



The Decatur Book Festival 2024 Fact Sheet





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About Us

The Decatur Book Festival (DBF), founded in 2005 and debuting in 2006, quickly grew into one of the nation's largest independent book festivals, celebrated for its innovative programming and its mission to spark ideas, honor inspiring authors, and build an inclusive community. Despite the challenges of COVID, which necessitated a virtual format in 2020 and smaller hybrid models in 2021 and 2022, DBF is now poised for a much-anticipated reemergence under thoughtful leadership, including a full-time executive director and a part-time program director.

The 2024 Festival

This year's festival will be smaller than the pre-COVID festival, larger than the 2022 event, and a fitting prelude to a bigger 20th anniversary celebration in 2025. The DBF Board's strategic priorities include fundraising and operating within available financial and human resources.

The Mission

The Decatur Book Festival encourages a love of reading, inquiry, and conversation in people of all ages, and builds an enthusiastic and inclusive community of readers and writers throughout the south, sparking social, creative, and intellectual engagement.

In pursuing this mission, the festival seeks to:

- Showcase an array of national and international voices at the festival and throughout the year.
- Connect readers with writers.
- Illustrate the many ways reading encourages personal and cultural empathy and knowledge.
- Encourage the love of reading and creative expression in children and adults.

Festival Leadership

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