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Bentonville's 3rd Annual Youth Literature Festival Special Events

BENTONVILLE, Ark.—Bentonville's Youth Literature Festival (BYLF) is back for its third year with even more ways for you to interact with talented authors and illustrators, immerse yourself in the writing process and have fun creating art experiences on Saturday, April 29!

Special events for 2017 include writing and art workshops for kids and teens, Notable Books for a Global Society Workshop, and the debut of Bentonville Public Library's very own StoryWalk! Bentonville Public Library Director, Hadi Dudley, says, "This year's festival is about more than books- it is a reflection of our growing, global community. With new opportunities to explore cultural diversity and express creativity through art and writing, this year's festival will be a truly special event. I am proud that Bentonville has embraced the youth lit fest and encourage everyone to join us in the celebration."

Bentonville's Third Annual Youth Literature Festival will also include presentations by authors and illustrators of popular youth titles, book sales and signings. All BYLF events are free to attend; registration is not required. All ages are welcome.

StoryWalk® Debut & Festival Kick-Off

Train Station Park

9:00 a.m.

Celebrating Literature & Art in the Park: StoryWalk® is an innovative and delightful way for children — and adults! — to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time. Weatherproofed pages from a children's book are installed along an outdoor path and as you stroll down the trail, you continue to the next page in your story adventure!

In partnership with the Scott Family Amazeum. Signs printed and donated by Englander dsignpak.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vermont and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

Kids Can Draw Workshop!

Rich Davis

Children's Read Aloud Area

9:30 a.m.

A fast paced, interactive workshop that engages participants in learning, creative exploration and discovery. This fun workshop builds confidence in the ability to draw.

Notable Books for a Global Society Workshop

Sue Parsons, Renita Schmidt & Janet Wong

Rotary Room

9:30 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

The Notable Books for a Global Society Workshop will highlight the work of the Notable Books for a Global Society committee, part of the Children's Literature and Reading Special Interest Group of the International Reading Association. Each year the Committee selects 25 outstanding books for enhancing student understanding of people and cultures throughout the world. The committee reviews books representing all genres intended for students Kindergarten through grade 12. Three years of Notable Books will be presented.

Approved for 2 hours of Professional Development by the Arkansas Department of Education.

All BYLF events are free to attend; registration is not required, but first 20 registrants will receive a free NBGS title. To register please go to bentonvillelibrary.org, calendar, April 29, NBGS Workshop and click to register. To register, please visit the calendar at www.bentonvillelibrary.org and click on the April 29 NBGS Workshop event.

Picture Factory Workshop

Napoleon Dezaldivar

Walmart Room

11:30 a.m.

Art Workshops for Children by Hervé Tullet - To Hervé Tullet, art is a word of action, a process. The Picture Factory is a cooperative event that turns learning into play for a large number of children.

Go Fish: How to Hook Your Reader From the First Line

Middle School Writing Workshop

Karen Akins & Kristin Gray

Rotary Room

12:30 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.

In this interactive workshop, participants will learn how to hone their ideas into an engaging story opening and avoid pitfalls that can bog it down.

Poetic Personal Portraits: Writing College Essays People Will Remember

College Writing for Teens

Janet Wong & BPL Teen Advisory Board

Rotary Room

1:30 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.

What makes you different? What makes you special? High school students face these difficult questions in creative writing assignments, college applications, and more. Join us in this writing workshop, where young writers can practice using poetic imagery and language to create memorable personal essays.

BYLF3 is an "Official Kick-Off Event" for Children's Book Week. Learn more at www.bylf.org or www.bentonvillelibrary.org.

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