Festival Recap
Celebrating Reading, Writing & Creativity
Authors | Illustrators
Presentations | Workshops
Book Sales | Book Signings

“My journey as an author began at my public library. I spent many, many hours of my youth in the library reading. It was a gateway to the world! You have to read, read, read, read. Reading is how you develop your voice and it’s important to read outside your comfort zone.”

- Michael Spradlin

The Second Annual Celebration
Authors and illustrators of popular youth literature from around the country came to Bentonville for the weekend to speak to children, teens and adults about writing, illustrating and the book publishing process.

Festival offerings were attended by 2,725 participants!

- Friday night VIP sponsor reception and dinner
- Saturday: author/illustrator presentations, workshops with activities as engaging experiences for all ages
- A book sale and signing, portion of proceeds support BPL
- School visits, an educator workshop and curriculum support, in partnership with local schools
- Bentonville’s festival was recognized by Children’s Book Week as an “Official Kick-Off Event”
- BYLF is supported by volunteers, grants, private donations, sponsorships and in-kind contributions

Festival Financials

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In-Kind Support $22,208.86

Sponsors & Partners

- Walmart
- Foundation
- The Pul-Compton Foundation
- Northwest Arkansas Democrat Gazette
- Barnes & Noble
- Daybreak Club

*Balance is designated for Bentonville’s Third Annual Youth Lit Fest!!!

Save the Date—April 29, 2017
Everyone’s Talking About
The Bentonville Youth Literature Festival

“I was delighted to attend the 2nd annual Youth Literature Festival at the Bentonville Public Library. This free, family friendly event included activities for all ages. I enjoyed meeting the authors and illustrators and hearing their personal stories. Each presenter was friendly and willing to answer questions from the audience.”
- Carolyn Ashcraft, State Librarian, Arkansas State Library

“What a terrific festival—smooooth as butter & so much fun! Such a great opportunity to see friends & get the whole amazing Bentonville experience. Thanks for all the planning, the energy, the hospitality—I love you guys!”
- Henry Cole, Author & Illustrator

“Thank you so much again for making the 2nd annual YLF a success! It is like no other conference I have ever attended in that you have created a true feeling of SHARED mission among librarians, teachers, community members, authors, children, and teens! This is definitely the start of something big, and I’m so honored to witness and participate in it.”
- Janet Wong, Author

“Thank you for providing programs like this!”
- Festival Attendee

“Congrats on a very successful YLF!”
- Wallace S., dad of Caroline & Lucy

Congratulations & Thank You to the BYLF Team!

BPL librarians celebrate a successful event at Compton Gardens. [left] Special thanks to the Culpepper family for supporting BYLF! [right]

Festival Mission: to connect our community with authors and illustrators to spark imagination, inspire young learners and nurture a lifelong love of reading, writing and creativity!