KNOX COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY’S
Children’s FESTIVAL of READING
PRESENTED BY

May 18, 2024
WORLD’S FAIR PARK | 10–3

WELCOMING AUTHORS:
ASHLYN ANSTEE
COZBI A. CABRERA
ANTWAN EADY
GALE GALLIGAN
ALAN GRATZ
DEB PILUTTI
& MANY OTHERS!

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**Children’s Festival of Reading** | SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024

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**Schedules**

JOIN THE PARADE OF BOOKS AT NOON!

Everyone can join the Parade! Line up at the Parada Circle and pick out a noisemaker or book parade sign.

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**#8 AUTHORS & ILLUSTRATORS**

Pre-show giveaways, character photo-ops, and more!

- **10:00** Meet Princess Tiana
- **10:15** Cozbi Cabrera
  
  Book signing tent #6, 10:45 & 12:30
- **10:45** Ashlyn Anstee
  
  Real City tent #10, 11:15-12:00, 12:30-2:30
- **11:15** Meet Captain America
- **11:30** Alan Gratz
  
  Book signing tent #6, 12:00 & 1:15

**NOON PARADE OF BOOKS**

- **12:30** Brain Break with D1 Training
- **12:45** Antwan Eady
  
  Book signing tent #6, 10:45 & 2:00
- **1:15** Sticker Giveaway
- **1:30** Gale Galligan
  
  Book signing tent #6, 11:30 & 1:15
- **2:00** Top Golf Giveaway & Brain Break with D1 Training
- **2:15** Deb Pilutti
  
  Book signing tent #6, 10:15, 12:45

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**#4 MUSIC & MORE**

Kidstuff kicks off the Festival live on WDVL

- **10:00** Kidstuff Live
  
  with Sean McCollough
- **11:00** Meet Mirabel
- **11:15** Hominy Mamas
- **NOON PARADE OF BOOKS**
- **12:30** Miss Lynn
- **1:00** Meet Princess Tiana
- **1:30** Jodie Manross
- **2:00** Meet Spiderman
- **2:30** Miss Lynn

**EPIC ADVENTURE! TENT #7**

Pick up a Quest for Knowledge gameboard to join our summer library adventure. Finishers earn epic prizes!

**NOON PARADE OF BOOKS**

- **10:45** Ashlyn Anstee, Tent #10
- **11:15** Pop-A-Palooza
  
  with Hands On! Discovery Center
- **11:00** Meet Princess Tiana
- **11:15** Dr. Hazari
- **2:15** Webb Robotics

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**#14 SCIENCE & DISCOVERY**

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- **10:00** Meet Spiderman
- **10:15** Pop-A-Palooza
  
  with Hands On! Discovery Center
- **11:00** Meet Princess Tiana
- **11:15** Dr. Hazari
- **12:15** Pop-A-Palooza
  
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**#16 STORYTELLING**

Meet princesses and superheroes before performances!

- **10:00** Meet Mirabel
- **10:30** Sparky & Rhonda
- **11:15** Meet Spiderman
- **11:30** Zoo Knoxville
- **NOON PARADE OF BOOKS**
- **12:30** Knoxville Children’s Theatre
- **1:00** Meet Captain America
- **1:15** Faye Wooden
- **1:45** Meet Princess Tiana
- **2:00** Puppy Storytime
  
  with the Humane Society of the TN Valley

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**PARADE OF BOOKS**

We’re stepping off this year’s parade with 4 million books in tow! As the recipient of the 4 millionth book delivered by Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library of Knox County, three-year-old Patience Collins will lead us through the Festival site. Celebrate with us!

**Children’s Entrepreneur Market**

A farmers market run by kids! Support young entrepreneurs by shopping their handmade goods—everything from baked goods and crafts to plants, toys, and jewelry. Find them under the Amphitheater!

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**Hands On! Discovery Center**

Take a “Brain Break” and get energized with D1 Training. D1’s mission is to make a difference in people’s lives by inspiring and equipping them to be their best.

Dr. Al Hazari

This kid-friendly chemist demonstrates jaw-dropping, awe-inspiring experiments. You may become part of the show!

Faye Wooden

A native Appalachian of Cherokee descent, Ms. Wooden draws on her crazy life as a banker, bear trapper, and herbalist to tell hypnotic stories. fayewooden.com

Hominy Mamas

Using stories and songs, the Hominy Mamas weave together interactive performances of traditional folk songs played on guitar and banjo, washboard and kazoo!

Jodie Manross

Knoxville singer-songwriter Jodie Manross will perform beloved original tunes and favorite children’s songs! @jodieamanross

Kidstuff Live with Sean McCollough

Today’s show will be a live broadcast from the Festival. Expect singalongs, parrooy, and movement! Visit Sean McCollough is an award-winning musician. wike.com

Knoxville Children’s Theatre

This education-based theatre company produces professional plays for children, by children. Young actors will delight audiences and inspire the audience with special guest appearances.

Miss Lynn

Miss Lynn loves a good story with kids at heart. Join her to share stories and to sing along.

Miss Lynn

knoxvillechildrenstheatre.com

Zoo Knoxville

Come enjoy a conservation-themed story time led by an experienced Zoo Knoxville educator with special guest animals.

Zoo Knoxville

zooknoxville.org

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Ashlyn Anstee @ashlynanstee
Most Knox County elementary students know Ashlyn from her graphic novel Shelby and Watts: Tide Pool Troubles, the featured title for this year’s One Book Read City program. She published her first book, Are We There, Yeti? in 2015 followed by No, No, Gnome and The Brave Little Puppy. Her picture book, Hedgehog, is a favorite at Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library. With a knack for combining humor and heart, Ashlyn’s books have garnered critical acclaim and quite a few fans who like to sing along. She currently lives in Los Angeles with her husband and far too many cats!

Presentation: 10:45, BOOK SIGNING, TENT #10: 11:15 – 12:00, 12:30 – 2:30

Cozbi Cabrera @cozbi
With beautiful and acclaimed picture books like My Hair Is a Garden and Me and Mama to her credit, Cozbi Cabrera tells stories and shares her cultural heritage in a way that will transport readers of all ages through the pages of her books. It’s no wonder she’s been recognized with the Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor and the Ezra Jack Keats Book Award. The talented illustrator and author was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, where she developed a passion for drawing and storytelling from an early age. She’s dedicated to nurturing creativity and empowering young artists.

Presentation: 10:15, BOOK SIGNINGS: 10:45, 12:30

Antwan Eady @antwan.eady
Antwan Eady grew up in Garnett, South Carolina, where he spent most of his days riding four-wheelers, fishing, and imagining a world without limitations. Eady is the author of Nigel and the Moon along with upcoming titles, The Last Stand, Poemhood (a young adult poetry anthology), The Gathering Table, and Before the Bridge. When he isn’t writing, he’s searching for the best Lowcountry boil in Savannah, Georgia, where he currently resides.

Presentation: 12:45, BOOK SIGNINGS: 11:30, 1:15

Gale Galligan @robochai, @galegalligan
Gale Galligan is a New York Times-bestselling cartoonist and shrimp chip enthusiast who lives in Rockland County, New York. They are the creator of four Baby-Sitters Club graphic novel adaptations—books five through eight!—and you can spot them in The Claudia Kishi Club, a wonderful short documentary on Netflix! Gale has also written for IDW’s Sonic the Hedgehog and contributed to the Marvel Super Stories anthology. When they aren’t making comics, Gale enjoys knitting, drumming, and spending time with their zoo: Artemis the cat, rabbits Dipper and Penny, Patrick the husband, and Robin the child. Gale is a founding member of the Comics Advocacy Group, a 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to making careers in comics more accessible and sustainable.

Presentation: 1:30, BOOK SIGNINGS: 10:45, 2:00

Alan Gratz @alan.gratz, @alangratz
Knoxville native Alan Gratz takes young audiences on trips through time and space to explore real-world historical events through stories. Some of his notable works include Refugee, Prisoner B-3087, Grenade, and Projekt 1065, among others. Gratz has received numerous awards and accolades for his contributions to children’s literature, including the Sydney Taylor Book Award, the Parents’ Choice Gold Award, and multiple nominations for the prestigious Edgar Award. His books have been translated into numerous languages and have gained widespread recognition for their thought-provoking narratives and emotional depth.

Presentation: 11:30, BOOK SIGNINGS: 12:00, 1:15

Deb Pilutti @dpilutti
Everyone knows that Deb Pilutti is not boring! In fact, she’s downright fascinating as she brings to life characters who charm and delight readers of all ages. Knoxville audiences may know Deb from her picture book Old Rock (Is Not Boring!), which is featured in the Library’s Storybook Trails and is also an Imagination Library title. Other works include Ten Rules of Being a Superhero, The Secrets of Ninja School, and Bear and Squirrel Are Friends, garnering her awards such as the Golden Kite Award for Picture Book Illustration. Her books are characterized by their whimsical illustrations, playful narratives, and heart-felt messages.

Presentation: 2:15, BOOK SIGNING: 10:15, 12:45
DON’T MISS OUT ON EVEN MORE ADVENTURES THIS SUMMER!

Stop by Tent #7 to pick up your Quest for Knowledge game. Complete literacy missions like reading, listening, crafting, and playing to earn epic rewards.

You can also pick up a game at any library location this summer! Participate May 18–August 7.