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2008 Alabama Book Festival Announced

Save the date! The third annual Alabama Book Festival will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 19, 2008. The site will be the grounds of Old Alabama Town in the historic district of Montgomery (www.oldalabamatown.com).

Named the top literary event for 2007's Year of Alabama Arts (<http://www.alabama.travel/>) and supported by more than 30 sponsors and partners, the festival is a signature event for the state and for those who love books and reading.

The 2008 festival will showcase more than 50 authors, storytellers, publishers, illustrators and performers. It will feature a dedicated children's area and offer special programs for young adult readers and writers. Exhibitors and vendors will include antique book appraisers, libraries and reading promotion partners, among many others.

For information about the program, volunteer opportunities, guidelines for exhibitors and other information, go to www.alabamabookcenter.org and click on Alabama Book Festival. Check back often to keep abreast of additions to the program.

The Alabama Book Festival is sponsored by the Alabama Center for the Book, the Alabama State Council on the Arts, the Alabama Public Library Service and many partners from around the state. It is a free event open to all ages and interests.

The Alabama Center for the Book is the state affiliate of the national Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. A partnership organization dedicated to promoting books and reading, it also sponsors the Alabama Gets Caught Reading promotion poster series and "This Goodly Land: Alabama's Literary Landscape," an online literary map resource for anyone interested in Alabama writers.

For information about the Alabama Center for the Book, its partners and its projects, call 334-844-4946 or go to www.alabamabookcenter.org.

The Alabama Center for the Book is a program of the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities in the College of Liberal Arts at Auburn University. For more information about the Center, go to www.auburn.edu/cah.

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