

# ALABAMA CENTER FOR THE BOOK

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## VOLUNTEER FOR THE ALABAMA BOOK FESTIVAL

*The Alabama Book Festival, scheduled for April 18 on the grounds of Montgomery's historic Old Alabama Town, seeks volunteers.*

On Saturday, April 18, more than fifty novelists, poets, artists, illustrators, playwrights and children's writers will converge on the grounds of Old Alabama Town for the fourth annual state book festival.

And the festival needs help. Helpers, that is. Author escorts, children's area helpers, gate counters and greeters are among the tasks of the day. Volunteers will receive a t-shirt and the satisfaction of having helped with a signature event that celebrates Alabama's rich literary culture and the joy of reading.

Volunteers must be at least 16 years old, unless they are participating as a group to handle a group activity. Most volunteer shifts are expected to last two hours. For more details and to register, go to [www.alabamabookcenter.org](http://www.alabamabookcenter.org).

The Alabama Book Festival will include readings and signings by Pulitzer Prize winner Rick Bragg, Alabama's beloved Kathryn Tucker Windham and acclaimed photographer Beth Maynor Young, as well as chef Frank Stitt and author Warren St. John, who will premiere his forthcoming book at the festival. A dedicated children's area will feature Magic Tree House author Mary Pope Osborne, among others. The Alabama Book Festival will kick off readings and activities at 10 a.m. and go until 4 p.m. The event is free and open to all.

Festival sponsors include the Alabama Bureau of Tourism and Travel, Alabama Center for the Book, Alabama Humanities Foundation, Alabama Public Television, Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Alabama State Council on the Arts, Alabama Supreme Court and Law Library, Auburn University College of Liberal Arts, Alabama Writers' Forum, Capitol Book, City of Montgomery, Montgomery Advertiser, Montgomery City-County Public Library, and Old Alabama Town.

For more information, go to the Alabama Book Festival website at [www.alabamabookfestival.org](http://www.alabamabookfestival.org) or call the Alabama Center for the Book at 334-844-4946.