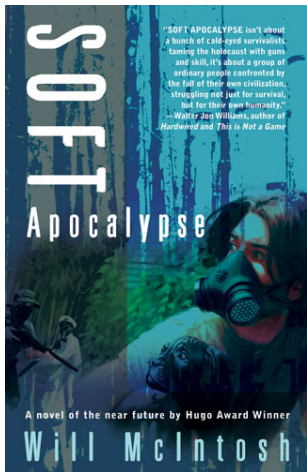


Meet the Author Schedule 2011-2012



Thursday, September 15, 7 pm.

Will McIntosh, Award-winning sci-fi writer

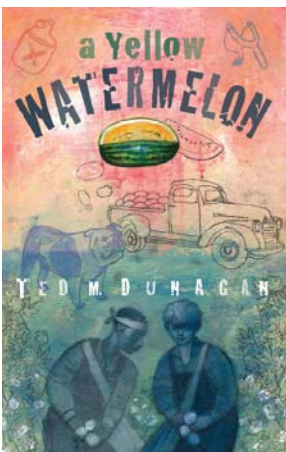
Will McIntosh, whose short story *Bridesicle* won the Hugo Award for science fiction in 2010 will talk about his first novel, *Soft Apocalypse*. Set in Southeast Georgia, it's been praised, the book has been praised by *Publishers Weekly*: "In this moving debut from Hugo-winner McIntosh, the prosperous world of 2023 ends not with a bang but with a crackle, the sound of genetically engineered bamboo growing overnight and destroying roads and buildings. Though it may be soft, this apocalypse has plenty of sharp edges." We may also get a preview of *Deadland*, set to be published in 2012.

Thursday, November 10, 7 pm

Genealogy Research and Writing Family Histories

Sharon Rowe, Janice Strickland, Loretta Brandon.

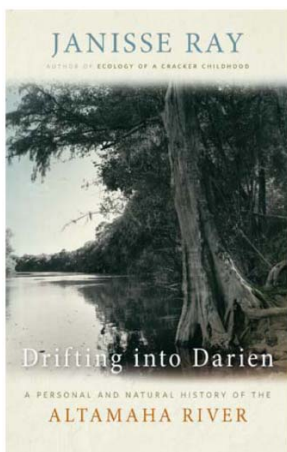
Ever wanted to research your family roots? Write a family history or memoir? Learn to get started. Our own Sharon Rowe, Director of the Statesboro Library System, and Janice Strickland are both librarians, genealogy aficionados. They will explain how to use our wonderful genealogy room and online resources. Loretta Brandon, professional writer, writing professor and genealogy enthusiast will give tips on how to start writing your own family story.



Thursday, February 9, 7 pm.

Ted Dunagan. A night and author for adults and children

Ted Dunagan was named a Georgia Author of the Year in 2009 for his debut novel *A Yellow Watermelon* and again in 2011 for his second book, *Secret of the Satilfa*. Written for youth, these books speak to adults as well. In the best Southern literary tradition, they explore poverty and racial segregation through the eyes of two twelve-year-old friends. The third in the series, *Trouble on the Tombigbee*, is scheduled for publication in July or August 2011. Written for youth, the award-winning stories appeal to adults as well. Children should be accompanied by adults, please.



Monday, May 21, 2012 Annual Meeting

Janisse Ray, award-winning environmental activist, writer, poet

Janisse Ray, is the award-winning author of *Ecology of a Cracker Childhood*, a highly praised book that combines elements of ecology and autobiography into a multifaceted work. The *New York Times*, says of Janisse Ray that her "passion for preserving and restoring the unsung landscape is heartfelt and refreshing. She'll introduce us to her newest book, *Drifting into Darien: A Personal and Natural History of the Altamaha River*. It's the true story of what happens to Ray on a week-long trip down the river one spring, a trip she'd dreamed of taking since a girl. However, just before the voyage, a strange and disturbing piece of mail arrives. The river journey becomes a way to accept a world that contains both good and evil. The journey, like the river itself, is transformation.