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Also of note: Authors who have had to cancel since the initial author list was released are: Eleanor Davis, Lev Grossman, Laura Lacamara, Greil Marcus, Todd Miller, and Hampton Sides. New to the confirmed author list is Tavis Smiley, with his new book *Death of a King: The Real Story of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Final Year*. Any other changes will be posted at <http://www.texasbookfestival.org/updates/>.

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Texas Book Festival schedule announced: Author panels, Lit Crawl, music, kid's activities, food!

Oct. 25-26 at the State Capitol; free and open to the public

AUSTIN—With the largest number of authors (280-plus) in its history, the 19th annual Texas Book Festival schedule released today has more of everything that its fans will love. The jam-packed schedule for Oct. 25 and 26 includes dozens of author panels and readings, plus two days of live music, children's activities, cooking demonstrations, Lit Crawl, and more. The complete schedule is available at www.texasbookfestival.org.

In addition to the sheer number of authors, standouts this year are a strong lineup of authors in the mystery/crime/thriller genres, including James Ellroy, Walter Mosley, Kwei Quartey, Meg Gardiner, and Jeff Abbott; chefs ranging from Emmy-winning television host and author Lidia Bastianich to local favorite Jack Gilmore; two books on Watergate in this 40th anniversary year of the Nixon White House scandal; and small

indie press authors such as Ziggy Marley, Eimear McBride, and Nan Cuba. (See the Festival website's new Featured Categories section for more.)

Highlights on Saturday, Oct. 25, include:

10-10:45, The World and You: Maintaining a Global Consciousness

Spread some hope with Nicholas Kristof and Caryl Stern.

12-1, #WeNeedDiverseBooks

Diane Gonzales Bertrand, Pat Mora, Andrea Davis Pinkney, Tim Tingle, and Jacqueline Woodson discuss the importance of diversity in children's and young adult literature.

12:30-1:15, Ante Up

Colson Whitehead and Doug Swanson discuss the thrills of poker.

1:45-2:30, A Conversation on Poetry

The Poet Laureate of Texas, Dean Young, talking with Robert Casper, head of the Poetry and Literature Center at the Library of Congress.

3:30-4:15, Boyhood: The Book

Richard Linklater with cast and crew members from his film Boyhood.

Highlights Sunday, Oct. 26, include:

12-12:45 How to Win Friends or Manipulate People

Jeffrey Kluger (The Narcissist Next Door) and Christian Rudder (Dataclysm) give insight into our social influence.

1:30-2:15, Library Incubator Project

Discover how Erinn Batykefer and Laura Damon-Moore developed a program that encourages libraries to serve as an incubator for the arts as they collaborate with creatives of all types.

2:15-3:15, Egg

Michael Ruhlman talking with Austin American-Statesman food writer Addie Broyles.

"More than ever, this year's Festival offers something that anyone can find interesting or exciting," says Marc Winkelman, the Festival's board chair. "I'm especially proud of the diversity of books and authors that we are featuring this year, reflecting rich literary traditions both here in Texas and globally," Winkelman says.

The ever-popular Lit Crawl returns, and this year will include Nerd Jeopardy, Truth or Dare, Sexist Bingo, and more. Co-produced by the Texas Book Festival and the Litquake Foundation, inspired by San Francisco's long-running Lit Crawl and produced with their participation, Lit Crawl Austin will feature some of America's most groundbreaking writers onstage at various East Austin venues.

Famous cookbook authors will prepare dishes from around the world in the Cooking Tent, sponsored by Central Market. Some of these include Kate Payne's mayonnaise, Dean Fearing's Barbecue Shrimp Taco with Pickled Red Onion and Mango Salad, and David Sterling's Sikil p'aak, a Yucatecan dish.

Young readers will enjoy the Children's Chapter, by presenting sponsor H-E-B, which includes the Children's Read Me a Story Tent, the Children's Entertainment Tent, and the Children's Activity Tent. One highlight this year will be the Storybook Fashion Show, in which kids will dress up like their favorite characters and walk the runway. Some of returning favorites include magician Ken Cummins, the Biscuit Brothers, and Joe McDermott.

Highlights in the Music Tent on Saturday include Shelley King, the 2008 Texas State Musician and winner of two Austin Music Awards; Jesse Sublett, author and blues musician known from the seminal Austin rock band The Skunks; Austin Lyric Opera; and Harvey "Tex" Thomas Young and The New Danglin' Wranglers. On Sunday in the Music Tent, Bob Livingston, singer-songwriter and founding member of The Lost Gonzo Band, will take center stage at 4 p.m.

Major sponsors of the Texas Book Festival include presenting sponsor H-E-B plus Brigid Cockrum and Family, Texas Monthly, the Tocker Foundation, AT&T, Buena Vista Foundation, Pentagram, the Austin American-Statesman, Central Market, Kirkus Reviews, C-SPAN and new this year, Lincoln Motor Company.

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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, 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 275 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 Twitter, and Instagram @texasbookfest.