Beach Bards Poetry & Prose Reading Series

Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 6:15 p.m.
Sea Isle City Branch Library, 4800 Central Avenue, Sea Isle City, NJ

J.C. Todd



J.C. Todd is a widely published, award-winning poet; recent books of poems include *What Kept Me Awake* and *Beyond Repair*. Winner of the International Human Rights Arts Festival's poetry award and numerous residencies and fellowships, including the Pew Center for the Arts and Heritage. Coeditor of the poetry anthology, *Convergence: Environmental Impacts of War*, Scarlet Tanager Press, upcoming in 2026.

Echezonachukwu Nduka



Echezonachukwu Nduka, is a poet and internationally acclaimed pianist. He is author of two poetry collections *Chrysanthemums for Wide-eyed Ghosts,* and *Waterman.* His third poetry collection, *Jazz Negotiations* will be published in 2026. A Benjamin Franklin Fellow, he is pursuing his Ph.D. in Ethnomusicology the University of Pennsylvania. For more information visit his website: www.artnduka.com



Heather Lanier

Heather Lanier is an essayist, memoirist, and poet. She is the author of the award-winning poetry collection, *Palms of Unknowing*, as well as three poetry chapbooks and the memoir, *Raising a Rare Girl*, Penguin Press, a *New York Times Book Review* as Editors' Choice. Heather teaches creative writing in the Writing Arts department as associate professor at Rowan University. She holds an Ohio State University MFA.

Scott Griffith

Scott Griffith, while in journalism and advertising, wrote his first novel in the 1960s. He then attended Temple University Beasley School of Law. Upon retirement and after a distinguished career practicing Law, he learned that classic mysteries are often set in English villages, so he set about writing mysteries with a Cape May setting, since that seemed like a good option for an English Village to him. His most recent novel is *Poverty Beach: A Frank Sharp Mystery,* Seagrove Press, 2025.

