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KPL local authors

KANKAKEE LOCAL AUTHORS

Many talented authors call Kankakee County home, and the Kankakee Public Library is proud to promote their works. In this brochure you will find the names, book titles, and contact information of a number of authors with connections to the community -- some who were born and raised here and others who have moved here more recently.

Support our local arts community by visiting these authors' websites, purchasing their books, or writing them fan mail!

If you're a local author who would like to be added to this brochure, or if you know an author whose name you would like to see here, please contact vforquer@lions-online.org.

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Intimate Encounters With The Quantum Physicist

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From Sinsemilla to Sins Forgiven: I Chose the Right Path

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Mirrors of Imagination: Reflections of a Better You

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Springboard to Heaven: The Jojo Sayson Adventure
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Giant Hero

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Cloud Jumpers

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Charlie and the Blanket Toss

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The Alaska Homesteader's Handbook

Patsy Ann of Alaska

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The World-Famous Alaska Highway

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for Girls in Afghanistan, the Peace Corps, and Life
Before the Taliban*

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From the Ghettos of Philadelphia to the Slums of Kenya

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Small Justice
Len Small: Governors and Gangsters
Wild Kankakee
Cardiff: Ghost Town on the Prairie
Cardiff 2
County West Companion

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The Kill Switch
The Coming of the Walrus
Springboard To Heaven (The Jojo Sayson Adventure)
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A Cracker Gets Jacked
Kaleidoscope Resurrection
The Legend of the Fetal Poltergeist
199X: Nineteen Ninety-ten
Planet Ostrogoth!

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Bradley
Bourbonnais
An Illustrated Sesquicentennial Reader: Kankakee County, Illinois, 1853-2003

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title:

Mary's Whimsical Works: A Booklet of Poems

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The Lockwood Chronicles Volume 1 (Episodes 1-4)
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Blue Skies and Apple Blossoms
Patriot in the Pacific: The WWII Service Story of Kermit LaMie
Granny's Guide to Writing Your Family Stories
Home on the Electric Range

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Song of the Rails
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The Wishing Well: Our Experiences Produce a Wealth of Information
Walk in Peace: Transforming My Life's Experiences
My Soulful Journey: Mending of My Heart