

# Dinner at the Kids' Table

6:45 – 8:15 pm

Friday, September 28  
*Tickets required.*

Cascade Ballroom of the Courtyard Downtown Tacoma



## Marie Lu / *Wildcard (Warcross 2)* / Penguin Young Readers

Fans of Marie Lu's *Warcross* will be thrilled this fall with *Wildcard* (Penguin Young Readers/PRH), the second and final volume in the duology. *Wildcard* picks up teenage hacker Emika Chen after she has barely survived the Warcross Championships. Now that she knows the truth behind the algorithm controlling the Warcross game, she teams up with a ruthless band of misfits to put a stop to the grim plans the game's creator has in mind. With a bounty on her head, Emika must decide who she can trust, and who she can love, if she's going to survive. Before she became a full-time writer, Marie Lu worked in the video game industry for Disney Interactive Studios as an artist. She is the bestselling author of both *The Young Elites* and *Legend* series for young adults. Marie Lu lives in Los Angeles.

## Brad Meltzer & Chris Eliopoulos / *I Am Sonia Sotomoyor* and *I Am Neil Armstrong* / Penguin Young Readers

This fall writer Brad Meltzer and illustrator Chris Eliopoulos bring two new additions to their *Ordinary People Change the World* series for young readers with *I Am Sonia Sotomoyor* and *I Am Neil Armstrong* (Penguin Young Readers/PRH). Each book in this series is a fun and friendly biography of a real hero, written for the youngest nonfiction readers, and includes photos and a helpful timeline; each book is designed not just to educate, but also to inspire. Brad Meltzer is the bestselling author of numerous books, from the inspirational *Heroes for My Son* to his recent thriller *The Escape Artist*. Chris Eliopoulos, who began his illustration career with Marvel Comics, has written and illustrated many comics and graphic novels, the latest of which is *Monster Mayhem*.



## Yuyi Morales / *Dreamers* / Neal Porter Books

Award-winning author and illustrator Yuyi Morales brings a very personal story to *Dreamers* (Neal Porter Books/Holiday House), a gorgeous picture book about making a home in a new place. In 1994, Morales moved with her infant son from their home in Mexico to the Bay Area, where she discovered the magic of a public library. There, book by book, mother and son learned to decipher their new language and found their place in a new country. *Dreamers* tells that story, and reminds us that, regardless of what they have left behind, all immigrants bring their own gifts and dreams with them to their new home. Yuyi Morales' previous books include *Niño Wrestles the World* and the Caldecott Honor winner *Viva Frida*. She is a five-time winner of the Pura Belpré Award for illustration.

## Suzanne Selfors / *Wish Upon a Sleepover* / Imprint

In *Wish Upon a Sleepover* (Imprint/Macmillan), the new middle grade novel from Suzanne Selfors, a young girl named Leilani hopes that invitations to her sleepover will help her make friends with the popular girls in her class. Too late, she finds out that her grandmother has accidentally mailed those invitations to the DO NOT INVITE list instead. Even worse, Leilani finds that instead of stocking in food for the party, grandmother has left a recipe for "Sleepover Soup"— requiring each guest to find and collect one ingredient with special meaning to them. That "soup" might prove to be just the right recipe for the girls to find acceptance and friendship. Suzanne Selfors is the best-selling author of numerous books for young readers of all ages, including *Smells Like Dog*, *The Sasquatch Escape* and the *Ever After High* series. She lives on Bainbridge Island.

