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## **Don't Miss Bentonville's Third Annual Youth Literature Festival This Saturday!**

BENTONVILLE, Ark.—Bentonville Public Library invites literature lovers of all ages to Bentonville's Third Annual Youth Literature Festival (BYLF3) this Saturday, April 29! Beginning at 9 a.m., the festival connects the community with authors and illustrators to spark imagination, inspire young learners, and nurture a lifelong love of reading, writing and creativity!

BYLF3 features authors and illustrators of popular youth titles, books sales and signings, presentations, workshop and art activities.

This year's presenters are authors, illustrators, artists and educators: Karen Akins, James Babb, Alene Betts with Laura Betts Coello, Mary Casanova, Thomas Cochran, Rich Davis, Napoleon Dezaldivar, Kristin Gray, Alan Gratz, Ard Hoyt, Susan Knapps, Sue Parsons, Renita Schmidt, Roland Smith, Maiya Williams and Janet Wong.

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!

BYLF3 is an "Official Kick-Off Event" for Children's Book Week. Children's Book Week is the annual celebration of children's books and reading. Established in 1919, it is the longest-running national literacy initiative in the country.

All festival events at Bentonville Public Library are free and open to the public. All ages are welcome. No registration is necessary. Learn about all festival activities by visiting [www.bylf.org](http://www.bylf.org) or [www.bentonvillelibrary.org](http://www.bentonvillelibrary.org).

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