

# The Main Event

## Speaker Series

An author series featuring prominent voices from the worlds of literature, the arts, politics and journalism

**Free and open to the public**

**Author and Actor**

**JOHN HODGMAN**

**Wednesday, October 22, 7 pm**  
**Main Library Auditorium**



Before he went on television, JOHN HODGMAN was a simple writer and humorist. He has been the Humor Editor for the *New York Times Magazine*, a frequent contributor to "This American Life," advice columnist for *McSweeney's*, comic book reviewer for the *New York Times Book Review*, and a freelance journalist specializing in a wide variety of subjects.

But then he wrote a book of invented trivia and completely fake facts entitled *The Areas of My Expertise* and was asked to appear on "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart," where he continues to provide commentary as the show's Resident Expert. Since then, he has unexpectedly become a comedian and famous minor television personality, appearing as the "PC" in a series of television ads for Apple brand computers, and guest roles as "the person wearing glasses" in a variety of films and TV shows, including "Coraline," "Community," "Battlestar Galactica," and HBO's "Bored to Death."

Two bestselling books followed *The Areas of My Expertise*, concluding his *Complete World Knowledge* trilogy in 2012 with the apocalyptic *That Is All*. As a comedian, he has headlined at clubs and theaters around the country. He is a two-time main stage speaker at the TED conference, the former color commentator at the Emmys, and, most surreally, he grilled the President of the United States on his nerd credentials at the Radio and Television Correspondents Dinner in 2009.

**Don't Miss This Very Special Main Event!**

**A question and answer session follows the presentation.**

**Books will be available for purchase.**

Presented by the Akron-Summit County Public Library and Friends of Main Library.

**Auditorium doors open at 6:30 pm.**

Parking in the High/Market Street deck is free for those arriving after 6 pm.

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