

Featured Speaker, Joe Chianakas

Persistence Pays Off

December 5th, 2024

4:30p-5:30p

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PRESENTATION &
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WHAT ARE YOU IN FOR?

Fall seven times. Rise eight.
Queer author Joe Chianakas aims to inspire, entertain, and empower. In this presentation, the author will share personal stories about his experiences as a queer teacher and writer, failures and triumphs that inspire his work, and motivating and entertaining stories about the power of persistence, community, and pride.

WE LOVE BOOKS!



Celebrate his newest release, *Pride and Persistence*, with multiple inspiring tales. Joe will be available to sign books and talk with you after the event, too.

Ten copies of the first book in his LGBTQIA+ series, Singlets and Secrets, will be randomly given out as prizes to attendees, and you'll be able to purchase additional books and his current release, too, if you wish.

WHO IS JOE?



Joe is an educator, bestselling author, and LGBTQIA+ advocate. He's a two-time teacher-of-the-year winner who frequently speaks to Pride and LGBTQIA+ groups all over the state. His bestselling books include *Singlets and Secrets* (LGBTQ+ contemporary) and *Rabbit in Red* (young adult horror). His newest release, *Pride and Persistence*, was an instant Amazon Top New Release and Bestseller. Next year, he releases new queer horror in a book titled *Darkness Calls* as well as the third book in his current LGBTQIA+ series, titled *Fearless and Fabulous*. He lives in Peoria, IL with his husband Brian, but the queen of the house is Bailey, their beautiful Australian Shepherd. Joe loves music and entertainment, and he's probably listening to Beyonce as you read this.

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