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Gangster Blog

Stop, Eat—and Read!

One must visit bookstores, libraries and other venues to find out who will read the book you've written" – to find one's community. This includes places where people "stop, eat—and read."

Barn Happy, Cedar Falls, IA, Wed-Thurs., Jul. 25 & 26

I met a LOTTA folks who stopped by for a bite of lunch made from locally grown food and to shop for locally produced merchandise—I'll return to Barn Happy on Nov. 3, 9 am-3 pm for their "Holiday Open House," along with

Linda Betsinger McCann, author of the *Lost Towns* book series.

Beaverdale Books, "Local Author Fair," Des Moines, IA, Sat., Aug. 4

Six Iowa writers participated in this event. Kimberly Shursen shared my table—her book *Miracle* is number 19 on Amazon for top paid paranormal thrillers. I met interesting visitors, too...one from South Jersey, who said there's still a strong gangster influence there. Watch for my author event announcement at the West Des Moines library soon!

New Vendor

Tobies—404 Fire Monument Rd, Hinckley, MN, (320) 384-6174



Three Fingers

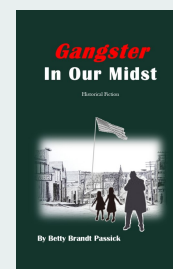
July 1, 1928—Frank Yale was found slumped over the wheel of his new Lincoln near his New York home, gunned down by four men in a black Nash sedan dispensing one hundred .45 caliber bullets into his car. The police...

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Favorite Compliment:

"I want to buy your next book!"





Northeast Iowa Book Tour: “True Crime in Fairbank, Iowa,” Saturday, Aug. 18th, begins at the Cherokee library (10 am).

There’s always a story behind everything...

Walk into any small town library and you’ll instantly feel the charm of the town. The community thrives when a library is in the center. Libraries are the keepers of our stories.

I’m honored to be invited to do an author event at two small town libraries on Saturday, August 18th for my **Northeast Iowa Book Tour: “True Crime in Fairbank, Iowa.”** The first will be at the Cherokee Public Library (10 am), then the Spencer Public Library (2 pm).

The man behind this book tour was Daniel Wetherell, Director, General N.B. Baker Library in Sutherland. He contacted me soon after reading a February 2018 [article](#) by Earl Horlyk, staff writer for the *Sioux City Journal* (Horlyk reached out to me for a phone interview after finding out that I—a small town Iowa native—had written a book about the small town of Fairbank).

Daniel said his idea was to invite me and a few other true crime writers to the Sutherland library for a “True Crime Day” to talk about our books. The idea quickly evolved to include the Cherokee and Spencer libraries.

Unfortunately, Daniel Wetherell, 41, died in a fatal car accident in May. From his obit I found out that he was founder of [The Forgotten Iowa Historical Society](#) Facebook Group--where I frequently post.

We’re still going ahead with the book tour. Zach Freking-Smith, Cherokee library director, created an (above) eye-popping poster; Robin Munson, Spencer library adult program coordinator, has sent out the press release. As author of *Gangster In Our Midst*, the title of my presentation will be: How a small Iowa village was forever changed when a gangster came to town.

Author Events

- **Sat., Aug. 18** — Northeast Iowa Book Tour: “True Crime in Fairbank, Iowa”: Cherokee Public Library (**10 am**), 215 S 2nd St, Cherokee, (712) 225-3498; Spencer Public Library (**2 pm**), 21 E 3rd St, Spencer, (712) 580-7290
- **Wed., Sept. 12**, 530-7 pm — Metropolitan State University Library, 645 7th St E, St. Paul, MN 55106, (651) 793-1616
- **Mon, Sept. 17**, 7 pm (**new**) — Marion Co. Historical Society (Robison St.), Knoxville, IA, (641) 891-6883
- **Sat., Nov. 3**, 9 am-3 pm (**new**) — “Holiday Open House”, Barn Happy, 11310 Univ. Ave, Cedar Falls, IA, (319) 266-0888
- **Fri., May 3, 2019**, 10 am — “First Friday” program, Burlington Public Library, 210 Court St., Burlington, IA (319) 753-1647
- **Sat, May 4, 2019**, 11 am-3 pm (**new**) — Burlington By The Book, 301 Jefferson St, Burlington, IA, (319) 753-9981
- Pending...**
- Date/Time: **TBD** — West Des Moines Library, 4000 Mills Civic Pkwy., West Des Moines, IA, (515) 222-3400
- Date/Time: **TBD** — Chapter2 Books, 226 Locust S., Hudson, WI, (715) 220-8818
- Date/Time: **TBD** — Decades, 25 South Frederick, Oelwein, IA, (319) 504-1464
- Date/Time: **TBD** — Majors & Quinn, 3038 Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis, MN, (612) 822-4611

Book Fairs

- **Sat., Sept. 15**, 9 am-3 pm — [Iowa Author Fest](#) (inside event), Capital Square, 400 Locust St., Des Moines, IA
- **Sat., Sept. 22**, noon-5 pm — [Marydale Festival](#), 524 Maryland Ave., St. Paul, MN, (651) 488-4485