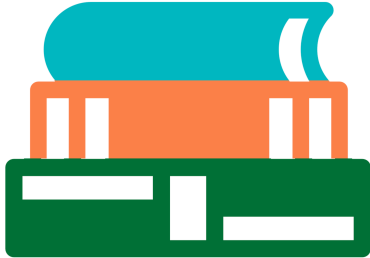




# NATIVE AUTHORS BOOK FAIR

**PERPICH** Tuesday, August 12, 2025 (1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.)



Perpich Center for Arts Education  
6125 Olson Memorial Highway  
Golden Valley, MN 55422

## **Kiki Garcia** (Bad River)

Kiki published her first children's book less than a year ago, at the age of 9. *Fishing By Torchlight* was inspired by her own experience spearfishing with her dad. She is the main character in the book, along with other fictional characters. Kiki enjoys teaching others about the Ojibwe culture, traditions, and language.

## **Nicholas DeShaw** (Bois Forte Ojibwe)

Nicholas has written fiction for all ages from sci-fi to horror to picture books. He is greatly inspired by his Ojibwe culture from which he draws much of his source material. Nicholas is an active member of the community where he works as an elementary physical education teacher and advocate for Indian Education in Inver Grove Heights and South St. Paul. He helps to promote Native American games, especially traditional lacrosse.

## **Melonee Montano** (Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior)

Melonee is co-author of the children's book *Ishkode: A Story of Fire* with Evan Larson. She is involved in several collaborative research studies through the Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission and University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. One of her interests is studying the impact of climate change on treaty resources and potential threats to Ojibwe culture and lifeways.

## **Evan Larson**

Evan is a professor at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, and co-author of the children's book *Ishkode: A Story of Fire* with Melonee Montano. Dr. Larson is involved in several collaborative research studies focused on climate variability in the Great Plains, tree-ring chronologies across the Midwest, and groundwater-forest interactions.