

Franco Author Readings!

Two Lowell-area Franco-Americans will read from recent Loom Press publications as part of Lowell's annual Franco-American Festival Week.

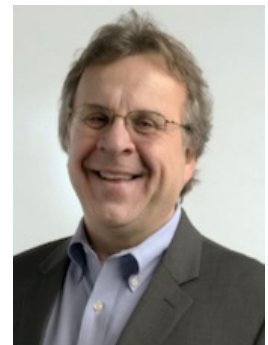
**Wednesday, June 26, 2024 from 6:30-8:00 pm
Dracut Public Library Community Room
28 Arlington St., Dracut, MA**

*Dracut-born and Lowell-raised Charles Gargiulo will read from his highly popular memoir **Legends of Little Canada**, and Dracut-born-and-raised Loom Press publisher Paul Marion will read from his own and fellow Dracut native Ann Fox Chandonnet's poetry as part of an event showcasing the rich creative landscape of Dracut, Lowell, the Franco culture, and of course, Lowell's former Little Canada.*

Books will be available for purchase from *lala books* of Lowell, and the authors will be available for book signing before and after the event.

Poet, Publisher, and Public Servant

For over 40 years Paul Marion played a key role in Lowell's ongoing renewal, helping develop Lowell National Historical Park, co-founding Lowell's acclaimed Folk Festival, and coordinating the creation of the Jack Kerouac Commemorative, among other major initiatives. He has authored several collections of poetry and in 1978 he founded Loom Press, an important regional publisher.



Little Canada Memoirist and Activist

On the cusp of becoming a teenager, Charles Gargiulo experienced the planned destruction of Lowell's poor but vibrant downtown Franco-American neighborhood. The experience seared him deeply, and he went on to become a legendary community organizer, founding Lowell's Coalition for a Better Acre and fighting efforts to repeat elsewhere what was done to his beloved Little Canada.

This event is presented at no charge by Lowell's Franco-American Day Committee as part of its 2024 Franco-American Festival Week.