

The Decatur Book Festival 2026 Fact Sheet



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About Us

The Decatur Book Festival (DBF) brings together a vibrant community of readers, authors, and literary enthusiasts for an inclusive celebration of books and ideas every fall in Atlanta's eastside gem of Decatur, Georgia.

Since its founding in 2005, DBF has grown into a premier literary event, showcasing the small-town charm of Decatur while inspiring and connecting readers of all ages. Each year, the festival draws attendees from across the region and beyond, fostering a shared love of literature and community.

The 2026 Festival

In 2026, DBF enters its 21st year with exciting new programming and continued community engagement. The 2025 Festival welcomed nearly 20,000 attendees and featured 145 authors and moderators, 65 sessions, more than 100 exhibitors, 26 sponsors, and 350 dedicated volunteers who make the event possible.

Festival-goers of all ages can experience author panels, book signings, cooking demonstrations, live music, and family-friendly activities, creating shared experiences that strengthen connections across our community. Local bookstores, volunteers, and sponsors play a vital role in supporting the festival and helping it grow each year.

This year, DBF will continue to elevate diverse voices, showcase innovative programming, and inspire a love of reading, storytelling, and creativity throughout our community.

The Mission

It is our mission to encourage a love of reading, inquiry, and conversation in people of all ages, and to build an enthusiastic and inclusive community of readers and writers, sparking social, creative, and intellectual engagement.

In pursuing this mission, the festival seeks to:

- Showcase an array of national and international voices at the festival and throughout the year.
- Connect readers with writers.
- Illustrate the many ways reading encourages personal and cultural empathy and knowledge.
- Encourage the love of reading and creative expression in children and adults.