

FESTIVAL OF BOOKS

Spencertown Is for Book Lovers

The Academy gears up for the Festival of Books

If there's a book you've been meaning to read, or a subject you've been wanting to learn more about, chances are you'll find what you're looking for and more at the Spencertown Academy's 12th annual Festival of Books on Labor Day weekend.



Book lovers of all ages will have a chance to hunt for treasures among more than 10,000 new and gently-used books, as well as CDs, DVDs and audio cassettes, all at sub-bargain basement prices. A first-floor gallery features a handpicked selection of specialty books, limited editions, out-of-print books, and new books donated by leading national publishers.

All books are carefully categorized and displayed for easy browsing; the stock is replenished continuously throughout the sale. As always, prices will start out low and be stepped down each day throughout the weekend. It's a terrific way to stock up on a lot of great reading for not a lot of money!

Friday-night whites and reds

The Festival begins with the Members' Preview Party at the Academy on Friday evening, September 1, where you can chat with fellow bibliophiles over a glass of wine and get an early start on browsing and buying. The program continues through the holiday weekend with a varied schedule of author readings, signings, discussions and surprises.

This year's lineup of participating writers and poets includes Jonathan Gould (*Otis Redding: An Unfinished Life*), Wesley Brown (*Dance of the Infidels*), Rebecca Morgan Frank (*The Spokes of Venus*), Sulome Anderson (*The Hostage's Daughter: A Story of Family, Madness and the Middle East*), Michael Lemonick (*The Perpetual Now: A Story of Amnesia, Memory and Love*), Greg Mitchell (*The Tunnels*), Louie Cronin (*Everyone Loves You Back*), Elinor Lipman (*On Turpentine Lane*) and Patricia Park (*Re Jane*).

"We are very grateful to the authors who are giving so generously of their time to appear at the Festival," says Board member Jill Kalotay, who, with fellow Board member David Highfill, heads the Festival of Books committee. CONTINUED ON PAGE 4



what's coming up

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Labor Day Weekend (September 2-4)
Members Preview Party:
Friday, September 1, 6-8pm

 **MUSIC AT THE ACADEMY**

The Wizard of Words: E.Y. "Yip" Harburg

Cabaret performance by
Maureen Kelley Stewart
Saturday, September 16, 7:30pm
Tickets: \$20

 **THE GALLERY**

Inspiration & Influences

Annual Regional Juried Art Show
October 7-22
Opening reception:
Saturday, October 7, 4-6pm

 **MUSIC AT THE ACADEMY**

Music that Dances

Performance by pianist Uel Wade and
violinist Mitsuko Suzuki
Saturday, October 21, 7:30pm
Tickets: \$20 (free for 18 and under)

 **THE GALLERY**

The Winners Show

Multimedia exhibit by
Amelia Toelke and Linda Horn, first-prize
winners from the last two Juried Shows
October 28-November 12
Opening reception:
Saturday, October 28, 4-6pm

**HANDMADE
HOLIDAY**

Just in time for the holiday
gift-giving season!
November 24-26 & December 2-3
Watch for details

spencertownacademy.org/events

Ways to get involved

As always, the Festival of Book is only possible with the generous and active help of Academy volunteers. If you'd like to help out, either before or during the Festival, please contact Ann Vartarian at annmvartarian@gmail.com. For complete details and program schedule, or to make donations, become a sponsor or become a member of the Academy, please visit us at spencertownacademy.org.