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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 12<sup>th</sup> annual Books by the Banks Cincinnati Regional Book Festival is 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018 at Duke Energy Convention Center, 525 Elm St., Cincinnati, OH 45202.

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## Book Festival Brings 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 features over 150 authors, as well as literary themed activities for all ages.

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

- **Nick Bruel**, beloved children’s author and illustrator of the “Bad Kitty” series.
- **Wil Haygood**, Miami University faculty member and author of *Tigerland* and *The Butler*, which inspired the award-winning Lee Daniels movie.
- **Thayne Maynard**, director of the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden and author of *Saving Fiona*.
- **Alice McDermott**, author of *The Ninth Hour* and winner of the American Book Award for her novel *Charming Billy*.
- **Sara Paretsky**, mystery writer and creator of the “V.I. Warshawski” series.
- **Jason Reynolds**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *All American Boys*, the “Track” series, *Long Way Down*, and *Miles Morales—Spiderman*. He has won the Coretta Scott King Award, the Newbery Honor, and Printz Honor Book for his work.



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 “Full STEAM Ahead” theme and features activity stations for preschool and school-age children, storytimes and acts by top-notch children’s performers. This year’s Teen Scene hosts a “Galaxy Con” theme and includes V.I.P. author meet-and-greets, maker activities and more. 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).