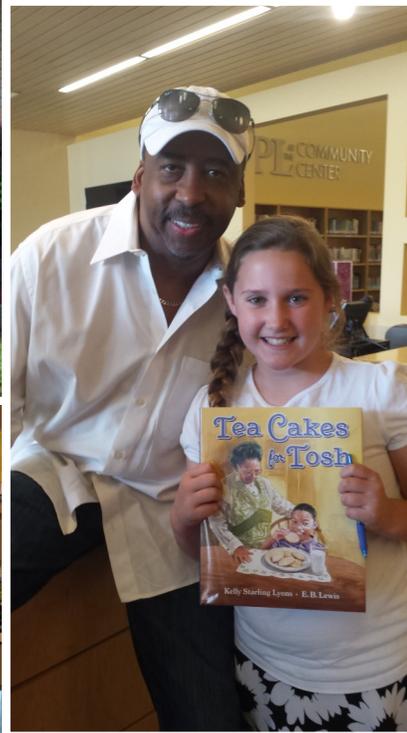


Bentonville's Second Annual

Youth Literature Festival

Bentonville, Arkansas



The Bentonville Youth Literature Festival

Presentations | Workshops | Special Events | Performances
Art | Book Sales | Book Signings

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!

2015 Festival Recap

At the Inaugural Festival held in May of 2015, thirteen authors/illustrators from around the country came to Bentonville for two nights to speak to children and adults about writing, illustrating and the book publishing process.

A Friday night VIP sponsor reception and dinner was held.

Saturday included author/illustrator presentations, workshops, and activities that were designed as engaging experiences for all ages.

The Festival concluded with a book sale and signing.

At the end of the day, **1,250 participants** were inspired to read and develop their artistic talents!

Our Inaugural Festival garnered local, regional, state and national media attention. It was recognized as an official **Children's Book Week** event, with photographs featured in the "Book Week Recap" by *Publisher's Weekly*.

Celebrating Reading, Writing, and Creativity



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2016 Event Details

Friday, April 22, 2016
Saturday, April 23, 2016
Bentonville Public Library



Youth Lit Fest
<http://tinyurl.com/bylf2016>

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2015 Inaugural Year Featured Authors and Illustrators



Karen Akins

www.karenakins.com/



Sean Fitzgibbon

seanfitzgibbonart.com/



Mary Casanova

www.marycasanova.com/



Cheryl Harness

www.cherylharness.com/



Henry Cole

www.henrycole.net/



Ard Hoyt

www.ardhoytbooks.com/



Rich Davis

www.richdavis.freewebspace.com/



E.B. Lewis

eblewis.com/



Kashmira Sheth

kashmirasheth.com/



Obert Skye

www.abituneven.com/



Marie Smith



Roland Smith

www.rolandsmith.com/



Janet Wong

www.janetwong.com/

Everyone's Talking About The Bentonville Youth Literature Festival

"One of the strengths of Bentonville's festival was the variety of **writers and illustrators** that were showcased. They are people who possess **amazing talent**, humility, **thankful hearts**, and **genuine interest** in their readers."

- Tina Hoisington, Literacy Plus teacher & festival volunteer

"The festival was simply **delightful**. Children and adults alike walked away with a better understanding of what it takes to craft children's literature. It is a fantastic way to **encourage creativity and literacy** in young kids! I can't wait to bring my oldest next year, he will love it!!"

- Mindy Hodges, Arkansas State Library

"Bentonville's first YLF was a **triumph** and I hope that there are many more to come. I particularly enjoyed chatting with the teacher and librarian volunteers from neighboring schools. The way Bentonville Public Library galvanized the whole community was truly amazing."

- Janet Wong, author and poet

"When libraries, authors, illustrators and children connect ... **magic happens!**"

- Obert Skye, author



The Bentonville Public Library's mission is to engage our community, encourage discovery and promote literacy by offering lifelong learning opportunities.

Many of these authors' and illustrators' books can be found at Bentonville Public Library. Search our library catalog today! www.bentonvillelibrary.org