



## Diverse Voices in Docs



Always busy, producer and director Stephen Hatch is midpoint through the [Diverse Voices in Docs](#) six-month program of professional development and mentorship of emerging documentary

filmmakers of color, organized by [Kartemquin Films](#) and the [Community Film Workshop of Chicago](#). This fellowship program centers on six engaging three-hour workshops at the Community Film Workshop, with creative advice provided by Kartemquin Films' world-class staff and associates. Stephen's focus for the program is development of a new documentary around the successful African-American businessman [Samuel B. Fuller](#), who as son of a rural sharecropper in the south, moved to Chicago in 1928 and became a multi-millionaire. Fuller's views on success and advancement challenged the black establishment and symbolized a cultural rift and divisions in African-American thinking on getting ahead at the height of the civil rights movement. It is hoped that through the support of this program important stories such as this one on S.B. Fuller can be brought to life and receive a greater audience.

## Coming Soon -- the eBook version of *Chicago River Bridges*



Yes, the eBook version of [Chicago River Bridges](#) from the [University of Illinois Press](#) is in the works!! This coffee table guide and history to Chicago's fantastic bridges will soon be available for the iPad, iPhone, and other portable devices. Soon you can have this wonderful reference guide with you wherever you go. Imagine walking Chicago's downtown past the bridges wondering... when was this or that bridge built . . .

or thinking isn't there a story about that bridge... what is it? Well the eBook will be a handy portable guide to Chicago bridges to satisfy your curiosity and share this great history with friends and family. Use this to design or enhance your own tour of Chicago to include the bridges, both past and present, or simply delve into Chicago's rich bridge history whenever the moment strikes. The print version of this book was released in October 2013 and available for sale online or at museum and independent bookstores in the greater Chicago area. To catch one of Patrick's Chicago bridge book presentations

checkout his [events page](#).

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## Chicago's own Printers Row Lit Fest

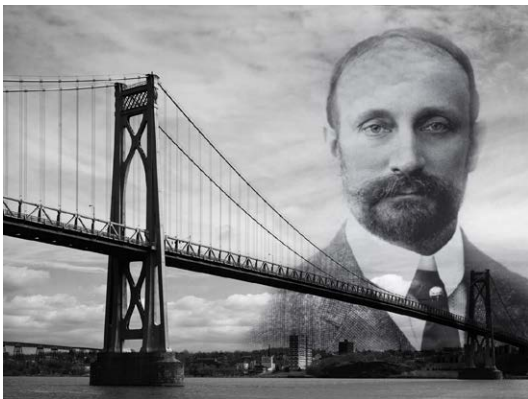


Save the weekend of June 7-8, 2014 to attend the Chicago Tribune's [Printers Row Lit Fest](#). Admission is free and all are welcome to the Midwest's largest literary event, which will be celebrating its 30th year of bringing together readers, authors, publishers, friends and families to buy, browse, and share thousands of new, used, rare, and antiquarian books. A broad array of seminars, interviews, music, and poetry at multiple venues accompany the two-day festival. Patrick McBriarty was honored to be asked and will participate in an author panel at this year's festival. The details and a full schedule for the Lit Fest will be announced in May.

Save the date and don't miss this celebration of the written and spoken word to kick off your literary summer in Chicago's south Loop.

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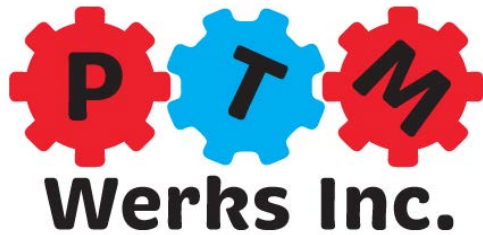
## Documentary on Bridge Builder Ralph Modjeski will be Shooting in Chicago



The California-based production company, [sOlar eye communications](#), is producing a documentary about leading bridge builder Ralph Modjeski with an intimate look at his era and how eight of his ingenious and innovative bridges modernized American landscapes. This story has a strong Chicago connection as Modjeski had offices in the famous Monadnock Building for much of his career.

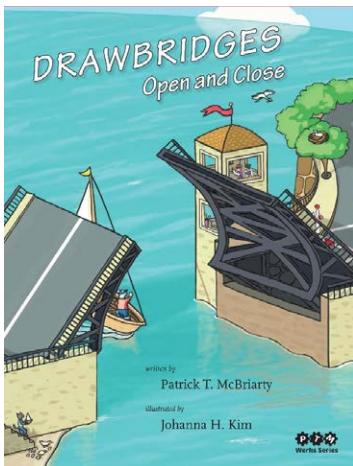
At the end of April, sOlar eyecommunications will be filming in Chicago and will interview David M. Solzman Ph.D., who appeared in the Hatch Werks Film [Chicago Drawbridges](#), and narrator Patrick McBriarty, who with Stephen Hatch co-produced the documentary *Chicago Drawbridges*. This new documentary on Modjeski will shed light on an outstanding Chicago bridge builder and will make a great addition to the growing media revealing American innovation and development through its bridges. This new documentary will be entitled [BRIDGING URBAN AMERICA - THE STORY OF MASTER](#)

## PTM Werks Inc. website Redesign, new Facebook Page, Kid's Books, and Additional Bridge Articles



The website [PTMWerks.com](http://PTMWerks.com) has been redesigned, given a fresh look, and a Facebook page for PTM Werks Inc. was recently created offering regular posts on bridge related news, Patrick's current and expected works, and related images and video. This is toward the expected launch of the new illustrated children's book

series created with artist [Johanna Kim](#). The PTM Werks Series first book titled *Drawbridges Open and Close* is ready for print and the second book in the series *Airplanes Take off and Land* is in the works. Both books will be released simultaneously by [CurlyQ Press](#) in the fall of 2014 and distributed by [Applewood Books](#). For more details and other information about Patrick check out his website and like [PTM Werks Inc.](#) and Like us on [Facebook](#).



Not everything fits in a book and in the interest of learning and sharing more on bridges and Chicago history below are some of the recent articles, photography, and a bit of video Patrick has contributed to two wonderful internet resources on Chicago's urban landscape.

The first is *Forgotten Chicago* chronicling the Windy City's past and often overlooked elements of Chicago's past and present urban environment. Below are the links to two recent articles Patrick has contributed to [ForgottenChicago.com](http://ForgottenChicago.com), which chronicle some

additional Chicago bridge history not covered in *Chicago River Bridges*:

[The 12th Street Bridge That Never Was](#)  
[Railroads and Chicago Swing Bridges](#)

The second is [Chicago Architecture Info](#), which captures all things architecture related in and around Chicago. ChicagoArchitecture.Info is a wonderful resource on Chicago's buildings and bridges with detailed information, news, and stories. Below are the first three articles in an ongoing series Patrick has contributed on Chicago bridges:

[For Bridge Lovers, Chicago is the Greatest Show on Earth](#)  
[A Chicago Favorite Remains Open For All To See](#)

## Bring Chicago's Bridges to Your Next Event



To schedule a multimedia presentation on Chicago's bridges with author Patrick McBriarty email us at [patrick@PTMWerks.com](mailto:patrick@PTMWerks.com) - OR - for a screening of Chicago Drawbridges and Q&A with the filmmakers email us at [ChicagoDrawbridges@gmail.com](mailto:ChicagoDrawbridges@gmail.com).

Either program delivers an entertaining and informative introduction to the bridges and Chicago's development into the drawbridge capital of the world tapping into a universal understanding and excitement we all have for bridges. As shown in the documentary almost everyone has a favorite bridge or bridge story. This week begins [Chicago's spring bridge lift schedule](#) -- so there is no better time to book these great programs for your school, trade association, private club, or community organization event.

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