Ballroom

Authors
Book Signings
Book Sellers



12:00pm - 3:00pm

Literary Fabulism
a writers' workshop
with Andrés Carlstein

Have you ever wondered why the myths, fairy tales, and legends we learn as children can remain so compelling, even as we mature into adulthood? It is because they rely on specific structural elements and techniques to resonate with the reader. This workshop will focus on these craft components to understand how they work and how to apply them to our own writing.

Andrés Carlstein received his M.F.A. in Fiction from the Iowa Writer' Workshop, where he was an Iowa Arts Fellow. He is currently an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of Iowa.

LitFest is a **celebration** of the written word in all its forms.

Explore and discover vendors and exhibitors including local authors, literary groups, and book sellers.

Watch and Learn from presentations highlighting reading and writing.

Support literary culture. Books will be available for purchase and signing throughout the day.



Dinner with the Authors

6pm | Courtyard



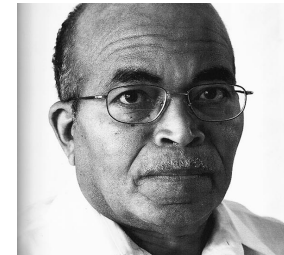
Opening Speaker

Michael Alan Peck

**“The Journeyman’s Journey:
A Tale of Publishing and
Finding Creative Freedom”**

Peck has never written a query letter or contacted a literary agent. In fact he skipped the traditional publishing route entirely. Why and how? He will explain his self-publishing journey, which eventually led to him winning the 2015 Soon to be Famous Illinois Author Project.

Michael Alan Peck tells tales big and small. Life’s magical, but it isn’t always enough for a story. So he makes up the rest. He has made his living writing about TV, its celebrities, and its past.



Keynote Speaker

Thomas Armstrong

**“Freedom Rider:
A Foot Solider of the
Civil Rights Movement”**

Drawing from his involvement on the front lines of the Civil Rights Movement, Armstrong will share his story and present a model for how individuals can increase personal power through civic engagement. He will also talk about his memoir, *“Autobiography of a Freedom Rider.”*

Thomas Armstrong is a veteran of the Civil Rights Movement. He did not speak publicly about his civil rights experiences for thirty-eight years, but has recently broken his silence. He has since spoken at many universities and organizations throughout Illinois and Mississippi.

*Tickets available at the Desoto House Hotel
and the Galena Public Library*