

LOUISIANA BOOK FESTIVAL SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

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BATON ROUGE, La. – The Louisiana Book Festival seeks enthusiastic volunteers to help put on the state's flagship celebration of readers, writers, and their books. The 19th annual festival needs hundreds of volunteers in a variety of capacities, including welcoming presenters, escorting authors, assisting with programs, staffing festival information booths, and more. Those interested in volunteering – whether all day or just part of the day – can find more information about the Festival's volunteer opportunities by visiting the Louisiana Book Festival Volunteer webpage and can sign up using the <u>online form</u>. The year's festival is **Saturday, October 28, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

"The Louisiana Book Festival is recognized as one of the best book festivals in the country. A big reason is the amazing volunteers we have year after year," said Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser. "We always get compliments on their hospitality. We simply could not do it without them."

"It takes hundreds of people willing to volunteer to make sure the Louisiana Book Festival can happen," said State Librarian Meg Placke. "The staff of the State Library, Louisiana Center for the Book, and the Louisiana Book Festival are thankful for the countless hours our friends and neighbors have given us for almost two decades now."

Festival volunteers who register by October 16 will receive a free 2023 Louisiana Book Festival t-shirt, which features colorful artwork by Louisiana native Emily Roemer. Festival coordinators are happy to accommodate groups of friends, family, or organizations who wish to volunteer together.

The free, nationally-recognized literary event will take place in the heart of Baton Rouge in the Louisiana State Capitol, State Library of Louisiana, Capitol Park Museum, and the surrounding Capitol Park area. This year the book festival will highlight more than 200 authors and panelists discussing their books and include dozens more attractions, such as the Young Readers Pavilion, with arts and crafts, costumed characters, and authors reading to children; Teen Headquarters, with bestselling and award-winning young adult authors; an abundance of programs for adult readers; and a wide variety of book-related activities and exhibitors.

For complete details on the 2023 Louisiana Book Festival, visit <u>LouisianaBookFestival.org</u> and follow us on <u>Facebook</u>.

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