

# MISSISSIPPI BOOK FESTIVAL

## 2024 KIDNOTE RECAP

*It wouldn't be the Mississippi Book Festival without KidNote – our annual event for children's literature showcasing celebrated guest authors who know how to ignite the imaginations of young people.*

With a focus on leading storytellers from around the country, KidNote aims to connect authors with schoolchildren from across the state to inspire them in the pursuit of creativity and a lifelong love of reading.



In 2024, we featured two authors at KidNote in the capital city — three-time #1 *New York Times* bestselling author **Angie Thomas** and former National Ambassador for Young People's Literature and a two-time Newbery Medalist **Kate DiCamillo**! Angie inspired young readers to be remarkable virtually, while Kate shared her stories with humor and heart in-person.

In all, **29,000 Mississippi students** in 936 classrooms, grades 4-6, connected via livestream in their classrooms — a 159% increase from 2023.

### **KidNote's success continues to grow!**

The festival's 2024 events were expanded to include the Mississippi Delta. *New York Times* best-selling author of STEAM-themed picture books **Andrea Beaty** conducted two dynamic in-person visits for nearly 2,000 students and afterwards, each received a **FREE** copy of Andrea's book!



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