

About Sourdough

Lois Clary is a software engineer at General Dexterity, a San Francisco robotics company with world-changing ambitions. She codes all day and collapses at night, her human contact limited to the two brothers who run the neighborhood hole-in-the-wall from which she orders dinner every evening. Then, disaster! Visa issues. The brothers quickly close up shop. But they have one last delivery for Lois: their culture, the sourdough starter used to bake their bread. She must keep it alive, they tell her — feed it daily, play it music, and learn to bake with it.

Lois is no baker, but she could use a roommate, even if it is a needy colony of microorganisms. Soon, not only is she eating her own homemade bread, she's providing loaves to the General Dexterity cafeteria every day. Then the company chef urges her to take her product to the farmer's market — and a whole new world opens up. *Source: macmillan.com*

"I believe it is the first novel in English to feature, as a key supporting character, a possibly-sentient sourdough starter." — Robin Sloan

About Robin Sloan



Robin Sloan grew up near Detroit and went to school at Michigan State University, where he studied economics and co-founded a literary magazine called *Oats*.

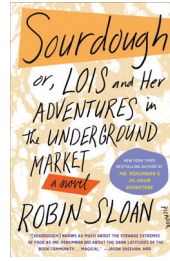
After college, he worked at the intersection of media and technology, first at the Poynter Institute in St.

Petersburg, FL, and then at Current TV and Twitter, both in San Francisco.

His first novel, *Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore*, was a *New York Times* bestseller, translated into more than twenty languages. George Saunders called the book "a tour de force" and Robin kindly requests that no one say anything else about any of his writing, ever.

With his partner, Kathryn Tomajan, Robin produces California extra virgin olive oil under the label: Fat Gold. *Source: robinsloan.com*

Sourdough Book Giveaway



Monday, January 21 | 12:30 p.m.
Lawrence Public Library, Atrium

Come and grab a free copy of *Sourdough* in our atrium. Additional copies will be available at the Welcome Desk, or at Watson Library for you to pick up.

About Read Across Lawrence

This annual, community-wide reading event encourages everyone in Lawrence to read and discuss the same book. Thanks to the Lawrence Public Library's Friends and Foundation, KU Libraries, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and Capitol Federal Bank, 1,000 copies each of *Sourdough*, *A Tangle of Knots*, and *The Doughnut Fix* will be distributed to the citizens of Lawrence and Douglas County.

READ ACROSS LAWRENCE 2019

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Sourdough

Snag a copy of ***Sourdough*** by Robin Sloan and get excited about all the great Read Across Lawrence events for adults.



EVENTS

Let's Get Starter-ed!

*Monday, February 4 | 7-8:30 p.m.
Lawrence Public Library, Auditorium*

Join us for the kick-off of Read Across Lawrence adult programming as we talk about all things bread. We'll hear from local bread luminaries and scholars on the art and science of the perfect loaf!

Just Cook: The Bread Edition

*Thursday, February 7 | 6-7:30 p.m.
Lawrence Public Library, Auditorium*

Learn to cook a healthy meal for around \$2 a serving. Prepare your own dinner alongside Just Food's trained professionals and then stay to enjoy your meal. Registration required.

Nerd Nite: BRead Across Lawrence

*Wednesday, February 13 | 8-10 p.m.
Maceli's | 1031 New Hampshire St.*

February's Nerd Nite will focus on all things *Sourdough*. For the uninitiated, Nerd Nite is an informal gathering at which nerds and non-nerds alike gather to meet, drink, and learn something new. Doors open at 7 p.m., presentations start at 8 p.m. Cost is \$1 to get in, but it's well worth the plethora of knowledge you will gain.

CSA Meet and Greet and LPL Seed Library Launch

*Saturday, February 16 | 3-5 p.m.
Lawrence Public Library, Atrium*

To celebrate the LPL Seed Library's fifth season, we're joining forces with our local CSAs. Community Supported Agriculture groups (CSAs) provide access to fresh, healthy, local food. Come meet your local farmers, learn all about locally grown food, sign up early, and take home some free vegetable, flower, and herb seeds.

AUMI Jam-Mzog

*Tuesday, February 19 | 4:30-6 p.m.
Lawrence Public Library, Auditorium*

Adaptive Use Musical Instruments (AUMI) software enables people who have limited movement to independently engage in music making. Join us for a special Mzog jam featuring the imaginative music from our Read Across Lawrence book *Sourdough*.

CODE: Debugging the Gender Gap Documentary Screening

*Thursday, February 21 | 7-9 p.m.
Lawrence Public Library, Auditorium*

It's no secret that tech has a gender problem. CODE explores that gender disparity while cataloging the history of women in computer sciences and exploring efforts to improve diversity in this crucial industry.

Conversation with Sandor Katz: Fermentation Revivalist

*Tuesday, February 26 | 7-8:30 p.m.
Lawrence Public Library, Auditorium*

Meet the food writer, DIY food activist, and author of *Wild Fermentation*, Sandor Katz. He'll talk about his experiments in the microbial realms and what has fed his passionate zeal for fermented foods.

Thanks to Hall Center for the Humanities for making this program possible.

BYO Book Club at the Spencer Museum of Art

*Thursday, February 28 | 5:30-6:45 p.m.
Spencer Museum of Art | 1301 Mississippi St.*

Read *Sourdough* on your own or with your book club and join staff from the Lawrence Public Library and Spencer Museum of Art to wander the galleries and discuss works that resonate with themes in the book, followed by conversations and complimentary refreshments. Can't make it on this date? You can also BYOBC to the museum this spring for guided tours inspired by *Sourdough* and reserve a gathering space for further discussion. Call 785-864-0126 to make a reservation.

Sponsored by Lawrence Public Library and Spencer Museum of Art.

After Hours at the Library Fundraiser

*Saturday, March 2 | 7-10 p.m.
Lawrence Public Library*

Join special guest Robin Sloan for this farmers market-themed party to support the Library Foundation. Live music, delicious food, creative cocktails, and our famous themed-basket fundraiser. Proceeds support library literacy programs. Reservations and information at LPLAfterHours.com.

An Afternoon with Robin Sloan

*Sunday, March 3 | 2-3:30 p.m.
Liberty Hall | 646 Massachusetts St.*

Robin Sloan, *New York Times* bestselling author of 2012's *Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore*, will talk about his most recent book, *Sourdough*, his inspirations, and his writing.

Book Discussions

You've read the book, now let's talk about it!

Speculative Fiction Book Club
*Tuesday, February 12 | 7-8:30 p.m.
Lawrence Public Library, Meeting Room B*

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Watson Library, 3 West | 1425 Jayhawk Boulevard*

*Tuesday, February 16 | 2-3:30 p.m.
Brandon Woods | 1501 Inverness Drive*

*Saturday, February 23 | 2-3:30 p.m.
S&S Artisan Pub and Coffeehouse | 2228 Iowa Street*

*Tuesday, February 28 | 7-8:30 p.m.
Bird Dog Bar, Oread Hotel | 1200 Oread Avenue*