



# MISSISSIPPI BOOK FESTIVAL

## 2016 By The Numbers

**6,200**

PEOPLE  
attended the  
32 official festival panel discussions  
with increased seating room  
in a total of  
6 different venues.  
*A 70% increase over the  
3,700 who attended last year!*

**750**

LOCAL THIRD- AND FOURTH-GRADERS  
attended a special convocation  
at Galloway's Sanctuary  
with acclaimed children's author  
Kate DiCamillo.  
*Each of these youngsters left  
with a free copy of one of DiCamillo's  
recent books, courtesy of the Festival!*

**134**

OFFICIAL PANELISTS  
inspired and entertained audiences  
at each of the 32 panel discussions.  
*Thirty-one more than last year!*

**120+**

CHEERFUL VOLUNTEERS  
tirelessly powered the setup, activities,  
runaround, and takedown of the Festival.  
*A really efficient team!*

**65**

45 FUNDERS  
gave more than \$270,000  
to make the Festival possible and  
20 IN-KIND CONTRIBUTORS  
supported with much needed  
products and services at a  
value exceeding \$65,000.  
*A growing commitment!*

**58**

AUTHORS AND ORGANIZATIONS  
presented their creations  
and accomplishments in  
Author's Alley for festival-goers.  
*A fine selection!*

**25**

EXHIBITORS AND BOOKSELLERS  
were featured along Mississippi Street  
and in the Capitol Rotunda.  
*Four major exhibits were presented by  
the Library of Congress, Smithsonian,  
Mississippi Library Commission and  
Mississippi Department of Education!*

**7**

HOURS OF LIVE COVERAGE  
was nationally broadcast by C-SPAN Book TV.  
*Available now for viewing at [cspan.org](http://cspan.org)!*

**7**

FOOD TRUCKS  
enthusiastically served up  
great food to a grateful crowd.  
*All sellouts!*

**1**

BIRTHDAY PARTY  
celebrating Curious George's 75th anniversary.  
*The party kicked off our new Kids Corner!*

Our sincerest appreciation  
goes out to countless individuals and organizations  
who made this year's *Literary Lawn Party* a huge success.

We thank you and look forward to working with you to make next year's festival even better!

**Mark your calendar for the third annual Mississippi Book Festival—August 19, 2017.**

