

## Book Festival Facts

- **Books by the Banks, established in 2007, is an annual celebration of books and reading taking place every October in downtown Cincinnati.**
- **Its mission is to enrich the lives of people of all ages by celebrating the joys of literacy and lifelong learning through reading.**
- **Adult attendees are provided with the special opportunity of talking one-on-one with local and nationally known authors in the Author's Pavilion and then to hear authors speak about their books and their writing processes through a full-day of presentations and panel discussions.**
- **Children also have an opportunity to meet the authors and illustrators of children and teen books and to participate in a full-day of Kid's Corner activities especially designed for their age group.**
- **Books by the Banks is organized and presented through a partnership of the region's libraries and a dedicated group of volunteers.**
- **Highlights from 2013 included:**
  - 109 authors participated
  - 5,000 people attended
  - 1,664 people attended the author presentations and panel discussions
  - Among the authors were: James McBride, Maria Semple, Stuart Woods, Leah Stewart, Dan Andriacco and Chris Payne
  - Adult discussion topics ranged from literary fiction, to modern mystery and writing about food and wine.
  - Kid's Corner activities included author readings and storytelling, Cincinnati Opera Outreach Singers, book-themed crafts with Cincinnati Book Arts Society and costumed storybook characters.
- **Books by Banks 2014 will take place on October 11 at the Duke Energy Convention Center.**

