

## Maine Calling Friday June 13, 2025 ReadME-Summer Reads Program

### Panelists:

**Julia Bouwsma**, Poet Laureate; author of three poetry collections; recommending author for ReadME 2025

**Nick Fuller Googins**, author of *The Great Transition* and *The Frequency of Living Things*. He teaches fourth grade in Saco

**Jennifer Lunden**, author of *American Breakdown: Our Ailing Nation, My Body's Revolt, and the Nineteenth-Century Woman who Brought Me Back to Life*. She is a licensed clinical social worker

### 2025 ReadME Selections:

Fiction: Nick Fuller Googins' *The Great Transition*

Non-fiction: Jennifer Lunden's *American Breakdown*

### 2025 ReadME Children's Literature Selections:

For Middle Grade Readers – *Wishing Season* by Anica Mrose Rissi

For Younger Readers – *Rostram's Picture-Day Pusteen* by Ryan Bani Tahmaseb and Illustrated by Fateme Mokhles

### Recommended Summer Reads

#### From **Julia Bouwsma**:

*The Emperor of Gladness* by Ocean Vuong

*Good Girl* by Aria Aber

*Scorched Earth* by Tiana Clark

*the space between men* by Mia S. Willis

*Primordial* by Mai Der Vang

#### From **Jennifer Lunden**:

*The Mourner's Bestiar* by Eiren Caffal

*Alias Agnes: The Notorious Tale of a Gilded Age Spy* by Elizabeth DeWolfe

*The Mourner's Bestiary* by Eiren Caffall

*Kate Meader*, by Deb Gould

*Spoonhandle* by Ruth Moore

#### From **Nick Fuller Googins**:

*Atomic Hearts* by Megan Cummins

*Children of Memory* by Adrian Tchaikovsky

*One Day, Everyone Will Have Always Been Against This* by Omar El Akkad

*The River is Waiting* by Wally Lamb

#### From **Austin Taylor**, author of *Notes on Infinity*:

*Intermezzo* by Sally Rooney

*The Body* by Stephen King

#### From **Christine Murphy**, author of *Notes on Surviving the Fire*

*Patricia Wants to Cuddle* by Samantha Allen

*The Lilac People* by Milo Todd

*The Afterlife Project* – Tim Weed

#### From **Ron Currie**, author of *The Savage, Noble Death of Babs Dionne*

*Outermark* by Jason Brown

*You Can Never Die* by Harry Bliss

#### From **Elizabeth DeWolfe**, author of *Alias Agnes: The Notorious Tale of a Gilded Age Spy*

*The Sirens* by Emilia Hart

*The Backyard Bird Chronicles* by Amy Tan

Recommendations from listeners:

*The More We Take* by Kevin Curnin

*Finding Our Compass: Setting a Course for Democracy to Succeed* by Robert Raymond –

*Praying With Jane Eyre* by Vanessa Zoltan

*Voices of the Night* by Gemma Cannon

*Weather Woman* by Cai Emmons

*Unleashed* by Cai Emmons

Paul Doiron mysteries (*Skin and Bones*, *The Poacher's Son*)

*Termination Shock* by Neal Stephenson

*Divining Chaos: The Autobiography of an Idea* by Aviva Rahmani

*The Water Knife* by Paolo Bacigalupi

*The Frequency of Living Things* by Nick Fuller Googin

*Death Fluorescence* by Julia Bousma

*The Light of Civil Day* by Robert Breen