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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 12th annual Books by the Banks Cincinnati Regional Book Festival is 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, 2017 at Duke Energy Convention Center, 525 Elm St., Cincinnati, OH 45202.

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Books by the Banks Book Festival Board Officers Elected

CINCINNATI — For over a decade, the region's premier book festival, Books by the Banks, has brought the best in literature to downtown Cincinnati. At the helm of this year's festival will be newly elected board members.

After leading the Books by the Banks board for a number of years, Greg Edwards relinquished his role as president to coincide with his retirement from the position of chief library experience officer of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. The newly elected president of the Books by the Banks board is David Rippe. Rippe is the founder and CEO of Celestia International, specializing in strategy, marketing communications, and business development for companies and nonprofit organizations throughout North America.



Rippe

"I've been involved with Books by the Banks for seven years," said Rippe. "It's an honor to serve as president of the board of trustees. Thanks to the hard work of many people Books by the Banks has grown into the Midwest's premier book festival. We'll continue to encourage literacy and a love of reading by enhancing the book festival's year-round presence in the tristate area."

Also assuming a new role with the board as vice president is Denise Fritsch, director of Library and Information Services at Gateway Community and Technical College. She is currently entering her fourth year serving on the Books by the Banks board. Before serving on the board, she worked on the Books by the Banks author team.

Carol Bowling, who serves as branch manager for the Lane Libraries System was elected to the board as secretary. Additionally, Melissa Cox Norris, director of Library Communications at the University of Cincinnati, was re-elected to the position of treasurer.

For more information, visit www.booksbythebanks.org.