



Arkansas Literary Festival
April 20-22, 2007 • River Market District

SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 19, 2007

National Public Radio's "The Book Guys"

6 p.m. and 7:15 p.m., Darragh Center Main Library

Presented by the Central Arkansas Library System and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Public Radio. Join "The Book Guys"—Allan Stypeck and Mike Cuthbert—and special guests (TBA) for one of two live shows for future broadcast. Audience members are encouraged to bring books for appraisals. Free, but reservations are required. Contact Maribeth Murray at mmurray@cals.org or call (501) 918-3032.

Friday, April 20, 2007

An evening with a legendary American writer: Nikki Giovanni

5:30 p.m., Philander Smith College Auditorium

Kick off the 2007 Arkansas Literary Festival with one of America's greatest poets. Giovanni's voice carries universal appeal, and with her latest poetry collection the accolades continue. She has been called "one of our national treasures" and was selected as one of Oprah Winfrey's "25 Living Legends."

Martini Reception with the Authors

7 p.m., Junior League of Little Rock Headquarters

Every year, our author reception is one of the triumphs of the festival. Where else can you enjoy intimate conversation with some of the smartest, most eloquent writers on the planet? Enjoy plentiful hors d'oeuvres and sophisticated martinis while your books are being signed by your favorite authors. Books will be available for purchase.

Entertainment by local favorite Tim Anthony (pianist/vocalist). Individual tickets are \$40, couple tickets are \$75. Purchase tickets by calling (501) 663-4321.

Saturday, April 21, 2007

Children's Breakfast

9 a.m., Clinton Presidential Center Great Hall

Sponsored by the William J. Clinton Presidential Library and Museum, The Clinton Foundation, and Café 42

Media Sponsor: *Little Rock Family*

Author Cheryl Barnes and Woodrow, the White House Mouse will make a special appearance. Walter “The Giant Storyteller” Mayes and Brian and Terri Kinder will also help to entertain. Books will be available for sale and you can have them autographed by Barnes. Your ticket includes breakfast, a goodie bag, a pass to visit the Clinton Library, and entertainment. Adults 18 and up, \$10; Children \$20; Family pack (2 adults, 2 children) \$50. Purchase tickets by calling (501) 663-4321.

**Roland on the River, featuring White House Executive Chef Roland Mesnier
1:30-2:30 p.m., Demonstration and Talk, River Market Clark Room
2:30-3 p.m. Pastry-Tastings and Autograph Session**

Roland Mesnier, head pastry chef for five U.S. presidents, will dazzle us with a demonstration of his skills and talk about his books. You can purchase a copy of his memoir, *All the President's Pastries*, and his cookbook, *Dessert University*, and have them autographed by The King of Sugar (“Le roi de sucre”) himself. Pastries generously donated by Community Bakery, Mickey’s, and Starving Artist Café. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Purchase tickets by calling (501) 663-4321.

**“Pub or Perish” A Reading on the Hoof
7 p.m., The Peabody Little Rock**

Sponsored by the *Arkansas Times*

Open-mic readings by Festival authors and local writers. Want five minutes in the spotlight? Send submissions (fiction, poetry, essay) to David Koon at david@arktimes.com. Free to the public.

After Party

Following Pub or Perish, The Peabody Little Rock

Sponsored by the *Oxford American Magazine*

The annual Festival Literary Quiz Show will feature three teams of two writers each vying for the title of “Smartest Literati in the Vicinity.” Expect hijinks, a battle of wits, entertaining ego clashes and fun prizes. After the quiz show, hang out with writers and festival visitors in an intimate setting. Free to the public.

Sunday, April 22, 2007

In Conversation with Walter Mayes

1:15 p.m., Deborah Wiles

2:15 p.m., Special Guest TBA

A lively session for kids aged 8-12, parents, librarians, literacy specialists and anyone interested in quality, engaging children’s literature. Listen in as literacy advocate, storyteller and children’s literature expert Walter Mayes interviews two of his favorite children’s authors. For children (ages 8-12) and adults (educators, literacy specialists, librarians, nonprofit program directors, etc.) interested in learning about children’s literature. Free to the public.

Post Festival Event

Tuesday, April 24, 2007

Celebrate Literacy Month Ceremony

1:30 p.m., State Capitol Rotunda

This annual ceremony honors adult students who have worked to improve their educational skills as well as those who have worked to help them or their local adult literacy program. Award presentations will include: Top 25 GED Graduates for 2006, a literacy council Student and Tutor of the Year, and winners of awards from the Arkansas Reading Association. Festival Honorary Chairman Lisenne Rockefeller will accept an award in honor of her late husband Lt. Gov. Win Rockefeller.