



March 11th 2026 – Carron Little, Woman's historian

Don't be left out! Call a friend and bring them to the FAW meeting to celebrate Women's History Month. Carron Little, Woman's historian, will share the inspiring stories of Chicago women—past and present.

Carron Little is an international artist who lives and works across the United States, United Kingdom, and Europe. She holds a Master of Fine Arts from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, where she specialized in Fiber & Material Studies and Digital Video Animation and taught in the Performance Department from 2014 to 2018. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Textile Art from Goldsmiths College, University of London, graduating with First-Class Honors.

As Executive Director of the Chicago Women’s History Center, Carron was the convener of Past and Present Strategies to Advance the Rights of Women, hosts field trips and workshops at the Center for neighboring Universities and Schools, coordinating programs and events at the Center in collaboration with the CWHC Board and works on development for the organization.

March 11th, 12:00 noon at The Fortnightly of Chicago.

→ Make your Luncheon reservations and cancellations by **6:00 PM March 3, 2026**. Early reservations are appreciated.

No reservations or cancellations will be accepted after this time. Call and check that your reservation has been placed if you are in doubt.

→ For Reservation Call:

(Sorry - no reservations by email!)

• Karen Klatt - 312-909-4581 or Kathy Quaid - 708-704-2161

Luncheon & Program Cost is \$60.00. Pay by Zelle or check (preferred) payable to FAW at the door. Cash is accepted also. Don't forget to mention if you need a vegetarian meal, or your seating request.

Menu

First Course: Classic Caesar Salad

Entrée: French Onion Gnocchi, Braised Short Rib, Caramelized Onion Thyme Jus, Gruyere

Dessert: Berry Tart

Yum!

FAW News

The Literature Committees are wrapping up their winning book selections. Mark your calendar for the May 6, Literature Awards.

Readers & Reviewers - We began the year with a writer who used the work of Jane Austen to tell a memoir about her life: Rachel Cohen’s *Austen Years: a Memoir in 5 Novels*. I want our April Readers and Reviewers to be about my favorite Jane Austen novel, *Persuasion*. It is her last novel, and it is more bittersweet and reflective than earlier work. It is about people who have had more experience and more setbacks than the bright young things of *Pride and Prejudice*, for instance, and I think that is one reason why I, a woman of a certain age, find it so moving. I hope you all will too. I’ll be using the Penguin edition but there are many editions out there! ~ Joan Gordon

A Giant thank-you to all our members who donated so generously to the **Patrons Fund**. This is the fund that allows us to recognize our Literature Award winners with a monetary award. The winning authors appreciate the money, but it is the recognition that helps boost our emerging writer's careers. If you have not yet contributed to the Patrons Fund, you may still do so by Zelle or send contributions to payable to FAW Patrons Fund:

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Calling All FAW Members. The FAW Board Members plays an important role in making Friends of American Writers a premier literary organization. Our success depends on the volunteer work of our members to fill positions on the FAW board. We will be asking members to volunteer for board positions soon. Please call or email or talk with a current board member if you are interested or send an email to info@fawchicago.org.

2026 FAW Children's Book Project by Angela Gall

"Books are a uniquely portable magic." - Stephen King

As lovers of reading, we feel this otherworldly engagement; when the story unfolds and the characters wrap around our hearts and refuse to let go, there is no greater satisfaction than a book. Since 2020, Friends of American Writers strives to extend our excitement for reading to the youngest in our society. This year, we hope to continue our mission by purchasing copies of *Thank You, Omu* by Oge Mora. Oge Mora is one of FAW's Young People's Award recipients. Her book is an excellent example of what it means to live life with a giving and open heart. Fifty students at Carver Elementary will take home this beautiful book.

One of my 9th grade students observed the power of reading when we read to preschool students at our school: "As we read books to the little kids, I was really surprised on how invested they were in the story, instead of squirming round and talking like I expected, they sat quietly, listening to whatever we read. Whenever kids are read to, there is a drastic difference in their behavior. Volunteering at summer camp and events like Movie Night, I'm constantly surrounded by kids, and while they are watching movies or videos, they are always extra hyper and love to talk no matter how many times they are told to sit down and be quiet. However, being read to is a completely different experience; they are face to face with another human being, giving them a live experience that they can't just talk over. It is crucial that they develop the attention span to sit down and listen to something for at least 10 minutes as it's becoming an increasingly concerning issue in recent years."

The value of books and reading is immeasurable. Please join us in spreading this unique magic by contributing to the Children's Book Project by March 1st. Please send your checks to Ms. Patricia M. Ronan, FAW Treasurer, 2032 W. 110th Place, Apt. 1E, Chicago, IL 60643-4036. Or donate electronically by Zelle. Please indicate your donation is for the: Children's Book Project.

Thank you so much!

Angela Gall
