

*Indies United Publishing House
& The And I Thought Ladies*

*Invite you to the
The 2024 Indies Author Retreat
& 8th Annual Women in Literature Awards*

*May 24 – 26th, 2024
Quincy, Illinois*

Itinerary

FRIDAY

Retreat House will open at 2pm

5 to 6pm – Meet & Greet Mixer (casual)

6 to 8pm – Cookout

*8pm to 10pm – 10 minute Campfire
Stories*

SUNDAY

10 to 10:45am – Author Workshops

11 to 11:45am – Author Workshops

Noon – Picnic Lunch

Retreat House venue will close at 4pm

SATURDAY

10 to 10:45am – Author Workshops

11 to 11:45am – Author Workshops

Noon to 2pm – Afternoon Break

2 to 4pm – Public Book Readings

*6 to 8pm – Awards Ceremony Dinner
(event business formal)*

**All outdoor activities are weather permitting. If inclement weather occurs alternates will be announced.*

About Quincy, IL



Quincy, IL is a city located on the Mississippi River and the county seat of Adams County. It is known as the “Gem City” of Illinois and has a population of about 39,463 according to the 2020 census.

Quincy has a rich history and culture, as it was a major transportation hub in the 19th century and a site of the famous Lincoln-Douglas debates in 1858. It also played a significant role in the Underground Railroad and the Mormon migration. Quincy has several historic districts and landmarks, such as the John Wood Mansion, the Quincy Museum, and the Gardner Museum of Architecture and Design.

Quincy is also a center of education, arts, and entertainment in the region. It hosts various festivals and events throughout the year, such as the Dogwood Festival, the Midsummer Arts Faire, and the Quincy Octoberfest. Quincy also has a vibrant music and theater scene, with venues like the Quincy Symphony Orchestra, the Quincy Community Theatre, and Jazz in the Park.

Quincy is a great place to visit, as it offers a mix of historical charm, cultural diversity, and modern amenities. From beautiful parks and a gorgeous riverfront to historic neighborhoods featuring some of the most stunning homes in the country, and a downtown with plenty of restaurants, retail outlets, and nightlife, Quincy lives up to its name as the Gem City. It truly is a gem.

Ursa Retreat House

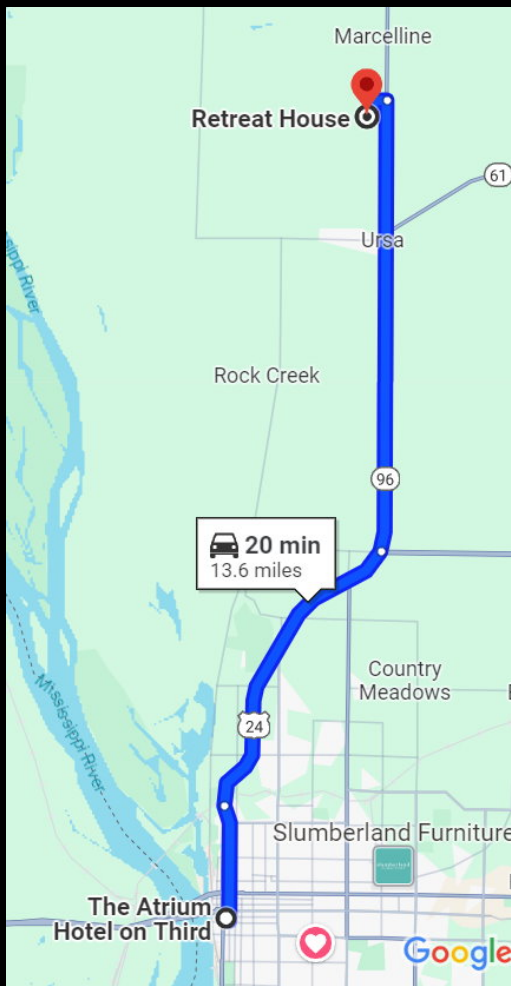
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The Ursa Retreat House is located on 7 acres north of Ursa, Illinois. The main lodge features a great room with a fireplace, a fully equipped kitchen, a large dining area, and a beautiful wrap around deck with porch swings and outdoor seating/tables.

Outside there is a pond with paddle boats and fishing, a swimming pool with shower houses, an arts and crafts building, BBQ grills, picnic tables, a lawn game area, a basketball court, and a new volleyball court.

The Ursa Retreat House is handicap accessible.



Activities will be split between downtown Quincy and the Ursa Retreat House

The Ursa Retreat House is an easy 20 minute drive from downtown Quincy.

Follow 4th Street, a one-way street going north, that turns into US 24 E/IL 94 N it will take you straight to the retreat.

Once you reach Ursa, IL you will be less than 5 minutes from the retreat. The retreat is located on the Left/West side of the highway.

There will be signs.

Retreat House Activities

Friday Night

Meet & Greet Mixer

Cookout

10-minute Campfire Stories

Family & Friends are welcome to join all activities at the Retreat House, except for the Author Workshops.

Saturday

Author Workshops

Gala Event

They are also allowed full access to all the amenities offered at the retreat.

Sunday

Author Workshops

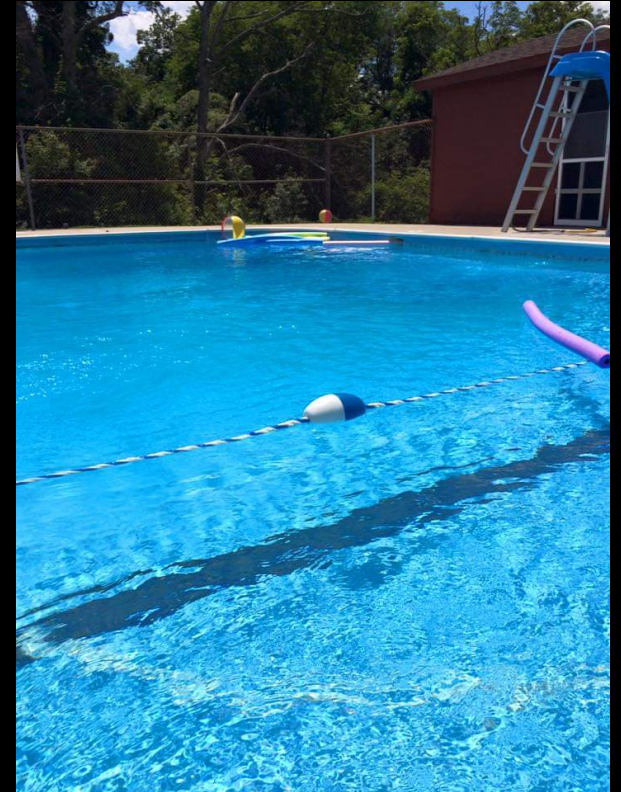
Picnic

Throughout the weekend, there will be lemonade, coffee, tea, and snacks available.

Retreat House Activities



Please note: for all water activities there is no life guard on Duty.



Quincy Public Library

526 Jersey St, Quincy, IL 62301



The public book reading will be hosted by the Quincy Public Library, in downtown Quincy.

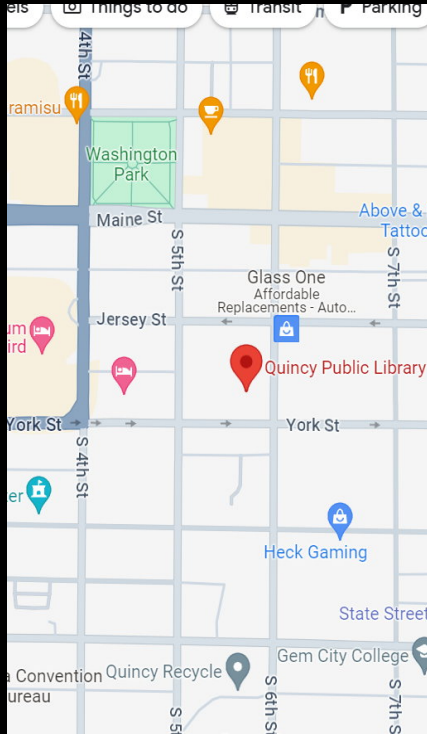
Book Readings will be held in 10 minute segments from 2 – 4pm on Saturday. Due to time constraints we will only have space for up to 10 book readings, given on a first come – first signed up basis.

We will announce speakers once we receive the first 10 entries.

<http://quincylibrary.org/>

Quincy Public Library

526 Jersey St, Quincy, IL 62301



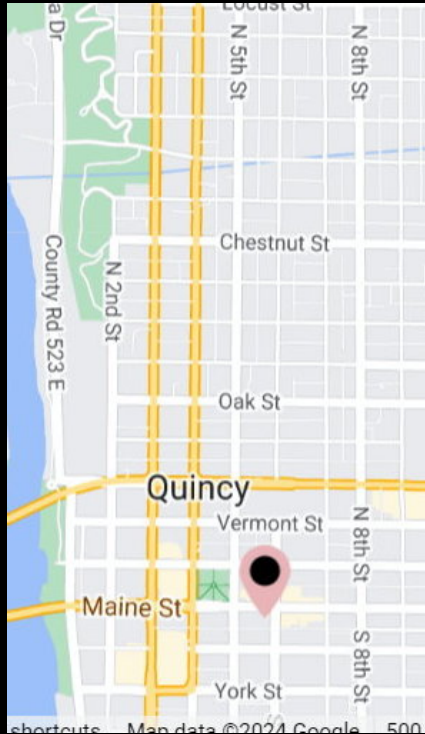
Even if you do not read, you will be able to sign & sell your books during the event. There will be tables set up during the event for all authors to sign and sell their books. You will need to provide your own payment arrangements, or you are welcome to do “cash only” book sales, but please have a sign that indicates that.

Please note, due to space restraints we do ask that if you have others accompanying you for the weekend, that they keep space open for the public. They are welcome to come in during your reading, but then we request that if the event is crowded they exit the meeting room. There is a wonderful children’s reading area with many fun activities if you have children. There are also nearby activities all within walking distance of the library.

<http://quincylibrary.org/>

Enchanted Books

532 MAINE ST. QUINCY, ILLINOIS 62301



The Enchanted Books bookstore is an independently owned bookstore. While you are in town, Jennifer, the owner has graciously offered to host any books from the authors associated with the event.

It is a 60/40 split, with 40% going to the bookstore. If you are interested in this, be sure you have books. their pricing for consignment and all of your contact info for immediate placement.

If you would like to make this a permanent arrangement, she has contracts available.



<https://www.myenchantedbooks.com/>

Inspirational Women Awards For Media, Literature, and Journalism



The objective of the awards is to recognize & honor women who have motivated others in their industry to join their voice to the Inspirational female empowerment choir and hopefully inspire newcomers to consider starting their journey in literature/media or journalism.

As part of the awards, we will be helping three charities that we support to lift the spirits of those downtrodden by the power of domestic abuse. These awards are founded by a survivor, and a warrior who has assisted in executing multiple escape plans for others in distress.



To find out, more about the awards(And Previous winners):<http://www.andwethought.com/awards.html>



Small Bites Short Story Contest Winners

Indies United Publishing House will be honoring the awardees of the first annual Small Bites Short Story Contest as part of the Gala.

Places to Stay

The Atrium Hotel on Third

Bar – Restaurant – Pool – Business Center – Free Breakfast

Rooms average: \$148 a night

201 S 3rd St, Quincy, IL 62301

217-222-2666

Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham

Standard rooms include coffeemakers and flat-screen TVs. Suites add minifridges, wet bars and microwaves. Some have sitting areas, whirlpool tubs and/or pull-out sofas. An airport shuttle is complimentary. There's an indoor pool, a meeting room and a gym. Free Breakfast and pets are welcome.

Rooms average: \$80 a night

200 S 3rd St, Quincy, IL 62301

217-919-0061

Quality Inn & Suites

Modest rooms feature coffeemakers, flat-screen TVs - desks, Suites add whirlpool tubs and/or sitting areas with sofabeds. Complimentary amenities include hot or takeaway breakfast – gym - indoor pool - business center.

Rooms average: \$135 a night

225 S 4th St, Quincy, IL 62301

217-224-8378

In the Downtown District

Places to Eat

Riverside BBQ & Grill

Ribs, brisket & burgers offered in this roomy BBQ joint with rustic decor touches
222 S 3rd St, Quincy, IL 62301

Napoli's Italian Restaurant

Casual Italian Restaurant (Inside the Atrium Hotel)
201 S 3rd St, Quincy, IL 62301

Tiramisu

Upscale Italian Restaurant
131 N 4th St, Quincy, IL 62301

Thyme Square Cafe

Cozy cafe spotlighting locally sourced ingredients in breakfast & lunch fare
615 Hampshire St, Quincy, IL 62301

Hagrid's Hideout

Harry Potter themed cafe (inside the Pinball Joint)
610 Maine St, Quincy, IL 62301

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Southern Food – Menu Changes Daily
601 Maine St, Quincy, IL 62301

The Maine Course

Market-driven New American plates & craft cocktails served in a relaxed atmosphere
626 Maine St, Quincy, IL 62301

Seoul 2 Soul Bistro

Korean-ish Fusion Cuisine
218 N. 6th St, Quincy, IL 62301

In the Downtown District

Places to Drink

Electric Fountain Brewing

*Coffee Shop
534 Hampshire, Quincy, IL 62301*

The Pour Haus

*Coffee Shop
625 Maine St Suite 103, Quincy, IL 62301*

Krazy Cakes Cafe

*Contemporary cafe & bakery serving breakfast,
sandwiches & flatbreads, plus sweet treats.
512 Hampshire St, Quincy, IL 62301*

Carter's Coffee

*Drive-thru Coffee Shop
641 Broadway St, Quincy, IL 62301*

Revelry Quincy

*Sports Bar
119 -121 N 4th St, Quincy, IL 62301*

Quincy Brewing Company

*Bar & Microbrewery
110 N 6th St, Quincy, IL 62301*

Joker's Lounge

*Bar/Gaming/Rocket Axe Throwing
614 Maine St, Quincy, IL 62301*

The Pinball Joint

*Bar/Cafe/Retro Gaming/Pinball/Blacklight mini-golf
610 Maine St, Quincy, IL 62301*

In the Downtown District

Things to Do

Quincy Children's Museum

The Quincy Children's Museum exists to transform the lives of children and families through experiences that inspire curiosity, creativity, connection, and discovery.

115 N 4th St, Quincy, IL 62301

Quincy Underground Railroad Museum:

Dr Richard Eells House

Built in 1835, this restored home is legendary for its role as a spot on the Underground Railroad.

415 Jersey St, Quincy, IL 62301

Lincoln-Douglas Debate Museum

Museum

128 N 5th St, Quincy, IL 62301

All Wars Museum

War museum with over 5,000 artifacts from U.S. conflicts from the Revolutionary War to the present.

1707 N 12th St, Quincy, IL 62301

Historical Society of Quincy Museum

332 Maine St, Quincy, IL 62301

Villa Kathrine

The town's visitor information center, in a historic North African-style villa built in 1900.

532 Gardner Expressway, Quincy, IL 62301

Ways to Travel to Quincy

Drive:

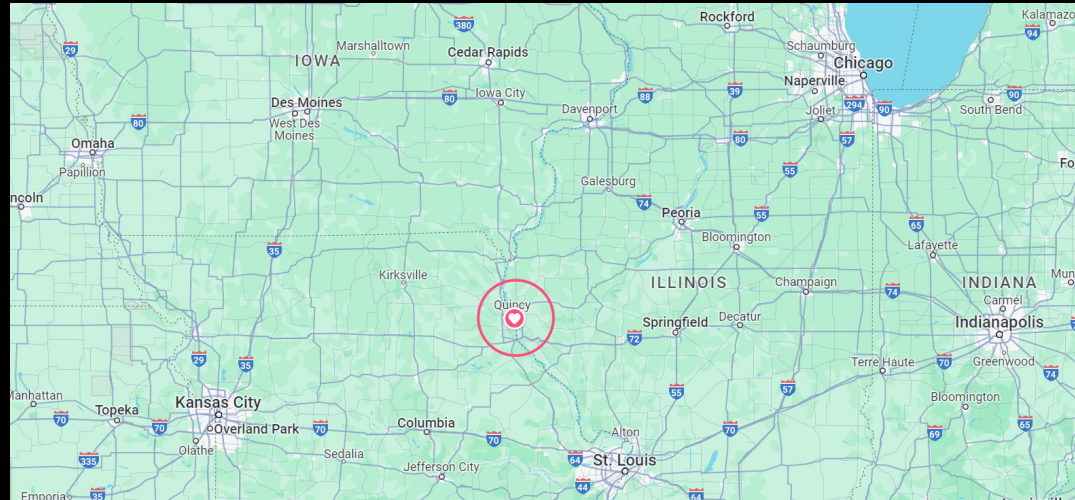
Quincy is located right on the eastern bank of the Mississippi, 20 miles north of Hannibal, MO – the hometown of Mark Twain

Fly:

Quincy Regional Airport offers daily round trip flights to both Chicago O'Hare International Airport and St. Louis Lambert International Airport.

Train:

Amtrak offers daily service from Chicago.



**If you do not plan to drive, Enterprise Car Rental & Lyft are available*

Event Pricing

REGISTRATION DEADLINE MAY 10TH

Authors/Recipients

Includes all activities, specified meals, and full use of the retreat house from 2pm Friday until 4pm Sunday

\$250.00

Family and/or Friends

Includes most activities, specified meals, and full use of the retreat house from 2pm Friday until 4pm Sunday

\$150 per person

Children under 3

Free

[*Click for Payment*](#)

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