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About the Southwest Florida Reading Festival

Join thousands of book lovers and incite your passion for reading!

The Festival, presented annually since 2000 by the Lee County Library System is FREE to the public! The event draws an average 18,000 people of all age groups. The festival brings in best-selling authors from all over the country who have recently released books for adults, teens and children.

In addition to best-selling author appearances, there are many children's and teen programs and educational displays from more than 90 exhibitors. The Library System has a large display to show case new and innovative library e-services!

FREE Book for Every Child and Teen

Thanks to the generous support of the Suncoast Credit Union, we provide one book for every child and teen that attends the Festival. There are thousands of age appropriate books from which to choose. We cannot give out books for children or teens who are not at the Festival.
Children's Book - K8 on map
Teen books - T4 on map

Selfie Stations

Visit the Selfie Stations located at A2 and K3 on the map for a fun photo opportunity!

Remember to use #SWFLReads when posting.

Twitter: https://twitter.com/swflreadfest

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/swflreadingfestival/

FAQs

What is the Southwest Florida Reading Festival?
The Southwest Florida Reading Festival is a fun, informative and entertaining one-day event that celebrates books and the written word. The Festival began in 1999 with the following goals

- Celebrate the importance of reading
- Bring the finest literary talent to the community of Southwest Florida
- Encourage in adults, teens and children an interest in and love of literature by providing quality events featuring popular authors in multiple venues
- Build continuing regional partnerships among libraries and between libraries and other community organizations by cooperatively presenting a large, quality literary event
- Promote public libraries as centers for recreational reading, information, technology, and the arts

The Festival has enjoyed great success and now attracts more than 20,000 book lovers each year.

When is the Festival?
The Festival occurs annually on the third Saturday in March. The next Festival will be held March 18, 2017.

Where is it?
Centennial Park in downtown Fort Myers, along the Caloosahatchee riverfront.

Who attends the Festival?
People of all ages, from all walks of life from across Southwest Florida and even other parts of the country attend the Festival. The Festival is a free public event, and includes exciting author events, Author signings, storytelling and demonstrations. The Festival also includes over 80 exhibitor booths representing local authors, educators, booksellers, literacy and cultural organizations.

Is the Festival outside?
Yes, the entire festival will take place in Centennial Park.

Is the Southwest Florida Reading Festival really FREE?
Yes! Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors and donors all the events at the Southwest Florida Reading Festival are free.

How is the Festival funded?
Festival costs are underwritten by the generous donations of individuals, corporations and the arts and literary funds in our community. Additionally there are two supporting fundraisers for the Festival: Read Between the Wines and the Chocolate and Spirits Festival. For more information go to our fundraising events page or contact the Festival Coordinator at 239-533-4826.

Is the Festival an all-ages event? Is it kid-friendly?
Yes. We have many programs geared specifically for children and teenagers, as well as adults.

Where do I park and do I have to pay to park downtown?
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. Map It!

What should I wear or bring?
Activities take place outdoors, so dress accordingly, wear comfortable shoes and bring a hat or visor, sunscreen, and/or an umbrella, a camera, and a tote bag for books, t-shirts and other Festival goodies.

Is the Festival A.D.A. compliant?
Yes.

What happens if it rains?
The Festival goes on rain or shine. We'll still be having a great time! The activities and booths are under tents, and there will be someplace to play no matter what. An umbrella will be needed to move from activity to activity or vendor to vendor.

Will books be sold at the Festival?
Yes. Books-A-Million, the official bookseller will be selling books for all of the authors at the Festival. They donate 20% of sales to the Reading Festival. Additionally, authors who are part of the Marketplace will sell their books.

Do the authors sit on panels or give seminars?
The presentations are a mix of individuals and panels of two authors. Both our author presenters and our Festival attendees love the fact that each program is devoted to only one or two authors and their works. This allows the authors to communicate more intimately with the audience.

Do the authors sign books?
A book signing is generally scheduled for the authors at the end of their program. It is setup so that you may purchase your books, and then walk over to the author's table to have them signed. You may have up to three books signed at once.

I heard there are free books for children and teens; how does that work?
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Will food and drinks be available?
Yes, We have tasty lunch options, even vegetarian choices. There are approximately 10 different vendors selling a variety of food including Jason's' Deli sandwiches, hot dogs, hamburgers, ice cream, sno-cones, funnel cakes, lemonade, sodas and water.

What is the Evening with the Authors and who is invited?
The Evening with the Authors is our way of thanking the many writers, panelists and sponsors who contribute their talents and resources to make the Festival possible. They've all been invited as our honored guests and we invite you to join them. The evening affair includes a cocktail reception, dinner, recognition of the Southwest Florida Reading Festival's Distinguished Author Recipient and, most importantly, great company! This is open to the public space available. For reservations click here.

There is an ATM within a short walking distance at Edison National Bank located at 2105 1st Street in Fort Myers.

Are Pets allowed?
No, pets are not allowed unless they are assistance dogs, per the City of Fort Myers.

Where do I find a program guide?
This app has everything the Guide has and more. If you still want a program guide they will be available in early March at all Lee County Libraries and online from the ATTEND page. As always, it will contain a full schedule of programming, exhibitor listings, maps, author bios and more. Guides will also be available at the information booths at the Festival.

How long does each author program last?
Most of our adult programs are scheduled in 45-minute time periods including time for Questions and Answers. The children's programs are scheduled in 30-minute time periods. Book signings, are generally scheduled at the end of their program near the Books–A-Million books sales store unless otherwise indicated.

How are the Featured Authors selected?
There is an Author Committee who works year round to recruit nationally acclaimed authors to attend the Southwest Florida Reading Festival. The Festival does not pay an honorarium, however it may pay for their airfare, hotel and ground transportation to and from the Festival. The authors that usually choose to participate at the Festival are those who have recently released a new title and the date fits with their book tour schedule. The benefit of the weather in southwest Florida in March is a bonus. The committee contacts over 100 authors each year being careful to invite authors representing all genres, age ranges and ethnicities.

How can I support the Festival?
You can support the Festival in two important ways: By volunteering or by donating.

Donations
The Festival welcomes and appreciates your donations, which help ensure that everything at the event remains free and open to the public. If you would like to support the event, please CLICK HERE to make a donation. Please share your enthusiasm for the Festival with your friends.

Volunteer
The success of the Festival is largely due to the contributions of its volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering for the Festival, please call 239-533-4815 or email the Volunteer Coordinator at cvaughn@leegov.com and leave your name and address, or apply online at the Volunteer page. If you have volunteered in the past, please note your prior assignment and indicate if you would like to work in that area again.

What is involved in putting on the Festival?
It takes nearly 300 people to put on the Southwest Florida Reading Festival. There are people devoted to the following areas: Adult Author Recruitment, Children's and Young Adult Author Recruitment, Festival Books Sales, Event Evaluation (surveys), Volunteer Coordinator, Festival Volunteer Hospitality, T-shirts Design and Ordering, Festival Store, Fiscal and Fundraising, Author Hospitality, Evening with the Authors, VIP Terrace, Information Booths, Indoor Operations, Outdoor Operations, Publicity, Marketplace Exhibitors, Adult Author Stages, Adult Book Signing, e-Library, Adult Programs, Teen Stage, Kids' and Young Adult Author Book Signing, Writing Contest, Teen Programs, Children's Authors and Illustrators Stage, Storytelling Stage, Shows for Kids Stage, A Book for Every Child, Kids Activities and Crafts.

The Festival is always looking for volunteers! If you are interested please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 239-533-4815.

What is different from last year besides the authors?
We make adjustments to the event every year in order to ensure author, attendee, sponsor and exhibitor experiences are continuously improved.

Who exhibits in the Marketplace?
Local and regional authors, booksellers, educators, literacy, cultural and non-profit organizations sell and promote books and book-related merchandise and distribute related information.

How do I exhibit?
If you are interested in exhibiting at the Southwest Florida Reading Festival, please contact Debbie West at 239-533-4805. The Marketplace sells out so make contact 5-6 months in advance.

Author Signings

•Authors sign books immediately following their presentation.
•All authors will have two signings. Times can be found below and by their bio.
•Be sure to get into the correct signing line; there are multiple lines for simultaneous author signings.

Adult Author Signing Times
Location: Adult Author Book Signings, #A1 on map

10:00 a.m. - James Grippando
10:15 a.m. - Colin Campbell & Craig Pittman
10:30 a.m. - Mark Greaney & Nathan Hill
10:45 a.m. - Gregg Hurwitz, Cassandra King, Susan Wiggs & Lori Wilde
11:15 a.m. - Taya Kyle & D. Watkins
11:30 a.m. - Holly Brown & Mary Kubica
12:30 p.m. - James Grippando
12:45 p.m. - Shelley Shepard Gray, Kimberla Lawson Roby & Beatriz Williams
1:45 p.m. - Colin Campbell & Craig Pittman
2:00 p.m. - Nathan Hill, Mary Kubica & D. Watkins
2:30 p.m. - Shelley Shepard Gray, Kimberla Lawson Roby & Beatriz Williams
3:00 p.m. - Gregg Hurwitz
3:15 p.m. - Cassandra King, Susan Wiggs & Lori Wilde
4:00 p.m. - Mark Greaney

Teen, Tween & Kids Book Signing Times

Location: Books-a-Million, #K5 on map

10:15 a.m. - Chris Grabenstein & Tui Sutherland
10:45 a.m. - Grace Lin
11:15 a.m. - S.J. Kincaid, Salina Yoon
11:45 a.m. - Michelle Knudsen & Sara Shepard
12:15 p.m. - Candace Fleming & Eric Rohmann
1:15 p.m. - Tui Sutherland
1:45 p.m. - Salina Yoon
2:15 p.m. - Grace Lin & Sara Shepard
2:30 p.m. - Michelle Knudsen
3:15 p.m. - Chris Grabenstein, S.J. Kincaid, Candace Fleming & Eric Rohmann

Ongoing Activities

In addition to a stellar lineup of author presentations, storytellers and shows for kids, the Southwest Florida Reading Festival offers a host of ongoing activities.

Activities for Adults

Marketplace (A8 on map)
Reading themed exhibits and vendors

Book Sales (A4 on map)

E-library (A3 on map)
Library resource demonstrations and library card sign-up

Festival Store (A2 on map) T-shirts & Tote Bags for Sale

Visit the **Lee Memorial Blood Mobile** (A10 on map)

Visit the **Selfie Station** for a fun photo opportunity. Remember to use **#SWFLReads** when you post your selfies! (A2 on map)

Activities for Teens

Crafts (#T2 on map)
Braided bookmarks, recycled beach candles, bookmarks with beads, glamour masks and Rock n' Roll necklaces.

Graffitti Wall (#T3 on map)
Unleash your creativity!

A Free Book for Every Teen (#T4 on map)
While supplies last.
Sponsored by Suncoast Credit Union

Aspiring Authors (#K2 on map)
Winning entries on display all day
Sponsored by
Florida Lottery

Festival Store (#K3 on map)
T-shirts & Tote Bags for Sale

Visit the **Selfie Stations** for a fun photo opportunity. Remember to use **#SWFLReads** when you post your selfies! (#K3 on map)

Book Signings & Sales (#K5 on map)
Have books signed by your favorite authors
Sponsored by
BAM! BOOKS-A-MILLION

Marketplace (#K1 on map)
Reading themed exhibits and vendors

Gulf Coast Symphony Musical Discovery Zone (near #F3 on Map)
Discover more about musical instruments

Visit the Bookmobile (#A10 on map)

Activities for Tweens

Crafts (#T2 on map)
Emoji magnets, feathered pens, thumb art for nails and anime mini art

Chalk Wall (#T3 on map)

Aspiring Authors (#K2 on map)
Winning entries on display all day
Sponsored by
Florida Lottery

Festival Store (#K3 on map)
T-shirts & Tote Bags for Sale

Visit the **Selfie Stations** for a fun photo opportunity. Remember to use **#SWFLReads** when you post your selfies! (#K3 on map)

Book Signings & Sales (#K5 on map)
Have books signed by your favorite authors
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BOOKS-A-MILLION

A Free Book for Every Child (#K8 on map)
Sponsored by
Suncoast
Credit Union

Marketplace (#K1 on map)
Reading themed exhibits and vendors

Gulf Coast Symphony Musical Discovery Zone (near #F3 on Map)
Discover more about musical instruments

Visit the Bookmobile (#A10 on map)

Activities for Children

Aspiring Authors (#K2 on map)
Winning entries on display all day
Sponsored by
Florida Lottery

Festival Store (#K3 on map)
T-shirts & Tote Bags for Sale

Visit the **Selfie Stations** for a fun photo opportunity. Remember to use **#SWFLReads** when you post your selfies! (#K3 on map)

Book Signings & Sales (#K5 on map)
Have books signed by your favorite authors
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BAM!
BOOKS-A-MILLION

A Free Book for Every Child (#K8 on map)
Sponsored by
Suncoast
Credit Union

Crafts (#K7 on map)

Marketplace(#K1 on map)
Reading themed exhibits and vendors

Gulf Coast Symphony Musical Discovery Zone (near #F3 on Map)
Discover more about musical instruments

Visit the Bookmobile (#A10 on map)

E-library at the Festival

Visit the E-library (A3 on map) where you can:
1. Apply for or renew a library card
2. Have an e-demonstration where you'll learn all about downloadable e-books, e-magazines, music, streaming videos etc., all for free with a library card:

Mango Languages: Learn a new language

AtoZ Databases: A directory and marketing database that includes 30 million businesses and 220 million residents.

Gale Courses: Free instructor-led online courses on a wide array of topics.

Testing & Education Reference Center: An online resource to help you make informed choices about school, college, and your career.

E-books and Audiobooks
- **OverDrive:** Read books and listen to audiobooks from your library.
- **Hoopla:** Borrow thousands of ebooks, audiobooks and comics from your library.

Magazines & Newspapers
- **Zinio:** Download digital magazines from your library

Movies, Television and Music
- **Freegal Music:** Access a collection of almost 11 million MP3 songs
- **Hoopla:** Borrow popular movies, music and television shows

Books for Sale

•Festival author books are sold by Books-a-Million.
•Accept cash, debit and credit cards.

Adult Titles for Purchase - A4 on Map.

HollyBrown: *This is Not Over (2017) Don't Try to Find Me (2014)*
Colin Campbell: *Free Days with George (2016)*
Shelley Shepard Gray: *Her Secret (2017), An Uncommon Protector (2017), The Loyal Heart (2016), A Sister's Wish (2016), A Daughter's Dream (2016), A Son's Vow (2016), The Promise of Palm Grove (2015)*
Mark Greaney: *Gunmetal Gray (2017), True Faith and Allegiance (Tom Clancy), 2016), Back Blast (2016), Commander-in-Chief (Tom Clancy) (2015), Full Force and Effect (Tom Clancy) (2014), Support and Defend (Tom Clancy) (2014), Dead Eye (2013), Ballistic (2011), On Target (2010), The Gray Man (2009)*
James Grippando: *Most Dangerous Place (2017), Gone Again (2016), Crash Landing (2015), Cane and Abe (2015), Black Horizon (2014), Blood Money (2013)*
Born to Run (2008), Last Call (2008), Last to Die (2003)
Nathan Hill: *The Nix (2016)*
Gregg Hurwitz: *The Nowhere Man (2017), Orphan X (2016)*
Cassandra King: *The Same Sweet Girls Guide to Life (2014), Moonrise (2013), The Sunday Wife (2002), A Lowcountry Heart (by Pat Conroy) (2016)*
Mary Kubica: *Don't You Cry (2016), Pretty Baby (2015), The Good Girl (2014)*
Taya Kyle: *American Wife (2015), American Sniper Memorial Edition (2013), American Gun (2013)*
Craig Pittman: *Oh, Florida! (2016)*
Kimberla Lawson Roby: *Copycat (2017), A Sinful Calling (2016), Best Friends Forever (2016), The Ultimate Betrayal (2015), The Prodigal Son (2014), A House Divided (2013), The Reverend's Wife (2012), Perfect Marriage*
D. Watkins: *The Cook Up (2016), The Beast Side (2015)*
Susan Wiggs: *Family Tree (2016), Starlight on Willow Lake (2015), The Beekeeper's Ball (2014), The Apple Orchard (2013), Dockside (2007), The Winter Lodge (2007)*
Summer at Willow Lake (2006), Passing Through Paradise
Lori Wilde: *Million Dollar Cowboy (2017), A Wedding for Christmas (2016), Love of the Game (2016), Rules of the Game (2015), Back in the Game (2015), I'll Be Home for Christmas (2015), Christmas at Twilight (2014), The First Love Cookie Club (2010)*
Beatriz Williams: The *Wicked City (2017), A Certain Age (2016), Along the Infinite Sea (2015), Tiny Little Thing (2015), The Secret Life of Violet Grant (2014)*
A Hundred Summers (2013), Overseas (2011)

Teen Titles for Purchase - K5 on Map

Kami Garcia: *The X-Files Origins: Agent of Chaos (2017), The Lovely Reckless (2016), Beautiful Creatures (2009), Beautiful Darkness (2010), Beautiful Chaos (2011), Beautiful Redemption (2012), Dangerous Creatures (2014), Dangerous Deception (2015), Unbreakable, Unmarked*
S.J.Kincaid: *The Diabolic (2016), Catalyst (2014), Vortex (2014), Insignia (2012)*
Michelle Knudsen: *Revenge of the Evil Librarian (2017), Evil Librarian (2014)*
Sara Shepard: *The Amateurs (2016), The Good Girls (Perfectionists #2) (2015), The Perfectionists (2014), Pretty Little Liars (2006), Flawless (2007), Perfect (2007), Unbelievable (2008), Stunning (2012), Burned (2012), Crushed (2013), Deadly (2013), Toxic (2014), Vicious (2014)*

Children's Titles for Purchase - K5 on Map

Candace Fleming: *Giant Squid (2016), Bulldozer's Big Day (2015), Oh, No! (2012)*
The Family Romanov (2014), Muncha! Muncha! Muncha! (2002), The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School (2007)
Chris Grabenstein: *Welcome to Wonderland: Home Sweet Motel (2016), Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics (2016), Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library (2013), The Island of Dr. Libris (2015), Word of Mouse (2016), Jacky Ha-Ha (2016), House of Robots: Robot Revolution (2017), House of Robots: Robots Go Wild (2015), House of Robots (2014), Peril at the Top of the World (2016), Secret of the Forbidden City (2015), Danger Down the Nile (2014), Treasure Hunters (2013), I Funny TV (2015), I Totally Funniest (2015), I Even Funnier (2013), I Funny (2012)*
Michelle Knudsen: *Revenge of the Evil Librarian (2017), Evil Librarian (2014), The Mage of Trelian (2016), The Princess of Trelian (2012), The Dragon of Trelian (2009)*
Marilyn's Monster (2015), Library Lion (2006)
Grace Lin: *When the Sea Turned to Silver (2016), Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same! (2010), Where the Mountain Meets the Moon (2009), Year of the Dog*
Dumpling Days, Dim Sum for Everyone!
Eric Rohmann: *Bone Dog (2011), My Friend Rabbit (2002), Time Flies (1994)*
Tui Sutherland: Wings of Fire:*Talons of Power (2016), Darkstalker (2016), Escaping Peril (2016), Winter Turning (2015), Moon Rising (2015), The Brightest Night (2014), The Dark Secret (2013), The Hidden Kingdom (2013), The Lost Heir (2012)*
The Dragonet Prophecy (2012), Spirit Animals #5: Against the Tide
Salina Yoon: *Be a Friend (2016), Penguin and Pinecone (2012), Found (2014), Penguin on Vacation (2013), Do Crocs Meow (2012), Do Crocs Kiss (2012)*
Penguin's Big Adventure (2015), Penguin in Love (2013), Stormy Night (2015)

Reading Rocks! Teen Battle of the Bands

The finalists compete for 1st Place and the Grand Prize! See T1 on map.

1 p.m. Theory of Knowledge
2 p.m. The Ursa Major Band
3 p.m. Wilderness Drive
3:15 p.m. Crowd sourced voting. You must be present and have internet access to vote.
3:30 p.m. Winners announced

This free, one-of-a-kind local competition gives teens the opportunity to perform their original work, live, onstage in front of hundreds of spectators, family and friends. The Battle of the Bands Final Competition will be held at the Southwest Florida Reading Festival Saturday, March 18, 2017, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

OFFICIAL RULES

1. Eligibility

Reading Rocks! Contest is only open to bands of two or more individuals who are residents of Charlotte, Lee, Collier and Hendry counties and are between the ages of 13 to 19 years old on the date of entry. Proof of age is required. Any band member who is a minor must have parental/legal guardian consent to enter the competition. Participation constitutes entrant's full and unconditional agreement to these Official Rules and to the live performance at the Southwest Florida Reading Festival, March 18, 2017 in Centennial Park in downtown Fort Myers.

2. Timing

Entry Submission Dates - Jan. 1 – midnight Feb. 15, 2017
Public Online Voting - Feb. 17 – midnight March 1, 2017
Finals (Live Performance) - March 18, 2017, at Reading Rocks! Teen Battle of the Bands as part of the Southwest Florida Reading Festival

3. Entry

Complete an online entry form at www.readfest.org/bandbattle.aspx and upload **1 (one)** audio or video submission to YouTube.com of the band performing (YouTube link must be provided on entry form). Each submission must not exceed five minutes in length. Any inappropriate lyrics will disqualify the submission. If selected as a finalist the band will be notified by email or phone and all band members on the entry will be required to complete, sign and return a Liability & Publicity Release form by midnight March 8, 2017, and to perform live at the reading festival in order to claim its prize.

4. Winner Determination

Bands are prohibited from obtaining votes by any fraudulent or inappropriate means, including, without limitation, offering prizes or other inducements to prospective voters.

Elimination Round (Feb. 17 – midnight March 1) Each entry will be scored based on the number of **Public Online Votes** received (40% of the total score) and the points given by the Judges Panel (60% of the total score). The three (3) Bands that receive the highest total scores advance to the final round.

Final Round (Saturday, March 18 at the reading festival) After all bands have performed the ranking will be determined by **live crowdsource text voting** (40% of the total score) and the points given by the Judges Panel (60% of the total score). The Judges Panel will judge each band on musical skill, ensemble, originality, musicianship and stage presence. The band ranking will be final and binding. In the event the live performance cannot occur due to technical, or weather related issues the winners will be determined by the Elimination Round score.

The live crowdsource text voting requires being present at the festival. Finalists can and should invite fans and family to be present at the festival. The live crowdsource text voting is limited to one vote per device**.** Duplicate votes will be disqualified. The voting window will be 15 minutes from the completion of the last band.

5. Prizes
Prizes:
(1) GRAND PRIZE: One Eight (8) hour in-studio professional recording session at Sonic Recording Studio ($500 value); Feature article in Gulf Coast Times Magazine and professional photo from Laura Michele Photography
(1) SECOND PRIZE: $150 Brent's Music Headquarters gift certificate.
(1) AUDIENCE AWARD: SkyZone prize package and Music Walk performance date TBD.

6. Reading Rocks! Finals-Live Performance
Bands must arrive one hour before their performance. Bands must provide their own equipment; mics and amplifiers will be provided. Bands will be responsible for set up and tear down of their equipment within 30 minutes and will be given warm-up time. Each Band must perform live for 20 minutes. If a band performer uses obscene language, lyrics, gestures, wears obscene clothing, or exhibits anything that is unsuitable for a family audience the band will forfeit their entry. Drugs and alcohol including tobacco are not permitted. Judges reserve the right to end a performance of the band does not comply with all rules. In order to perform the band members who performed on the entry must perform live. Limited substitutions may be considered. Finalist bands must submit written lyrics for all songs to be performed at the Finals. Finalist bands who do not perform at the Reading Rocks**!** Teen Battle of the Bands will be disqualified. In the event that a potential Finalist band is disqualified for any reason, an alternate will be selected by the Judges Panel.

Festival T-Shirt and Tote Bag Sales

Yes we are offering tote bags this year**!**
Get one while they last.
- Tote bags $15
- T-Shirts - $15 for S, M, L, XL; $17 for 2-3XL or larger.
- Cash or check; NO debit or credit card

Food Concessions

Tasty lunch and snack options are available for purchase from approximately 10 different vendors. A percentage of sales from most food purchases will benefit the Southwest Florida Reading Festival. *Menu items are subject to change without notice.*

LITTLE JOE'S SPECIAL EVENTS

Seafood Stand
Fresh Grilled Mahi –Mahi 10.00
Fresh Grilled Salmon 10.00
Fresh Made Crab Cakes 10.00
All three items served as sandwichs or over Mediterranean rice with vegetable or over salad.

Main line foods:
Italian Sausage 9.00
Polish Sausage 9.00
Bratwurst Sausage 9.00
Chicken Sausage with Spinach and Asiago cheese 7.00
Philly Cheese Steak 10.00
Corn Dogs 5.00
Jumbo Beef Hot Dogs 5.00
Hamburgers 5.00
Fries 3.00
Fresh Made Pizza's 3.00

Mediterranean Foods
Gyro (Lamb or Chicken) Sandwiches 9.00
Beef, Chicken & Pork Kabobs (Served on skewers or as sandwiches or Dinner Platers) 7.00/ 9.00/12.00
Mediterranean Rice 6.00
Greek Salads 7.00

Snacks
Funnel Cakes 6.00
Fresh Squeezed Lemonade 3.00 / 5.00
Kettle Corn
Roasted Nuts
Real Fruit Smoothies
Pretzels
Iced Coffee's
Sno Cones

Beverages
Lemonade: $3 or $5
Soft Drinks: $2 or $3
Bottled Water: $2

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Box Lunch
Ham or turkey sandwich on white or wheat bread with lettuce, tomato and condiments. Includes chips and a chocolate chip cookie. $7

Spinach Veggie Wheat Wrap: Mushrooms, spinach, Asiago, guacamole and pico de gallo. Includes chips and a chocolate chip cookie. $7

Snacks and Beverages
Fruit Cup: $2
Chocolate Chip Cooke: $1
Bottled Water: $1

Lost & Found

LOST ITEMS
- Turn in Found items at the Info Booth (red/yellow "i" on map).
- If something is lost visit an info booth to inquire if the item has been turned in.
- Call 239-533-4826 the following week to see if the item was found.
- Items will be held at Library Administration for claiming.

ATMs

The ATM is located at:
Edison National Bank -2105 First Street, Fort Myers.

Free Drawing!

Enter to win four tickets to SeaWorld or Aquatica at the festival!

There are several ways to enter to win! The more you do the better your odds.
1. Download the app and create a profile

2. Visit the E-library area **and**:
- Apply for or renew a library card *or*
- Have an e-demonstration where you'll learn all about downloadable e-books, magazines, music, streaming videos, etc., all for free with a library card *or*
- Complete a survey

Emergency Contacts

If there is an emergency send someone to an information booth and tell them about the emergency. There are police and EMS on site to help.

Lost Child/Parent – If a parent and child become separated they should immediately look for a person in a safety neon yellow/green "Event Staff" t-shirt,or go to an Info Booth (red/yellow "i" on map). The Festival has a plan in place to quickly locate lost children.

Festival Contact

Contact Margie Byers during normal working hours at 239-533-4826.

Margie Byers
Festival Coordinator
Lee County Library System | 2345 Union Street |Fort Myers, FL 33901
Voice 239-533-4826 | Fax 239-485-1100
www.readfest.org

Feedback & Suggestions

Your experience at the festival is very important to use. Please tell us how we can improve the festival!

Click here to send your feedback and suggestions.

Evening with the Authors! Sales are closed.

Evening with the Authors logo

Meet, mingle and dine with the 20+ Southwest Florida Reading Festival's best-selling authors.

Friday, March 17, 2017 from 5 – 9 p.m.
The Marina at Edison Ford - 2360 West First Street in Fort Myers

Space is limited, Reservations required
Advance reservations $49
Advance reservations close midnight Jan. 31
Reservations $55. Reservations close midnight March 3, 2017
Make reservations here
Cash bar available
Free parking
239-479-INFO|4636

An Evening with the Authors will be an Evening to Remember! To see the list of authors go to www.readfest.org/Authors.
Presented by the Lee County Library System & Books-A-Million