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Literary festival

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A **literary festival**, also known as a **book festival** or **writers' festival**, is a regular gathering of writers and readers, typically on an annual basis in a particular city. A literary festival usually features a variety of presentations and readings by authors, as well as other events, delivered over a period of several days, with the primary objectives of promoting the authors' books and fostering a love of literature and writing.

Writers' conferences are sometimes designed to provide an intellectual and academic focus for groups of writers without the involvement of the general public.

There are many literary festivals held around the world. A non-exhaustive list is set out below, including dates when a festival is usually held (where available).

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- Port Harcourt Book Festival, October 20 - 25^[1]

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- Delhi Poetry Festival, January 19
- Jashn-e-Rekhta, Urdu literary festival held annually in New Delhi
- Adelaide Writers' Week, held during the Adelaide Festival of Arts
- Brisbane Writers' Festival, September 29 - October 2
- Emirates Airline Festival of Literature, held annually in Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Galle Literary Festival, January 27–30
- George Town Literary Festival
- Hay Festival Dhaka, November 15–18
- Hong Kong International Literary Festival, annually in October/November (www.festival.org.hk)
- Islamabad Literature Festival, April 24-26
- Jaipur Literary Festival, January 21-25, 2015
- Global Literary Festival Noida 2015** 23rd to 25th September
- Kalinga Literary Festival, Bhubaneswar (Annually in June)^[2]
- Karachi Literature Festival, February 5 & 6, 2011.
- Kuala Lumpur International Literary Festival, July 29–31
- Koraput Literature Festival**, March 18 & 19, 2017.
- Lahore Literary Festival, February 20–23
- Lit for Life, Chennai, Delhi (January 11-13, February 8) www.thehinduffl.com
- Lucknow Literary Festival, Lucknow (Annually in February/ March)^[3]
- Lucknow Literature Carnival**, Lucknow (Annually in November)
- Melbourne Writers Festival, Annually in August/ September
- Mountain Echoes literary festival, Thimphu, Bhutan (26-28 August, 2016)
- Nepal Literature Festival
- New Zealand Festival**, contains a Writers Week, based in Wellington, biannual in March in even years (nzfestival.co.nz)
- Newcastle, New South Wales National Young Writers' Festival, September 28 - October 2
- Perth Writers' Festival, February 23–1 March
- Shillong C.A.L.M. Festival** May
- Shanghai International Literary Festival
- Singapore Writers Festival, October 24 - November 1
- Sydney Writers' Festival, May 23–29
- Williamstown Literary Festival April 26 - May 1, 2011
- Chandigarh Literati - Chandigarh Literature Festival, November 23-24
- Asian Festival of Children's Content** in Singapore - late May/early June^[4]
- Pune International Literary Festival, Pune, India September 18 - 21
- Ubud Writers & Readers Festival** October 28 - 1 November (www.ubudwritersfestival.com)
- Seoul International Forum for Literature** May
- Seoul International Writers' Festival**, Annually in September/October (http://siwf.kfci.or.kr/english/)

Middle East

- Israel's Hebrew Book Week
- Dubaï's Literary Festival

Europe [edit]

See also: Category:Literary festivals in Europe

- Asia House Festival of Asian Literature, Asia House, London, in May
- Berlin International Literature Festival, in September
- The Bradford Literature Festival**, held in May
- Cheltenham Literature Festival, October 6–15
- Chester Literature Festival, October
- The Children's Bookshow, autumn
- Conrad Festival, Krakow, Poland, October. The largest literary festival in Central Europe.
- Cúirt International Festival of Literature, Galway, September
- Edinburgh International Book Festival, August 13–29, coinciding with the annual Edinburgh Festival^[5]
- FestivalandCo, Shakespeare-themed literary festival held in Paris, France at the Shakespeare and Company bookstore
- Festivaletteratura, held in Mantua, Italy, at the beginning of September
- Folkestone Literary Festival, September 20–25
- Göteborg Book Fair, Gothenburg, Sweden, Sept
- Harrogate International Festivals Theaksons Old Peculier Crime Writing Festival, home to the Theakston's Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year, world's largest crime fiction Festival, in July
- Harrogate Raworths Harrogate Literature Festival, in July Harrogate International Festivals
- Harrogate History Festival, chaired in 2015 by Manda Scott, in October Harrogate International Festivals
- The Hay Festival, May 27-June 5
- The North London Literary Festival, held late March or early April
- International Istanbul Poetry Festival**, held in October
- International Literature Festival Utrecht**, the Netherlands, held in late April or early May
- Istanbul Tanpınar Literature Festival, held in Istanbul, Turkey, at the beginning of May
- Jewish Book Week, London, late February and early March
- Norwegian Festival of Literature, Lillehammer, Norway, is the largest literature festival in the Scandinavian countries since 1996
- Openair Literatur Festival Zürich, Zürich, held annually since 2013
- Oxford Literary Festival**, April
- Peak Literary Festival, October 25 -Nov 5 /May 25 -June6
- Prague Writers Festival, Prague, Czech Republic, June 3–10
- Rencontres aubrac, Aveyron, France
- WALTIC, Stockholm, Sweden

North America [edit]

See also: Category:Literary festivals in North America

- Banff Mountain Book Festival, October 31 – November 2, 2007
- Blue Metropolis Montreal International Literary Festival**, April 11-17, 2016
- Boston Book Festival, annually in October
- Brattleboro Literary Festival** Brattleboro, VT, October 2-5, 2014
- Burlington Book Festival, September 15–17, 2006
- Children's Literature Festival at the University of Central Missouri, held annually in March since 1969
- The Curwood Festival celebrates the life and writings of James Oliver Curwood the first weekend of June in Owosso, Michigan.
- The Frye Festival, Moncton, New Brunswick, April 22–28, 2013. Honouring Northrop Frye. International cast.
- Gallano Literary Festival February 17th-19th, 2017 held annually in February since 2009
- Guadalajara International Book Fair, November 27 – December 5, 2010
- Hollywood Book Festival, July 28, 2007
- Litquake, since 2002, San Francisco, annually in October
- Los Angeles Times Festival of Books, UCLA, Los Angeles, California, late April/early May
- Miami Book Fair International, Downtown Miami, Florida, - November
- National Book Festival, produced by the Library of Congress, September www.loc.gov
- Ohioana Book Festival**, Columbus, Ohio, produced by the **Ohioana Library Association**, held annually in April
- Southwest Florida Reading Festival**, Fort Myers, FL, third week in March since 2000
- Tennessee Williams/ New Orleans Literary Festival, New Orleans, annually in March.
- Texas Book Festival, Austin, Texas held annually in the fall since 1996
- Tucson Festival of Books**, Tucson, Arizona, held annually in March
- Virginia Festival of the Book**, annually in March
- Winnipeg International Writers Festival, annually in September
- Women Writers Conference, The, Lexington, Kentucky, September 11–13, 2008

Caribbean

- Bocas Lit Fest, Trinidad and Tobago, annually, last weekend of April
- Calabash International Literary Festival, Treasure Beach, Jamaica, biennially on even years in June

South America [edit]

See also: Category:Literary festivals in South America

- Festa Literária Internacional de Paraty Is held in Paraty, city located in Brazil.
- International Poetry Festival of Medellín is held in Medellín, city located in Colombia.
- International Poetry Festival of Rosario is held in Rosario, city located in Argentina.
- Trujillo Book Festival, is held in Trujillo city located in Peru. In the year 2012 was on March from days 1 to 12.

See also [edit]

- List of storytelling festivals

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