

FESTIVAL OF BOOKS

Curl Up with 10,000 Good Books 10th annual Festival promises to be the best ever



BROWSER HEAVEN: Book lovers study the offerings at the 2014 Festival of Books.

Food, art, science, history...and more: Whatever your interests, you'll find a lot to your liking at the 10th Festival of Books, which begins with a preview party at the Spencertown Academy on Friday evening, September 4, and continues through the holiday weekend.

This much-anticipated end-of-summer event will feature a full and exciting schedule of in-person author readings, panel discussions and children's programs. And, with more than 10,000 new and gently-used books, as well as CDs and DVDs, the Festival offers book lovers of all ages a chance to do some serious browsing and buying.

As always, there will be nourishment for the body as well as the brain: Delicious baked goods and chili, created and prepared by volunteers, board members and friends of the Academy will be available for lunch at the Cookbook Café.

Literary rock stars

"We're tremendously excited about this year's lineup of authors," says board member David Highfill, who, with Jill Kalotay, shares co-chair duties for the Festival.

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what's coming up

10th Annual

FESTIVAL OF BOOKS

September 4-7

Preview party:

Friday, September 4, 6-8pm

Join us for our annual celebration of books, reading and fun.



THE GALLERY

Spaces & Moments:

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September 26-October 18

Opening reception:

Saturday, September 26, 4-6pm

Fur. Fin. Feathers.

Animal-themed Fall Regional Juried Show

October 31-November 22

Opening reception:

Saturday, October 31, 4-6pm

HANDMADE HOLIDAY

November 28-29, December 5-6

If you've missed Handmade Holiday, you're not alone! By popular demand, this beloved event will return for the 2015 winter gift-giving season. Watch for details in our next newsletter.

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Not for Grown-Ups Only Children's programs are a big part of the Festival

Corduroy, the world's most famous teddy bear, will be on hand at this year's Festival of Books in the company of his best friend, college student Zach Pearson, who has been bringing celebrated protagonists such as Curious George, Llama Llama and Lyle Crocodile to the Festival for the past few years.

"Corduroy and I are looking forward to meeting the children at the Storybook Corner this year," Zach says.

The Children's Program is set for Saturday morning, September 5, from 9 to 10:30. "The Festival is for children as much as for adults," says volunteer Susan Grybas, who has again put together a great program. "We've planned a number of art

activities—kids can make their own books, bookmarks and large paper cutout stick puppets of Corduroy." There will also be readings of some of Corduroy's adventures by Academy volunteers and photo-ops with Corduroy. Refreshments will be served.

The Festival of Books is also supporting the Chatham Central High School Literary and Arts Magazine, Peloris, which celebrates students' artwork, poetry, short stories and photographs, Susan notes. This and last year's editions will be available for purchase.

