

# MISSISSIPPI BOOK FESTIVAL

## 2023-24 TURN THE PAGE RECAP

*Through the festival's growing network, we are able to engage compelling authors for young readers to come share their charm and wisdom in classrooms across the state and inspire students to tell their own stories.*

In the first year of our *Turn the Page* initiative, fourteen events were held in ten different cities across Mississippi! Each visiting author presented their work, gave insights about creative writing, led a writing and brainstorming session, and provided students an opportunity to share.



We welcomed Steve Azar and Sara Frances Hardy (*One Mississippi*), Angie Thomas (*Nic Blake and The Remarkables*), Nic Stone (*Clean Getaway*), Chuck Galey (*Jazz Cats*), Alice Faye Duncan (*Yellow Dog Blues*), Linda Faye Jackson (*The Lucky Ones*), Debbie Rigaud (*Simone Breaks All The Rules*), Mary Annaisa Heglar, (*The World is Ours to Cherish*), and Angela May (*The Islanders*).

At the conclusion of the school year, **1,700+ books** were given to students as gifts!

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