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CINCINNATI REGIONAL
Book Festival

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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 10th annual Books by the Banks Cincinnati Regional Book Festival is 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, 2016 at Duke Energy Convention Center, 525 Elm St., Cincinnati, OH 45202.

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Book Festival to Reveal 10th Anniversary Poster Designed Exclusively by Local Artist

CINCINNATI — The region's biggest and best book festival, Books by the Banks Cincinnati Regional Book Festival, is going back to the beginning to celebrate its 10th anniversary.

For its inaugural year in 2006, festival organizers commissioned beloved local children's book author and illustrator Will Hillenbrand to design the event's first commemorative poster.

Since then, a new artist has been selected every year to design the poster. Unveiling the artwork has become a popular tradition and many festival goers collect all the posters.

This year, festival organizers decided to play homage to the original poster and the festival's 10-year history by asking Hillenbrand to return for the 2016 design.

In addition, Hillenbrand and Books by the Banks are generously donating copies of his latest book to hundreds of local school kids, along with a special invite to the festival.

Hillenbrand's artwork, created exclusively for the festival, will be revealed at a special event set for **6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, at Joseph-Beth Booksellers, 2692 Madison Road, Cincinnati, OH 45208.** It is free and open to the public. Attendees may purchase the poster for \$15 and get it signed by Hillenbrand who, along with past poster illustrators, will briefly speak.

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Meet more 100 authors, including: Jenny Lawson, "Furiously Happy;" Jim Obergefell, "Love Wins;" Maggie Stiefvater, "The Shiver Trilogy;" Marisa Silver, "Little Nothing;" Leah Stewart, "The New Neighbor;" Bob Shea, "The Happiest Book Ever;" Chris Grabenstein, "Mr. Lemoncello's Library Series," and many more.

For more information, and to see a complete schedule of the lead-up events, visit, www.booksbythebanks.org.



Sneak peek at portion of 10th anniversary festival poster. Full image to be revealed Sept. 15.