



10TH ANNUAL TEXAS TEEN BOOK FESTIVAL RETURNS ON OCTOBER 6

Milestone Year to Bring Several Surprises for 2018 Festival Attendees

WHAT: The Texas Teen Book Festival is excited to announce that its 10th annual Festival will take place on Saturday, October 6, 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 2018's best-selling and most critically-acclaimed Young Adult authors, along with interactive activities, games, book signings, and more. The 2017 Texas Teen Book Festival boasted more than 4,000 attendees and an all-star lineup of more than 30 celebrated YA authors, including keynote speakers Jason Reynolds and Marie Lu. The 2017 TTBF also introduced the iTent and We Need Diverse Books for a special session on professional opportunities in the book and publishing industry.

"We are ecstatic to announce that the 2018 Texas Teen Book Festival will be returning for its 10th year," said Shawn Mauser, TTBF festival director. "Because it's a milestone year, we've begun building our author lineup and events to make this the best year yet to connect YA fans with their favorite authors. We're excited to share several surprises in store for our attendees; stay tuned to our socials for more announcements!"

A program of the Texas Book Festival, the TTBF is presented in collaboration with BookPeople, a dedicated team of librarians, and venue sponsor St. Edward's University. Major sponsors include H-E-B and Brigid Cockrum and family, and 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, and keep up with our 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](https://www.google.com/maps/place/3001+S.+Congress+Ave.,+Austin,+TX+78704)

WHEN: Saturday, October 6

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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.