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1st Annual Local Author Fest at the Public Library of New London wrap-up:

Over a hundred book lovers, emerging artists and some locals looking to write their own books attended the First Annual Local Authors Fest at the Public Library of New London on Saturday, April 16, 2016 to celebrate our talented and established local authors of various genres.

It was an enriching, entertaining, and social event for adults and children alike. Each author stand was filled with themed artifacts and new copies of their books ready for purchasing and signing. Lively conversation and laughter filled the library. Adults were able to meet and mingle with accomplished authors, and children were able to take part in guided crafts and activities as well as have their faces painted by established local artist Margarita Hernandez-Maxon. Refreshments were served continually throughout the event. Photographed memories in the making flashed continuously as patrons met with authors and enjoyed the atmosphere.

At 1:30 the first of four featured speakers began. Nick Checker, author of *Druids* and *Scratch* was introduced and quickly gained the library's undivided attention. With his relaxing demonstrational music playing in the background he told his story. His presentation was followed by Adam Shaghnessy, Frida Berrigan and John-Manuel Andriote. One by one they captivated the public with their stories.

Upon entering the library you could find stands for each of the following featured authors: Adam Shaghnessy, Ann Haywood Leal, David Reinhart, Debra Ciofi, Frida Berrigan, George Jackson, John-Manuel Andriote, Juanita Knight Timmons, Karen Anderson, Karen Guzman, Larry Sirpenski, Leslie Karen Hammond, Manji Soni, Nick Checker, Nike Desis, Ron Samul, Tricia McAvoy, Judy Ricketts-White.

We look forward to celebrating our talented local authors again next year.