

## 2017 TEXAS TEEN BOOK FESTIVAL TO TAKE PLACE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

**WHAT:** The Texas Teen Book Festival is excited to announce that its 8<sup>th</sup> edition will take place on Saturday, October 7 at St. Edward's University. Young adults and YA-genre fans can expect a fun day filled with entertaining panels and inspiring sessions led by some of 2017's best-selling and most critically-acclaimed authors, along with interactive activities, games, book signings, and more.

The 2016 TTBF boasted more than 4,000 attendees and an all-star lineup representing the best in literature for teens. The 2016 TTBF presented over 25 celebrated authors including *The New York Times* Best Selling authors Sabaa Tahir, A.J. Hartley, Ally Carter, Leigh Bardugo, and celebrity author, actress, and comedian Mindy Kaling.

"We are so excited for this year's edition of the Texas Teen Book Festival! Last year was such a success and we loved seeing so many inspired teens," said Shawn Mauser, TTBF Festival Director. "We look forward to a bigger and better Festival with another amazing author lineup."

TTBF is presented in collaboration with the Texas Book Festival, BookPeople, a dedicated team of librarians, and venue sponsor St. Edward's University. The program is made possible in part by a grant from Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Headlining authors for the Texas Teen Book Festival will be announced later this spring. For more information, please visit [www.texasteenbookfestival.org](http://www.texasteenbookfestival.org) and keep up with announcements at [Facebook.com/TexasTeenBookFestival](https://www.facebook.com/TexasTeenBookFestival), and on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/TXTeenBookFest) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/TXTeenBookFest) @TXTeenBookFest

**WHERE:** St. Edward's University | 3001 S. Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78704

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 7 | 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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### ABOUT THE TEXAS TEEN BOOK FESTIVAL

The Texas Teen Book Festival is a one-day event that celebrates the teen reading experience by inviting fans to visit with some of the most popular and critically-acclaimed young adult authors in the country. The Texas Teen Book Festival was born as the Austin Teen Book Festival in 2009, when librarian Heather Schubert partnered with BookPeople to organize a gathering at Westlake High School. Five hundred guests and sixteen authors attended the first year and the event grew every year thereafter. From 2011-2013, the Festival was sponsored by the Austin Public Library Friends Foundation, and in 2014, the Festival became a program of Texas Book Festival and was renamed the Texas Teen Book Festival. One of the largest gatherings of its kind anywhere, the annual TTBF takes place in the fall on the campus of St. Edward's University. For more information, visit [www.texasteenbookfestival.org](http://www.texasteenbookfestival.org)