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### About Us

*The mission of Books by the Banks is to entertain and enrich the lives of people in Southwest Ohio and Northern Kentucky. The organization works throughout the year to present and promote authors, while celebrating the joy of literacy and lifelong learning through reading and writing. The premiere event is the Books by the Banks Cincinnati Regional Book Festival held annually in downtown Cincinnati. The day-long festival, which is free and open to the public, features national, regional, and local authors and illustrators; book signings; panel discussions; and activities for the entire family to enjoy.*

### Festival Information

*The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Books by the Banks Cincinnati Regional Book Festival is 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017 at Duke Energy Convention Center, 525 Elm St., Cincinnati, OH 45202.*

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## Books by the Banks Book Festival to Bring Bestselling Authors to Cincinnati

**CINCINNATI** — For over a decade, the region's biggest and best book festival, Books by the Banks, has brought the best in literature to downtown Cincinnati. This year's festival is no different and will feature over 130 authors, as well as literary themed activities for all ages.

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Books by the Banks Cincinnati Regional Book Festival will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Duke Energy Convention Center, 525 Elm St., Cincinnati, OH 45202.

Many bestselling national authors have already joined the lineup. Authors include:

- **Kate DiCamillo**, the author of "Because of Winn Dixie" and one of only a handful of people to have been honored with not one, but two Newbery Medals.
- **Lauren Oliver**, best-selling author of many young adult novels, including "Before I Fall," which was recently adapted as a major motion picture.
- **Stephanie Powell Watts**, a literary newcomer but already an award winner with her novel "No One is Coming to Save Us."
- **Matt Bellasai**, BuzzFeed writer and YouTube sensation.
- **Gretchen Carlson**, returning to Cincinnati, she cut her teeth as a reporter for WCPO before heading to Fox News, and has now become a spokesperson against sexual harassment in the workplace with her book "Be Fierce."
- It is again a banner year for children's authors including **Rafael Lopez**, **Ben Clanton**, **Will Hillenbrand**, **Loren Long**, **Chris Grabenstein** and many more.

In addition to the Author Pavilion, where visitors can buy books and get them signed, there are many more activities during the Festival. The popular Kids' Corner will feature a "Farm" theme and includes free balloon sculptures, face painting and acts by top-notch children's performers. There is also an area for teens packed with special events just for them, including V.I.P. author meet-and-greets, maker-activities with special guest HIVE 13, a spooky photo booth, 'tattooing' by henna artists, and lessons on how to apply stage make-up for Halloween. The popular Writing & Getting Publishing series returns this year with panel discussions covering hot topics for writers and workshops to help hone the craft of writing.

For more information, and to see a complete schedule of events, visit, [www.booksbythebanks.org](http://www.booksbythebanks.org).