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Hungry minds, stomachs to get their fill at the 20th anniversary Texas Book Festival

***Authors and chefs to present at the Texas Book Fest,
local food trucks on deck to fuel attendees' appetites***

AUSTIN— Book lovers and foodies, prepare your minds and palates for feast at the 20th anniversary Texas Book Festival! Renowned cooking experts and culinary leaders from across the nation and Texas will present their latest cookbooks, engage in discussions, and perform a variety of cooking demonstrations at the Festival, Oct. 17-18, all free of charge and open to the public.

Steph Opitz, literary director, says: “Food plays an integral role in the celebration of culture, ideas, and literacy. The type of food we eat, how we prepare the ingredients, and ultimately how we consume and share it, is very telling of the actual essence of who we are and where we are from. Like the Festival itself, this year’s food offerings are sure to have something for everyone’s taste.”

The Festival will feature a variety of food vendors for hungry Festival-goers including sweet and savory crepes from **Crepe Crazy**; Philly cheese steak sandwiches and assorted gyros from **Heros Gyros**; barbecue from **Micklethwait Craft Meats**; gourmet pizza slices from **Roppolo’s Pizzeria**; sandwiches and burgers from **O’s Campus Cafe**; tacos and smoothies from **Veracruz All Natural**; mini pumpkin pies, mochanana bread, coffee, and more from **Lavazza Espression**; **Amy’s Ice Creams**; **Snowie Shaved Ice**; and **Zhi Tea**.

In the Cooking Tent, sponsored by Central Market, famous cookbook authors will prepare dishes from around the world. The lineup includes: **Virginia Willis** (*Lighten Up, Y'all*), **Robb Walsh** (*The Chili Cookbook*), **Vianney Rodriguez** (*Latin Twist*), **Raquel Pelzel** (*Toast: The Cookbook*), **Toni Tipton-Martin** (*The Jemima Code: Two Centuries of African American Cookbooks*), **Cappy Lawton** and **Chris Waters Dunn** (*Enchiladas: Aztec to Tex Mex*), **Gena Hamshaw** (*Food52 Vegan*), and **Kristen Miglore** (*Food52 Genius Recipes*).

Other food-related panels and sessions at this year's Festival include:

10- 11:00 AM (Saturday): The History of Franklin's Barbecue

Get hungry for some barbeque with **Aaron Franklin** and **Jordan Mackay** as they talk about their new book, *Franklin Barbecue: A Meat-Smoking Manifesto*. Located in the Texas Tent.

11- 11:45 AM (Saturday): The Sweet Life: Cook, Eat, and Entertain the Latina Way

Meet SweetLife cook and blogger **Vianney Rodriguez** as she chats about Tejana food, culture, and entertaining. Located in the Ahora Si Program Tent at 12th and Colorado.

3- 3:45 PM (Saturday): All About Food52

With incredible resources for all kinds of chefs and home cooks, Food52.com has become the go-to source for many. Moderated by Tom Philpott, join us for this delicious conversation with the chefs and writers behind Food52's Vegan, Baking, and Genius recipes. Located in the Texas Tent.

For complete information on the authors, sessions, and food vendors at the Texas Book Festival, visit www.texasbookfestival.org.

The Texas Book Festival mobile app is now available for download on iPhone and Android. The new app will give you maps, up to date schedule information, and allow you to bookmark sessions you don't want to miss.

The 2015 Texas Book Festival is co-presented by AT&T and H-E-B. Other major sponsors include Brigid Cockrum and family, Kirkus Reviews, the Texas College Savings Plan, Texas Monthly, the Tocker Foundation, C-SPAN2 Book TV, St. David's HealthCare, Buena Vista Foundation, Pentagram, Central Market, and the Austin American-Statesman.

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About the Texas Book Festival

The Texas Book Festival celebrates authors and their contributions to the culture of literacy, ideas, and imagination. Founded in 1995 by first lady Laura Bush, Mary Margaret Farabee, and a group of volunteers, the nonprofit Texas Book Festival promotes the joys of reading and writing through its annual Festival Weekend, the one-day Texas Teen Book Festival, the Reading Rock Stars program, grants to Texas libraries, a youth fiction writing contest, and year-round literary programming. The Festival is held on the grounds

of the Texas Capitol each fall and features more than 250-plus renowned authors, panels, book signings, live music, cooking demonstrations, and children's activities. Thanks to generous donors, sponsors, and 1,000 volunteers, the Festival remains free and open to the public. Visit www.texasbookfestival.org for more information, and join the conversation using the hashtag #txbookfest on [Facebook](#); and @txbookfest on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).