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18th ANNUAL LOUISIANA BOOK FESTIVAL SEEKS VOUNTEERS

BATON ROUGE, La. – The 2022 Louisiana Book Festival is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to join in the celebration for an insider’s experience of the festival. The 18th annual festival needs hundreds of volunteers in a variety of capacities, including welcoming presenters, escorting authors, assisting with programs, staffing festival information booths, and more. Those interested in volunteering can find more information about the Festival’s volunteer opportunities by visiting the [Louisiana Book Festival Volunteer webpage](#) and can sign up using the [online form](#). The year’s festival is Saturday, October 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

“Louisianans are known for their readiness to lend a helping hand,” said Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser. “Volunteers are essential to the continued success of the Louisiana Book Festival, and each year hundreds sign up to assist with this event. The Louisiana Book Festival has a little bit of something to do for everyone who wants to volunteer.”

“We couldn’t host such a phenomenal celebration of readers, writers, and their books without the many dedicated individuals who come out to volunteer for the Louisiana Book Festival year after year,” said State Librarian Rebecca Hamilton. “The State Library staff is grateful for the help to put on an event of this magnitude year after year.”

Festival volunteers who register by October 19 will receive a free 2022 Louisiana Book Festival T-shirt, which features Louisiana artist Nonney Oddlokken’s *Magic in the Bayou Atheneum*. Festival coordinators are happy to accommodate groups of friends, family, or organizations who wish to volunteer together.

This free nationally recognized literary event will take place in the heart of Baton Rouge in the Louisiana State Capitol, State Library of Louisiana, Capitol Park Museum, Capitol Park Event Center, and tents on neighboring streets. This year the book festival will feature more than 190 authors and panelists discussing their books and more than 75 programs, including the Young Readers Pavilion, where children and parents will enjoy storytelling and performances; Teen Headquarters, featuring bestselling and award-winning young adult authors; an abundance of programs for adult readers; and a wide variety of book-related activities, exhibitors, and performances.

Please call Jamie Hebert at 225-342-4996 or email lbfvolunteer@state.lib.la.us with all volunteer questions and inquiries. For complete details on the 2022 Louisiana Book Festival, please visit www.LouisianaBookFestival.org and follow us on [Facebook](#).

The [Louisiana Center for the Book](#), established in the State Library of Louisiana in 1994 for the purpose of stimulating public interest in reading, books, literacy, and libraries and celebrating Louisiana’s rich literary heritage, is the state affiliate of the Library of Congress Center for the Book.



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