



TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES LOCATION AND FORMAT CHANGE FOR 2021 HYBRID FESTIVAL

Limited In-Person Sessions and Expanded Virtual Session Dates for 26th Annual Festival

WHAT:

[Texas Book Festival](#) (TBF) announced today that out of concern for the safety of authors and the community they will significantly scale back the in-person portion of this year's annual Festival and increase the number of virtual sessions that people can participate in from anywhere. Virtual sessions will run from Saturday, October 23 through Sunday, October 31 and will have no attendance limit. TBF will be offering a small number of ticketed virtual sessions with the featured author's book included in the ticket price.

TBF will not have in-person sessions in Downtown Austin or at the Capitol this year and instead will be hosting the in-person portion of the Festival in venues where they can better monitor attendance numbers and enact proper safety guidelines. TBF is thrilled to partner with Waterloo Greenway and the Austin Public Library to host limited children's storytime programming at Symphony Square's outdoor amphitheater on Saturday, October 30 and adult programming at Austin Central Library on Sunday, October 31.

All in-person sessions are free, but TBF will limit capacity at in-person venues and require an RSVP for each session. TBF advises attendees to RSVP in advance of the Festival as admission will be on a first-come, first-served basis. RSVPs will be available online once the schedule is announced in the first week of October.

TBF will announce the full author lineup on September 22. Visit www.texasbookfestival.org for more information, and join the conversation using the hashtag #txbookfest on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @texasbookfest.

REVISED HYBRID FESTIVAL DATES:

October 23 – 31, 2021

VIRTUAL

October 23 – 24

- Children's programming
- Texas Teen Book Festival: Young Adult authors and panels

October 25 – 31

- Adult fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and cooking

IN-PERSON

October 30 (Symphony Square Outdoor Amphitheater (1111 Red River St)

- Read Me A Story children's picture book authors
- Lit Crawl Austin

October 31 (Austin Central Library (710 W. César Chávez St.)

- Adult programming

The Festival continues to be free, thanks to our generous sponsors and volunteers. The 2021 Texas Book Festival is co-presented by H-E-B and AT&T. Other major sponsors include Brigid Cockrum and Family, Kirkus Reviews, Tocker Foundation, Tapestry Foundation, Texas Monthly, Buena Vista Foundation, Still Water Foundation, St. David's HealthCare, Central Market, Austin American-Statesman, Pentagram, Jordan Foster Construction, Loewy Law Firm, and BookPeople.

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ABOUT TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL

With a vision to inspire Texans of all ages to love reading, the Texas Book Festival connects authors and readers through experiences that celebrate the culture of literacy, ideas, and imagination. Founded in 1995 by former 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 Texas Teen Book Festival, the Reading Rock Stars Title I elementary school program, the Real Reads Title I middle and high school program, grants to Texas libraries, and year-round literary programming. This year's hybrid Texas Book Festival will take place from October 23 through October 31, with virtual events October 23–31 and the Festival Weekend taking place on the grounds of the Texas Capitol October 30–31, featuring renowned authors, panels, book signings, and activities. Thanks to generous donors, sponsors, and 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.