



## 2017 ROCK TOWN LIT FEST – BOOK FAIR REGISTRATION

Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 10am-4pm at Rock Island Public Library (401 19<sup>th</sup> St., Rock Island, IL 62101)  
(Deadline for Registration: March 31)

Are you registering as: Author? \_\_\_\_ Publisher? \_\_\_\_ Other? \_\_\_\_

If Other, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Contact Info (mailing address, phone, email, website, other – please type or print clearly):

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Phone number where you can be reached during the festival (mobile):

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What are your lodging needs? The Holiday Inn (226 17<sup>th</sup> St. Rock Island, IL 61201) is approx. 4 blocks from the Library. Call the Holiday Inn at 309-794-1212 to make your reservation or visit their website: <https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/rock-island/rkiil/hoteldetail>

### Panel Discussion Sign-Up

If you, or author(s) you publish, would be interested in participating in a panel discussion, please indicate your topic preferences below (see descriptions on separate sheet). Panel discussions will be scheduled 10:00am-11:00am, 12:00pm-1pm, 2:00pm-3:00pm:

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

## Public Reading Sign-Up

Readings on Sat. 5/6: We have limited spaces available for three reading periods schedule during the Festival on Saturday 5/6. Saturday readings will be 40 minutes, followed by 20 minutes of Q&A. If so, please indicate name(s) of readers and mark your preference for time slot:

1) 11:00am-12:00pm: \_\_\_\_\_

2) 1:00pm-2:00pm: \_\_\_\_\_

3) 3:00pm-4:00pm: \_\_\_\_\_

## Panel and Reading Information

Panels and readings will run for one hour each. Each panel will have 40 minutes of presentations, followed by 20 minutes for Q & A from the audience. Here are the choices of panel discussion topics.

If you are interested in participating in a panel, please indicate your topic preferences in the spaces on the previous page. MWC will contact participants with the times and information for each panel once we have filled all the seats:

1. **Writing & Place.** Locations make an indelible mark on people: where we grow up, where we travel, where we pass through. Writers often draw inspiration and information from the places they experience, including to help them imagine places they have never been, or that do not exist. This panel will offer authors an opportunity to discuss the effect place has on their work, and how “reading” a place informs our writing.

2. **Recommended By: Writers on Reading?** There is no better preparation or training for any writer than diverse and deep reading. In this panel discussion, authors will discuss their current reading habits, the works they return to most, and talk about how their reading informs not only their work as writers, but their everyday lives as well.

3. **All from the Family – Writing & Genealogical Research.** Whether writing your family history, conducting research for a fictional project, or just interested in your own genealogy, the ways such research can be applied to different forms of writing are vast. This panel will look at both methodologies and best practices for conducting such research, as well as the ways it can be applied to different kinds of writing projects.

4. **Therapeutic Sentences: Writing as a Healing Process.** Writers and readers turn to literature for catharsis and release as much as they do for story and character. This panel will explore the different ways writers explore difficult subject matter, and how writing into that difficulty can be therapeutic for reader and author alike.

Do you have any special needs or concerns of which we should be aware? If so, please let us know. We will try to accommodate all requests to the best of our ability.

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION for AUTHORS/PUBLISHERS**

- Registrations are due March 31, 2017.
- Spaces for the Book Fair will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- In order to include as many authors and presses as possible, individual authors may be asked to share tables. If you have someone you would like to share a table with, please include that info on this registration form in the space above for special needs or concerns.
- Panels and readings will be filled based on preference and availability; MWC reserves the right to fill panels and readings as needed.
- There are a limited number of electrical outlets available in the library rotunda, so be sure to charge all computers, tables, and mobile devices (MWC has more outlets in their office on the ground floor).

**-RIPL and MWC will provide the following for all authors/publishers participating in the Book Fair:**

1. One Table (18" x 5')
2. Two Chairs
3. Free WiFi Access (as available)
4. Volunteers: RIPL and MWC will have volunteers on hand to watch tables if you need to step out for lunch, panel discussion, reading, etc.

**-Participating authors/publishers participating in the Book Fair are responsible for the following:**

1. Loading in, setting up, and loading out of books, displays, etc. (RIPL has an elevator and full accessibility – for more information, please contact MWC at 309-732-7330)
2. All sales (please bring your own change, card/chip readers, etc.)
3. Authors/publishers will donate a copy of a book to RIPL for their local/regional collection

By signing this registration form, you agree to guidelines indicated above, and agree to indemnify and hold RIPL and MWC harmless from all claims, losses, expenses, fees including attorney fees, costs, and judgments that may be asserted against RIPL and MWC that result from the acts or omissions of participants, participants' employees, if any, and participants' agents.

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Name

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Signature

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Date