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Bentonville's 3rd Annual Youth Literature Festival Saturday, April 29

BENTONVILLE, Ark.—Bentonville Public Library is excited to announce Bentonville's Youth Literature Festival (BYLF) will be returning for its third year on Saturday, April 29, 2017. Festivities begin at 9 a.m.

Seventeen authors, illustrators, and educators engaged in the world of youth literature will be present for workshops, activities, book sales, signings and more.

Nearly 3,000 children, teens and adults enjoyed 2016's Youth Literature Festival! This year's lineup has even more ways for you to interact with talented authors and illustrators, immerse yourself in the writing process and have fun creating art experiences! Highlighted events include BPL's StoryWalk® Debut, Panel on Notable Books for a Global Society, writing workshops such as "Go Fish: How to Hook Your Reader from the First Line" for kids and "Poetic Personal Portraits: Writing College Essays People Will Remember" for teens, and two art experiences: Hervé Tullet's Picture Factory Workshop and Kids Can Draw Workshop!

The festival's mission is to connect our community with authors and illustrators to spark imagination, inspire young learners and nurture a lifelong love of reading, writing and creativity! The annual event is a great time for children and adults alike to learn about the book creation process- from conception to finished product and every step in between. When people get to meet and interact with these book creators, the process becomes demystified, inspiring everyone!

BYLF is supported by volunteers, grants, private donations, sponsorships and in-kind contributions to the Bentonville Library Foundation. A portion of the book sale proceeds from Barnes & Noble goes to support Bentonville Public Library.

All festival events at Bentonville Public Library are free and open to the public. All ages are welcome. No registration is necessary. BPL's celebration is an official Children's Book Week kick-off event. Stay up to date on festival activities by visiting www.bylf.org and our Facebook page.

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