

Speed City Indiana Chapter of Sisters in Crime

Agenda for Saturday, March 28, 2026

Location: Zoom and at Carmel Clay Public Library, 425 E Main St, Carmel

11:00 a.m. -- Business meeting and guest speaker are open to all

Call to Order – Diana Catt

Minutes – Arianna Grazzianni Feb minutes sent out with newsletter

Treasurer's Report – Tony Perona

Membership Committee – Michael Dabney

Media update – Elizabeth San Miguel

Speakers – Janis Thornton

Old Business

- FOCUS ON THIS: Landmark Anthology news: Scenic and Sinister: An Indiana Landmarks Anthology by Speed City Indiana Sisters in Crime TIME TO PLACE PRE-ORDERS! Launch Saturday, April 18, 2pm – MacArthur Books, Village of West Clay, 2169 Glebe St, # 100a, Carmel, IN...I sent Cynthia Compton cynthia@macarthurbooks.net the cover and back blurb for promotion. PRE-ORDER your copies ...I worked up an example invitation for the launch party. Authors should prepare a 1-2 minute read (equates to only a couple paragraphs). We should have simple refreshments (any suggestions?)
- Hamilton East Public Library author fair is changing venues and will be held on Sunday, April 19 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds (2003 Pleasant St, Noblesville, IN 46060). Application Accepted! Who will volunteer to be at our table. We have a Square account I will get you set up to use. It is easy. Set up time is at 11:30 – 12:50. I will send you the map they provided.
- Book Fair, The Author Patch, Danville, May 9th, 9-2 pm We have 60 authors participating in the event on May 9th!! Authors may need to share tents due to limited space. In addition, we have 2 food trucks, 1 tea truck, 1 kombucha truck, Forget-Me-Not making wooden bookends, Sammy making book theme candles, Sydney and I making folded books, and Payton ready to create small book theme tattoos! We also have Cheryl and her amazing Lavender Tea. It is going to be a book lovers dream day!! Sales will go through Author Patch register for 60/40 split....Diana bring ha tent, 2 tables, and at least 4 chairs. Dave Reddick will be sharing our tent. Diana, Russ, Michael? to start off. Anyone want to trade out spots? We 3 will be going to the Bouchercon LOC meeting in Indy at the KVLM at 2 pm.
- MayFest 2026 Dates and Times: ACCEPTED Saturday, May 16th, 2026 from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm Sunday, May 17th, 2026 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Event Address: Camp Chesterfield (one of the Landmark locations for a story in the anthology) - 50 Lincoln Dr. Chesterfield, IN 46017 Retail Vendor 10' x 10' Space (table & chairs not included Diana will bring) Retail Vendors: 2 name tags, 2 event entrance passes.) Diana and Ashley will start off on Saturday 10-2. Who can relieve us for 2-6 shift? Steve Terrell will work Sunday. Anyone else?
- Debut of The Funeral by Evans and Rhodes DATE: APRIL 11, 2026 TIME: 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. LOCATON: 210 E. 34 TH STREET (Phillips Temple CME Church) \$20 ticket
- Comic Con Indy Convention Center June 5-7, 2026 Table cost was approved at a previous meeting, \$450. Sharing table-Grandmothers, Inc, Dragon's Edge Press and they

offered to help defray cost (lets get some specifics for our treasurer!) I have submitted proposition for 3 panels and 2 workshops. Russ's AI program and my submission for Page to Play to Screen have both been accepted as programs. We can get you in free if you agree to spend some time working our booth.

- We do have a QR code linked to our website book page. Also, we can order 192, .5" stickers for \$14.99. Just send me the link to the internet address for the QR code. Or someone can print them to blank a sheet of blank stickers

New Business

- Shari Held talked to Becke Bollinger from the Historical Society and she is interested in selling Scenic and Sinister in the Historical Society's bookstore. Michael is going to follow up with Becke.

| 2026 Meeting schedule | Speaker |
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| April 25 | David Penny (sp?) |
| May 23 | Kris Klauss (sp?) |
| June 27 | Larry Sweazy |
| July 25 | |
| Aug 22 | Russ Eberhart |
| Sept 26 | Lori Rader-Day |
| Oct 24- I'll be in Calgary at B'con | |
| Nov 21(3rd Sat) | |

Book Signing Events update:

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- Bouchercon 2026, October 21-25 will be in Calgary, Canada.
- Bouchercon 2027, Washington DC
- Bouchercon 2028 – coming to INDY

Member News? Be sure to let Elizabeth know for our newsletter! What I know...

- Roberta Barmore (our Bobbi) has a short story in Shadow and Light: New Writing from Indiana. Their launch party is March 28 from 5 to 7 pm at Wabash College
- Shari Held's latest acceptance "The Mansion on the Hill" in Detectives, Sleuths, & Nosy Neighbors"