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## Fort Myers Reading Festival

Mar 18, 2017 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Centennial Park 2000 West First Street, Fort Myers, Florida

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Free to attend!

There really is something for all ages to experience at the Southwest Florida Reading Festival. Everyone enjoys the multiple stages with the celebrity authors who share 'inside scoop' about their latest books or what makes a story idea click for them. You will be able to buy books and have the authors personalize and sign them too! You'll find our numerous book and educational vendors offering the latest in services and new ideas. Kids will be mesmerized by the storytellers. There's also an abundance of family fun activities such as readings, drawings and so much more.

The Southwest Florida Reading Festival offers plenty of menu items from nearly a dozen different vendors! You can park along downtown streets for free on the weekends. The two City of Fort Myers downtown parking garages will have a Special Event Garage Parking flat rate fee of \$5 that you pay on entry into the garage. They will accept cash or credit cards. The Main Street Garage is located at 2286 Main Street, with entrances at Main and Second streets.

<http://www.readfest.org/>

The authors give presentations, take questions from the audience and sign books for fans. In addition to the big name authors there are simultaneous programs occurring on nine stages, teen and children's arts and craft activities, every child and teen will receive a new book of their choice, the Reading Rocks! Teen Battle of the Bands finals will take place, the Lee County Teachers of English will award the 2017 Aspiring Author Awards, there will be e-library demonstrations, lots of food vendors and more than 90 Marketplace exhibitors. Thousands of adults, teens and children will celebrate the power of reading and learn about the latest and greatest in books and accessories.

There are changes to the festival layout in 2017. Harborside Event Center will be under renovation in conjunction with the new 225 room, full service Autograph Collection Hotel by Marriott being built connecting to the event center. Therefore, the entire adult area will be moved outside into the west side of Centennial Park during the renovation. The festival will now encompass all of Centennial Park; adults on the west side of US 41 and the teen and children's areas as usual, on the east side of US 41

Call for more information: (239)-479-4636. For Marketplace booths call (239) 533-4805.

### INFO

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