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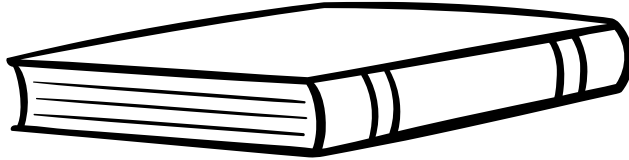
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Welcome to the 2023 Louisville Book Festival



It's been a long road to get to the 2023 Louisville Book Festival. We were founded in 2018 with a plan to launch the first festival in the Fall of 2020 and well, you know what happened.

Still, we pushed through and held a very successful virtual book festival. That year our community experienced a global pandemic, record high unemployment, and the ongoing battle against racial injustice spread like a wave, here at home, and across the world. We needed reading (and each other) in our lives more than ever. More than 1,000 people showed up for a first time, online event.

Now, in our 4th year (but only the 2nd in person) we need you to help us spread the word about the good work we do.

Please talk us up. Tell others about us. Share lots of photos and tag us. You can also send us your photos at admin@louisvillebookfestival.com.

Consider volunteering for next year's festival.

And please donate if you can.

Most major cities have a book festival- a community-wide celebration of reading for all ages and backgrounds that is **free** to the public.

A place where our community will share a free exchange of ideas and be reminded of the power of books and why books need to be protected.

A place where everyone fits in and everyone belongs. You belong here.

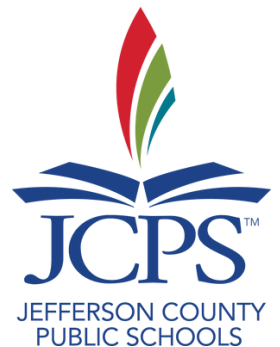
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Things to look out for:

- **AUTHOR BOOKS ARE FOR SALE.** Please support them by taking all of the books you pick up from an author to the *Louisville Book Festival Store* for check out!
- **WOW! Over 140 authors are here!!!** Some are from Louisville and others come from all over the country (from California to Florida). How many can you meet?
- Talk to as many authors as you can and learn about their journey. They are the reason we are here!
- Buy their books and ask the authors to autograph or dedicate the book to someone. These make great presents.
- Attend some of the sessions. People pay THOUSANDS of dollars for the *free* education and entertainment that will be delivered this weekend.
- Be on the lookout for special appearances from old friends like The Wild Thing, Fly Guy, and Pete the Cat.
- Stop by and talk to our exhibitors. Learn about the things they do for our community.
- Pick up merchandise at the Louisville Book Festival booth to help support us. We are small, so our order this year was small- items will go quickly! Do not wait.
- There is a great snack and coffee shop on the Market Street side of the festival. Please support them.
- Also, please take a break for story time. Members of the community, authors, and Louisville firefighters will all be helping you slow down a little and enjoy a little chill time.



Stop by the Louisville Book Festival booth to sign up for giveaways. Check to see if you won every two to three hours!!! We have awesome items like Kindle Fires, bags and baskets of books, and Book Festival and Make A Way Media merchandise and swag.



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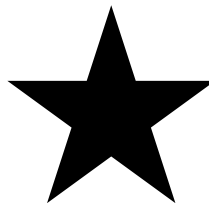
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to the Louisville Free Public
Library for ongoing support, ideas
and effort from the very beginning.**

Festival Schedule: Friday, November 10th

10am-10:50am	11am-11:50am	12pm-12:50pm	1pm-1:50pm
	Nour Akhras - Just One: A Journey of Conviction & Perseverance LO15	Kim Wickens - Lexington LO10	Kerridwen McNamara, Jenny Griebenow, Kellie Vanasse, Eboni Cochran - Preventing Burnout as a Homeschooling Parent LO14
JC Kato2 - Finding Rabbit Moon book discussion LO29	Sanford & Tyner - Growing Social Justice Leaders LO14	Alex Claycomb - Financial Literacy LO14	
YA Writing Panel - Brownlow, Sprunger, Prosek, Galib LO13	Cranium Critters Takeover - Vertikoff & Weller LO13	APH presentation LO16	Tonya Abari, Deedee Cummings & Brittany J. Thurman - Celebrating Black Girlhood in Picture Books LO13
M Hendrix - LEMONADE: Turning Life's Lemons Into Creative Gold LO16	Historical Fiction: Bringing the Past to Today's Readers Rilla Askew, G.S. Boarman, Glodean Champion, Stephanie Edwards, Owen Pataki, Phil Stephens LO16	Damon Thompson - Outside Society LO12	Wynta Time, Ashley Taylor (PANEL) - Love, Danger, & the Authors in Between: Black & African American Voices in Romance & Thriller LO15
Victor Hess - Keeping Facts Straight in Fiction LO12	Amie Whittemore, upfromsumdirt - Speculative Poetics: How can you bring science fiction tropes into your poetry? LO10	Paths to Publishing: Vogeltanz, Sutherland, Montgomery, Prendeville, Hickner LO15	Cornett, Howard, Kaushik, Otey - Inclusion in Children's Books LO10
Carissa Turpin - Celebrating & Participating in NaNoWriMo LO15	Poetry Pinata LO29		
2pm-2:50pm	3pm-3:50pm	4pm-4:50pm	5pm-5:50pm
Cary Donham - A Wrinkle in the Long Gray Line; When Conscience and Convention Collided LO12	Paul Patton - The Coalminer Who Became Governor LO16	Nadine Condon: How a Sacred Heart Gal Became a Rock Music Insider, and Beyond. Interviewed by JK McKnight (Forecastle. Art of Impact) and Kyle Meredith (WFPK) LO16	Selma Jacinto Domingos - How To Start From Zero, Overcome Challenges and Rebuild Your Life. LO15
APH Presentation LO16	Tif Marcelo - When Jasmine Blooms LO15		
YA Writing Panel - Brownlow, Galib, Sprunger, Prosek LO13			
* Debut novelist panel: John Duffy, Alan Goldstein, David Sangiao-Parga, Ellen Birkett-Morris, Christina Wallace, & Dewey Hensley LO14	Greg Bourke & David Williams - Capturing and Preserving Queer History LO13	Holly Ragusa - True Crime & Shining A Light On Survivors LO13	* Amrita Chakrabarti Myers - The Vice President's Black Wife The Untold Life of Julia Chinn LO13
Annie Lisenby & Meredith Lyons - Writing Effective Fight Scenes LO10	Avalon Griffin - Using the Enneagram to Fasttrack Character Development LO12	Katie Otey & BB Swann - First Page Feedback Submit the first page of your work in progress and get feedback. LO12	
Poetry Pinata LO29			

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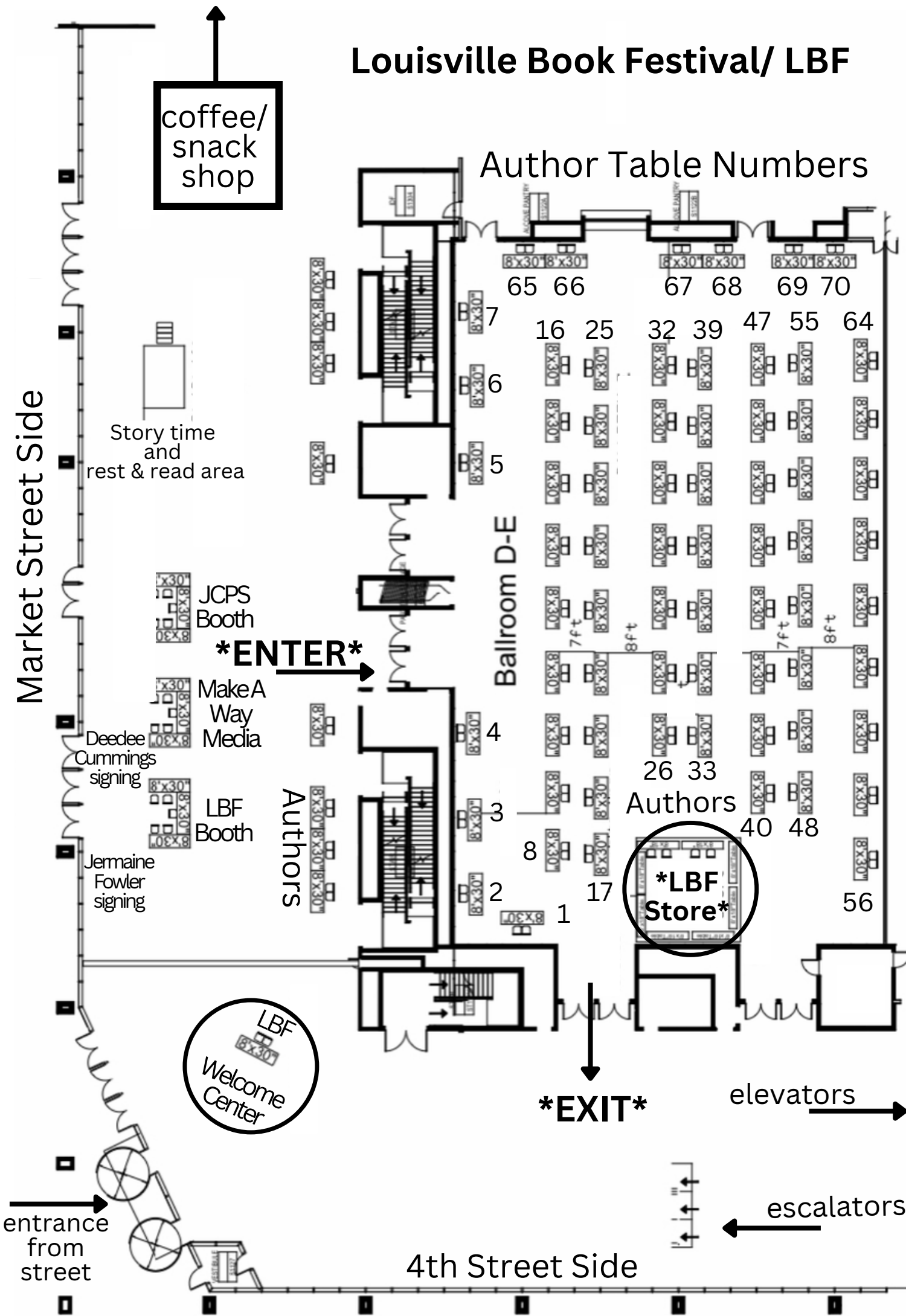
All presentations are on the Lower Level of the KICC. Please take escalator or stairs.

Full Descriptions of presentations are available on the Louisville Book Festival website under 2023 Information. Schedule is subject to change. Seating is on a first come basis.

Festival Schedule: Saturday, November 11th

10am-10:50am	11am-11:50am	12pm-12:50pm	1pm-1:50pm
Christine Galib - Keep Calm and Tech On: The Importance of Empathy and Artificial Intelligence (AI) in a Tech-Enabled World LO12	Wendy Welch, Melissa Zook, MD and Taylor Sisk, Health News Reporter - Medical Mistrust and Conspiracy Theories: Appalachian Healthcare Workers Tell All LO12	Robin Ryle - When All Cheerleaders Were Boys: Gender Segregation in Sports LO12	Dr. Jennifer Ortiz interviewed by Dan Canon LO16
Dr. Wendy Zagray Warren An Illusion of Equity: The Legacy of Eugenics in Today's Education LO16	Damon Thompson - Outside Society, the life and art of Damon Thompson LO16	Denny Kato - the true story behind Finding Rabbit Moon LO13	Alex Claycomb - Financial Literacy LO15
Margie Odom - Make Peace with Food and Your Body LO13	* Sharon Steven Evans - Ordinary Angels: Before the Movie, Before the Book LO13	Ryan Walsh - Collecting Sports Memorabilia LO15	Toni Blake, Isabelle Drake, D.A. Henneman, and Dana Nussio What's Not To Love? – A Romance Panel Discussion LO14
Amy Wright, Pavita Singh PANEL Befriending the Creatures of the Deep through Poetry and Prose LO14	Ashley Taylor - Finding Confidence Self Publishing & Querying as a Minority Writer LO14	BB Swann - From 1st Page to Published Draft LO12	DK Marie: Know Your Character, Know Your Story LO12
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Erin Hoover Panel discussion literary activism & community building in the American South LO14	Heather Wibbels - The History of the Old Fashioned LO14	* Jermaine Fowler Books as Mirrors, Stories as Soul LO13	* Debut novelist panel:Lauren Thoman, Meredith Lyons, Jeffrey Dale Lofton, Robert Gwaltney, Wendy Welch, Hope Gibbs LO16
M Hendrix - A Great Idea Meets A Brilliant One LO10	Cecilia Garcia - Writing as Therapy LO10	Phyllis Dixon - Calling All Book Clubs LO10	
Lydia Brownlow - Celebrating the Night Sky: SciFi writing and the dark sky movement LO13	Barnard Sims and Terry Watson Discussions of Race During Times of Division Panel on banned books LO16	Holly Brians Ragusa & Tanya White Trauma Informed Writing: Finding Strength to Share Your Wounds While Helping People Heal LO12	Podcast Panel! - Evie Clare, Tyler Bell, Mick Sullivan, Amy Smalley and Carrie Vittitoe moderated by Sam Miller from Carmichael's Bookstore LO14
Natalia Aponte- Editors: Who they are, what they do, why do we need them? LO12	Gerry Harlan Brown: Location as Character LO15	Jess Montgomery - Pick up the Pace! How to Keep Your Story Moving and Your Readers Turning Pages LO16	Julie Navickas - How to Show, Not Tell in Your Writing LO12

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Louisville Book Festival Authors

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G.S.	Boarman	Visit 1 st in exhibitor area
Julie	Peralta	Visit 1 st in exhibitor area
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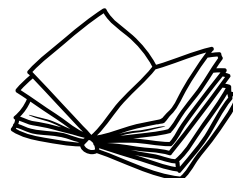
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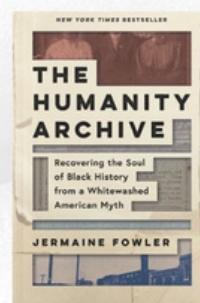


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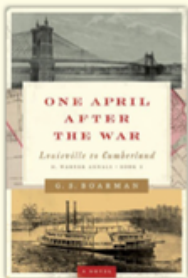
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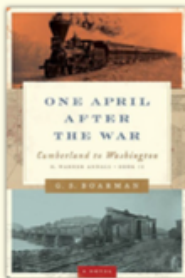
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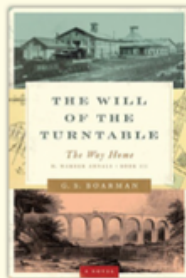
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