

'Literary Lawn Party:' Top 10 things to do at the 2019 Mississippi Book Festival

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Author Angie Thomas at the Mississippi Book Festival. Council for Christian Colleges & Universities



In this file photo, book lovers descend on the grounds of and near the State Capitol for the 2018 Mississippi Book Festival. This year, the 2019 Mississippi Book Festival will celebrate its 5th anniversary Saturday. (Photo: Special to Clarion Ledger)

Captain Underpants

[Dav Pilkey](#) is the author and illustrator of the worldwide bestselling series "Captain Underpants" and "Dog Man." He is also the creator of the Caldecott Honor picture book "The Paperboy" and the California Young Reader Medal-winning "Dog Breath."

Pilkey will be part of a children's book panel at 9:30 a.m. at Galloway Sanctuary and will be signing books at 10:30 a.m. at the Galloway Reception Hall.

Dav Pilkey (Photo: Special to Clarion Ledger)



Photo by: Kai Suzuki





Sonia Sotomayor

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, who was nominated by President Barack Obama and started serving on the bench in August 2009, will be interviewed by Margaret McMullan at 10:45 a.m. at the Galloway Sanctuary and will sign books at noon at the Galloway Reception Hall.

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor (Photo: Special to Clarion Ledger)



Richard Ford talks to Joyce Carol Oates

Mississippi native Richard Ford, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "The Sportswriter" and "Independence Day" will interview National Book Award winner Joyce Carol Oates at 2:45 p.m. at Galloway Sanctuary. Ford will sign books at 4:15 p.m. at the Book Signing Tent.

Author Joyce Carol Oates (Photo: Special to Clarion Ledger)



The Well-Read Black Girl

Tugaloo College English professor Ebony Lumumba, who is also the First Lady of Jackson, will moderate a discussion on the "Well-Read Black Girl" movement, an online book club for black women that introduces a diverse group of writers for future generations.

The panel will feature Glory Edim, author of "The Well-Read Black Girl," Dhonielle Clayton, author of "The Everlasting Rose," Nic Stone, author of "Odd One Out" and Jackson native and New York Times best-selling author [Angie Thomas](#).

In this Oct. 10, 2018 photograph, Angie Thomas, 30, a Jackson, Miss., resident whose book, "The Hate U Give," has been on a national young adult best-seller list for 82 weeks, laughs after answering a reporter's question at the conclusion of a book signing, prior to a reception in Jackson, Miss. The reception honored her writings as well as the coming release of the big screen adaption of the novel. (Photo: Rogello V. Solis, AP)



Ann Patchett

Named one of the 100 most influential people in the world by Time magazine, novelist [Ann Patchett](#) has written seven novels, "The Patron Saint of Liars," "Taft," "The Magician's Assistant," "Bel Canto," "Run," "State of Wonder" and "Commonwealth."

Patchett will discuss her career at 1:30 p.m. at the Galloway Sanctuary.

Novelist Ann Patchett (Photo: Special to Clarion Ledger)





Sex and the City

[Candace Bushnell](#) is the internationally bestselling author of "Sex and the City," "Lipstick Jungle," "The Carrie Diaries," "One Fifth Avenue," "Trading Up," "Four Blondes," "Summer and the City" and "Killing Monica."

The critically acclaimed HBO series "Sex and the City" was based on Bushnell's 1996 book of the same name.

Bushnell will talk to Judy Hottensen about her career at 4 p.m. at the State Capitol in room 113. Bushnell will sign books at 12:15 p.m. at the Book Signing Tent.

"Sex and the City" author Candace Bushnell. (Photo: Special to Clarion Ledger)



Daniel Tiger

Mississippi Public Broadcasting's DANIEL TIGER is making the State Capitol his neighborhood for the day. Hunt for him in the Capitol Rotunda and on the grounds where he'll be meeting and taking pictures with young fans.

One-of-a-kind festival merchandise

The Mississippi Book Festival will be selling mugs, limited edition posters with the 2019 official art by Noah Saterstrom, and t-shirts with this year's art. Some merchandise from past years will also be available.

Books

It wouldn't be the Mississippi Book Festival without plenty of books for sale. Lemuria, University Press of Mississippi, Coffee Prose, Integrity Books, Lorelai Books, Usborne Books, Dogwood Press, Big House Books, Luna Press, and The Beacon will have tents on the Capitol grounds where attendees can buy and browse books.

Food and drink

The festival will feature a big selection of food from local Mississippi food trucks, with options ranging from hibachi to hot dogs. Here's the full list of food vendors so far: Borneo Hibachi and Sushi, 2 for 7 Kitchen, Small Time Hot Dogs & Street Eats, Mind Freeze, CrunchTime Concessions, 30 Below, T and J Concessions, Coffee Prose, il Lupo, Sweetwater Bleu'z Creole & Cajun on a Roll, G's Kettle Corn, Whole Foods and Sweet Treats.

For more information about the festival, visit <http://msbookfestival.com>.

