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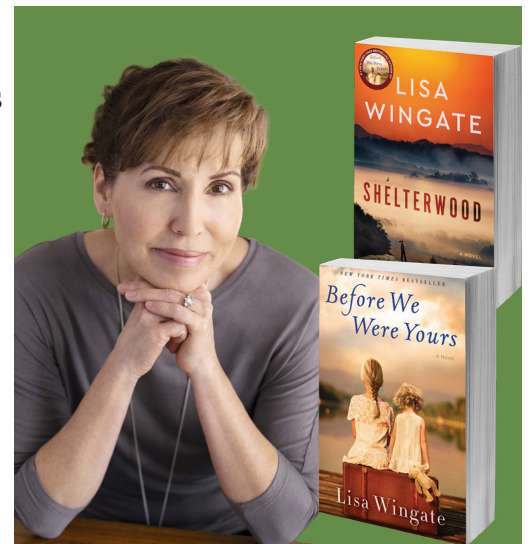
## Exclusive reception with bestselling author Lisa Wingate

As a valued Friends of the Library member you're invited to a special, members-only reception with author Lisa Wingate **Tue, Oct 14, 5:30-6:30pm**, Claire's Sunroom. Wingate is the author of more than 30 novels including *Before We Were Yours*, which remained on the New York Times bestseller list for more than two years and has sold more than 3 million copies. This work of historical fiction tells the heartbreaking real-life story of a scandal at the Tennessee Children's Home Society.

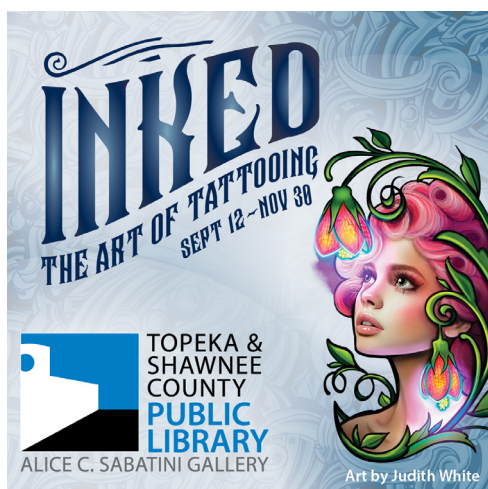
Register at [tscpl.libnet.info/event/14507648](https://tscpl.libnet.info/event/14507648) or call Janel at 785-580-4445 to secure your spot and let us know if you'll be bringing a guest. Registration for the reception also guarantees your seat at the 7pm Author Talk. Seats will fill quickly so register today!

Wingate is a Goodreads Choice Award winner, an Oklahoma Book Award finalist and a Southern Book Prize winner. Americans for More Civility, a kindness watchdog organization, selected her as a recipient of

the National Civics Award, which celebrates public figures who work to promote greater kindness and civility in American life. Booklist summed up her work by saying, "Lisa Wingate is, quite simply, a master storyteller."



This event is proudly presented by the Friends of the Library, whose support through memberships, book sales and the Chandler Booktique helps bring bestselling authors to our community.



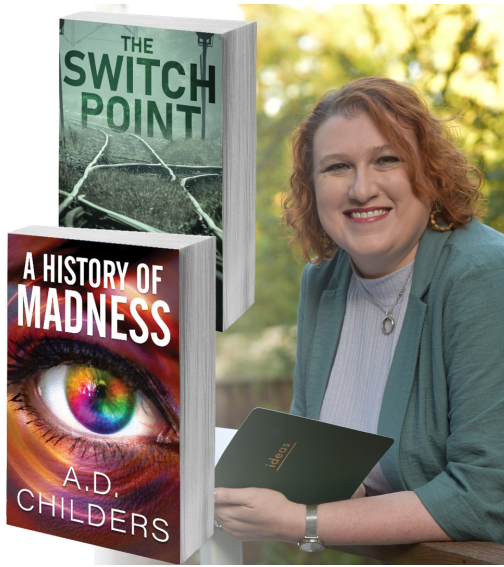
## Exhibit reveals the art of tattooing

Explore the art of tattooing and the collaborative relationship between the tattoo artist and their client in the *Inked* exhibit Sept 12 - Nov 30, 2025, in the library's Alice C. Sabatini Gallery. The gallery worked with Topeka tattoo shops and artists including Olympus Ink, Looking Glass Tattoo and Matryoshka Tattoo to share the art and knowledge of tattoo artists working today. The exhibit also includes art on loan from the Bert Grimm Tattoo Museum in Kansas City.

While tattooing equipment and trends change, tattoo artists and their relationships to clients remain a constant. Finished tattoos showcase the artistic expression and skill of the artist combined with the client's vision.

# Meet Kansas Notable Author A.D. Childers Nov 2

You're invited to the Friends of the Library Annual Event Sun, Nov 2, 1-2:30pm, Marvin Auditorium, featuring Kansas author and Topeka educator A.D. Childers. She will talk about her writing process, answer questions and sign books.

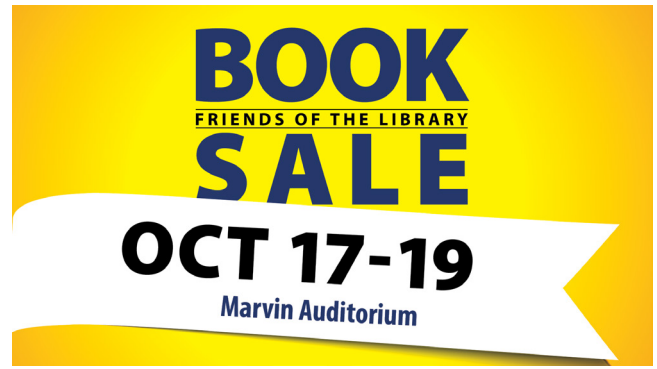


Childers' debut novel *The Switch Point* was named one of the 2025 Kansas Notable Books. It's a gripping mystery filled with twists and turns that keep readers guessing. Her latest release *A History of Madness* (August 2025) ventures into the realm of speculative fiction, showcasing her versatility as a storyteller.

Childers holds a Master's in creative writing for educators from Fairleigh Dickinson University and is actively involved in multiple writing groups. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time at the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, her favorite local hangout.

Following the moderated conversation, Childers will sign her books, which will be available for purchase at the event from Round Table Bookstore.

This special author event will follow a brief Friends business meeting. Please register to attend at [events.tscpl.org/event/14507791](https://events.tscpl.org/event/14507791) or call Janel 785-580-4445.

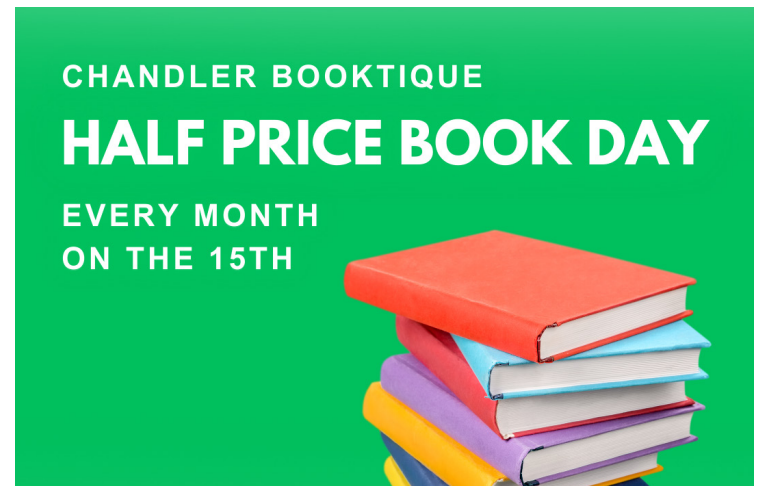


Don't miss the last Book and Media Sale of the year Oct 17-19. Shop gently used books and media at unbeatable prices. Fri, Oct 17, 5-8pm Friends Members shop early for the best selection of fiction, nonfiction, children's books, paperbacks, DVDs and more. Memberships are sold at the door and in the Chandler Booktique if you want to bring a friend or family member with you Friday.

Sat, Oct 18, 9am-3pm and Sun, Oct 19, noon - 3pm are open to the public. Sunday is bag day when you can fill a grocery bag (provided) for only \$10. We accept cash and credit cards. Checks are not accepted.

## Sale dates for 2026

- January 16-18
- July 17-19
- April 17-19
- October 16-18



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