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Brookline Books to Host Local Authors at 2025 ALA Annual Conference in Philadelphia

(Philadelphia, PA: May 30, 2025) – Brookline Books, a Philadelphia-based trade nonfiction imprint established under Casemate Group, kicks off the beginning of its third year of publishing by attending the 2025 American Library Association Annual Conference. David Farnsworth, President of Casemate Group, can think of no better way to celebrate than by hosting the authors who have made the imprint a resounding success in the world of trade nonfiction.

“When we established this imprint, it was under the impassioned belief that there were stories within our local neighborhoods and nearby towns worth being heard on a national scale,” says Farnsworth. “What I don’t think we realized was just how equally passionate authors were about sharing these, oftentimes quite personal, histories with the wider world. Our catalog has quickly grown to include a bit of something for every reader, from sports biographies to the American Revolution, all with a focus on the history of the Greater Delaware Valley.”

Some of these passionate Brookline authors have been invited to attend this year’s American Library Association Annual Meeting, hosted in Philadelphia from June 26th to the 30th. All to be held at the Casemate Group at Booth #2130:

- Jennifer L. Green, author of *The Dark History of Penn’s Woods*, Volumes 1 & 2 on Friday, June 27th, 5:30 to 7pm
- William Caverly, author of *Tinicum & Eastwick: Environmental Justice and Racial Injustice in Southwest Philadelphia* on Saturday, June 28th, 9:30 to 10:30am
- Sheilah D. Vance, author of *Threshold to Valley Forge: The Six Days of the Gulph Mills Encampment* on Saturday, June 28th, 2:30 to 3:30pm, and
- Peter Schmitz, author of *Adventures in Theater History: Philadelphia* on Sunday, June 29th, 10 to 11am

Each author will have copies of their books available to sign at their designated time slots. Green’s books, *The Dark History of Penn’s Woods*, are a collection of true crime case studies spanning from the Colonial Period to our modern day highlighting eerie, documented incidents that have taken place throughout the Greater Delaware Valley Area.

Caverly’s *Tinicum & Eastwick* is an environmental history of the Tinicum marsh, part of Philadelphia’s Eastwick neighborhood, that examines the class, gender, and racial dimensions of urban sprawl and renewal. With research supported by the Natural Lands Trust, Caverly has put a grassroots movement born from eminent domain activities of the 1950s and 60s on a national stage ripe for discussions on citizen-focused civic action.

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A Montgomery County native herself, Vance's *Threshold to Valley Forge* takes a special look at where Washington stayed in Gulph Mills before his much more well-known winter encampment at Valley Forge. Perfect reading material as we head into the nation's 250th anniversary, Vance's is the first book to focus specifically on the Gulph Mills Encampment and the decisions made there that would go on to impact a fledgling nation.

And rounding off the author-packed celebration is Schmitz's *Adventures in Theater History: Philadelphia*, which is itself a celebration of Philadelphia's beloved performing arts. With the City of Brotherly Love being home to America's oldest theater, The Walnut Street Theater, Schmitz takes readers along much in the style of his podcast of the same name, with each chapter unveiling marvelous adventures and trade secrets concerning some of America's most storied stages.

The Brookline Books imprint will be in attendance at ALA's Library Marketplace throughout the duration of the annual meeting at the Casemate Group booth. Rounding off the announcement, Farnsworth concluded, "We're so excited to see the American Library Association back in Philadelphia for this year's annual meeting. It promises to be quite the literary event, of which we're duly proud to take part in, especially on behalf of our authors."

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About Brookline Books

Brookline Books is an imprint of military history publisher Casemate Publishers. Its focus is to bring Greater Delaware Valley history to life through carefully-curated and well-researched trade nonfiction. From its formal launch in 2023, Brookline delivers southeastern Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey history to readers around the world. Through Casemate's established distribution network, Brookline makes print and digital books available to public readership, retailers, museums, wholesalers, and libraries across multiple channels, platforms, and vendors.

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