

2013 Teacher and Youth Group Leader Guide to the Library of Congress National Book Festival



The National Book Festival is a treasure trove for teachers, whether they are able to attend with students or not.

Use this guide as a companion to the Children's Guide to the Festival to make sure your National Book Festival adventure is a real page-turner!

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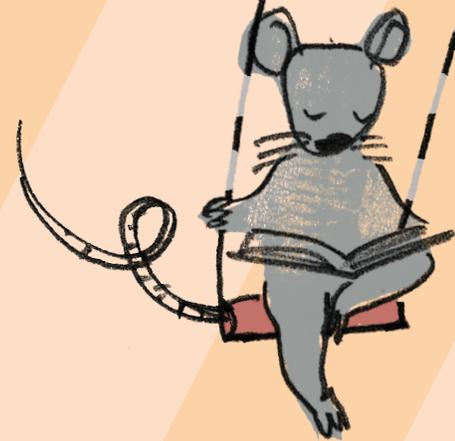
If you are bringing students to the Festival, here are some key things to know:

FOOD: Food selections are limited, so it is recommended that you bring sack lunches and plenty of water. Unless it is raining, there will be space on the periphery to sit in a group.

RESTROOMS: There are portable restrooms located on the north side of the mall along Madison Drive.

THINGS TO HAVE ON HAND: Hand sanitizer, sunscreen, umbrella, pens, and a camera. Remember that the Festival goes on rain or shine, so bring appropriate shoes.

SUPERVISION: You may wish to prepare to divide up, as there will be events of interest to different individuals occurring simultaneously.



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Top Things Teachers Should Know about the National Book Festival:

1. Seeing authors in person is an unforgettable experience. Encourage students to bring their books to be signed, leave space in the schedule to allow for that, and be sure to take pictures.
2. Many authors are engaged with social media. Help students find their favorite authors on Twitter, Facebook, or websites.
3. The Festival posters are a treasure of possible activities, both at the Festival and beyond. Print color copies to have students complete the "Eye Spy," and get a full-size poster for your classroom. Students may wish to have their own posters for their rooms at home. Previous year's posters are great, free tools to use for sponge activities.
4. Familiarizing students ahead of time with authors they will see at the Festival leads to a deeper experience. Take time to read stories or excerpts from them before attending.
5. Plan carefully. There is more to see than can possibly be seen, so plan ahead of time what your must-visits are.
6. If you cannot attend the Festival with your class, you can create the same atmosphere by having multiple choices of videos of previous appearances that your students can select from. Let them vote on who they would like to see, and play those videos. You can find an entire "Host Your Own NBF" guide in the Kids and Teachers section of the Book Festival website.
7. The Children's Guide has more information on the Festival, including fun messages from authors, so share that with your students as well.
8. Create your own "A Book that Shaped Me" writing contest, even if you don't live in a participating state. You can find a list of past winners in the Kids and Teachers section of the Festival website, along with a contest entry form you can use, even for your own campus-wide contest.
9. There are bookmarks that can be colored in that match each year's Festival poster. They can be found in the "Kids Create" area of the Kids and Teachers section of the Festival website.
10. The authors are open to kids asking questions, so encourage your young readers to get in line and ask a question. They will feel more confident if you help them to craft questions ahead of time. Be sure to record it!
11. The Library has a website full of resources for teachers - bringing the power of primary sources from the Library's collections into the classroom! To learn more, visit the Library's education staff at the "Lab for Learning" table in the Library of Congress Pavilion during the Festival. You can also attend one of their presentations - at 1pm Saturday in the Amphitheater and at 1:40pm Sunday in the Salon - both located in the Library of Congress Pavilion. Or visit loc.gov/teachers anytime!

The Authors and their Books! It's what you came for, right? See the Children's Guide to the Festival for more information to help you decide which authors to hear and plan your days at the National Book Festival.

Love the Festival poster? You can find the current poster as well as all of the previous ones (including "Eye Spy" activities) online at <http://www.loc.gov/bookfest/multimedia/posters>. These make great follow-up activities for extending the Festival experience.

If you have students who like dogs, don't miss the special presentation on Saturday at 1:40pm in Library of Congress pavilion called "Hooper Helps Kids to Read." Jane Paley, author of "Hooper Finds a Family" will share the story of a Hurricane Katrina rescue dog that grows up to become a registered therapy dog and helps kids read!

