

## 8th Annual New Fiction Confab & Austin Lit Fair



**John Henry Faulk Central  
Library, 800 Guadalupe St.**

**Saturday, April 1, 2017**

Each year, the New Fiction Confab invites a handful of America's most prominent early- and mid-career authors to Austin to spend a day leading writing workshops, reading their work, and engaging in conversations that offer the community an opportunity to explore and discuss contemporary fiction with the authors shaping

America's literary landscape.

We are thrilled to welcome several of the most notable authors to publish new work in 2016 and 2017: Dan Chaon, Patty Yumi Cottrell, Alexandra Kleeman, John Pipkin, Deb Olin Unferth, and Yoojin Grace Wuertz.

For more information, including workshop/discussion times and author biographies, [click here](#).

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## Badgerdog Creative Writing Summer Camps



work. For camp listings and registration, [click here](#).

Each summer, Badgerdog hosts writing camps for rising 3rd-through 12th-graders that allow students to work closely with professional writers as they explore the arts of poetry, fiction, nonfiction, and playwriting. All campers experience the joy of performing and publishing their original

A big *thank you* to everyone who helped us raise over \$7,000 for the Library Foundation's Children's Collections Endowment during Amplify Austin. With over 125,000 juvenile cardholders, the Children's Collections at the Austin Public Library are a beloved and in-demand resource. The Library Foundation's endowment will ensure Austin's children will always have access to a dynamic and robust collection of materials. If you'd like to make a donation please visit us at [www.austinlibrary.org](http://www.austinlibrary.org).

# Badgerdog's Summer Book Crush



## Badgerdog's SUMMER BOOK CRUSH

Led by a professional writer, young readers explore a well-crafted novel, take it apart, play around in its pages, and develop creative work in response to the novel. This program is designed to foster close reading skills, critical thinking, and creativity in a fun environment. For Book Crush listings and registration, [click here](#).

## March by John Lewis

**Book Discussions / Gallery Tour / Author Event**



This spring, The Library Foundation sponsored book discussion groups at three different branch libraries in conjunction with the publication of the third volume of Congressman John Lewis' three-volume graphic memoir, *March*, which chronicles his leadership role in the Civil Rights Movement. Book discussion

## Austin's New Central Library: Community Spaces

In addition to providing the entire community with access to boundless knowledge through cutting-edge technology and extensive print and digital collections, Austin's new central library, scheduled to open later this year, will feature unique and distinctive gathering spaces for the community to learn, read, create, explore, and even cook! These spaces include a special events center, reading porches, meeting rooms, a cooking demonstration area, a rooftop butterfly garden, and an art gallery. For more information about the new central library please [visit www.austinlibrary.org](http://www.austinlibrary.org).



*Austin Public Library librarians tour the reading porches at the new central library.*

participants were invited to attend a curator-led tour of March On!, an exhibition featuring original artwork from the memoir and historical documents of the Civil Rights Movement at the Warfield Center's Christian-Green Gallery on the UT campus. Participants were also eligible for tickets to attend the John Lewis author event at UT.



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