

2025 DECATUR BOOK FESTIVAL *SCHEDULE*



20 Years of Stories



DECATUR
BOOK
FESTIVAL

20TH ANNIVERSARY

#DBF2025

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Saturday, Oct. 4 Schedule

Festival events are listed in chronological order

CHILDREN

9:30 - 9:55 AM

Children's Parade

Led by Jerry G. White
Entertainment Stage

COMMUNITY EVENT

10 AM - 5:30 PM

Children Read Book Dropoff

First Baptist Church of Decatur

CULINARY

10 - 10:30 AM

Alan Byers: Georgia Grown Cooking Demonstration

First Baptist Church of Decatur

STUDENT WRITERS

10 - 10:45 AM

Emory University Emerging Student Writers

Decatur Library

CULINARY

10 - 10:45 AM

Mary Bryant Shrader: Modern Pioneer Pantry

First Baptist Church of Decatur

POETRY

10 - 11 AM

Erin Carlyle, Sarah Gordon, Didi Jackson & Stephanie Niu: Meditations...

Marriott Hotel

CHILDREN

10 - 10:30 AM

Derrick Barnes, Ryan Allen & Patrice Gopo: Family Matters

First Baptist Church of Decatur

ADULT

10 - 11 AM

Rebecca Ross & Analeigh Sbrana: Wild Hearts, Wild Magic

First Baptist Church of Decatur

ADULT

10 - 11 AM

Carolyn Curry, Sarah McCoy, Stacia Pelletier & Kristina McMorris: Historical Fiction Through the Eras

Marriott Hotel

YOUNG ADULT

10 - 11 AM

Ryan La Sala & Jo Schulte: In the Dark Monsters Await

Decatur Library

ADULT

10 - 11 AM

Jason Mott: People Like Us

Marriott Hotel

ENTERTAINMENT

10 AM - 5:30 PM

Beloved Dillard Hosts the Entertainment Stage

Entertainment Stage

ENTERTAINMENT

10:30 - 11:30 AM

BOOM! Trio ft. Lavahi

Entertainment Stage

CHILDREN

10:45 - 11:15 AM

Angela Pham Krans & Lynn Smith: Friendship, New and Old

First Baptist Church of Decatur

CULINARY

11 - 11:30 AM

Joshua Swinney: Georgia Grown Cooking Demonstration

First Baptist Church of Decatur

STUDENT WRITERS

11 - 11:45 AM

Mercer University Emerging Student Writers

Decatur Library

CHILDREN

11:15 AM - 3:15 PM

Storyland Fun Zone (Children 3+)

First Baptist Church of Decatur

CULINARY

11:15 AM - 12 PM

Duane Nutter: Cutting Up in the Kitchen

First Baptist Church of Decatur

POETRY

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Ashley M. Jones, Harryette Mullen, Kristin Robertson & Patricia Smith: Protestations...

Marriott Hotel

CHILDREN

11:30 AM - 3 PM

Tales for Tots (Children 0-3)

First Baptist Church of Decatur

ADULT

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Mary Roach: Replaceable You - Rebuilding the Human Body

Marriott Hotel

ADULT

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Jonah McDonald, Charles Seabrook, Ann Litrel & Zana Pouncey: Georgia On My Mind - Exploring Our Natural Wonders

Marriott Hotel

ADULT

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

N.E. Davenport & Kate Dramis: All Shades and Flavors of Romantasy

First Baptist Church of Decatur

YOUNG ADULT

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

S. Jae-Jones, Megan Shepherd & Susan Dennard: Cursed, Chosen and Complicated

Decatur Library

ENTERTAINMENT**11:45 AM - 12:45 PM****Night Palace**

Entertainment Stage

CULINARY**12 - 12:45 PM****Hank Shaw: Borderlands: Recipes and Stories from the Rio Grande to the Pacific**

First Baptist Church of Decatur

STUDENT WRITERS**12 - 12:45 PM****Kennesaw State University Emerging Student Writers**

Decatur Library

MIDDLE GRADE**12:15 - 1 PM****Mike W. Anderson, Eleanor Spicer Rice & Dori Hillestad Butler: Dogtime Storytime!**

First Baptist Church of Decatur

CULINARY**12:30 - 1:15 PM****Steven Satterfield: Vegetable Revelations**

First Baptist Church of Decatur

COMMUNITY EVENT**12:40 - 1:20 PM****Lunchtime Literary Leg Stretch**

Decatur Cemetery

YOUNG ADULT**12:45 - 1:15 PM****Julian Winters & Kelly Quindlen: Cup of Truth - Navigating Free Speech**

Decatur Library

STUDENT WRITERS**1 - 1:45 PM****Agnes Scott College Emerging Student Writers**

Decatur Library

ENTERTAINMENT**1 - 1:45 PM****Dad's Garage**

Entertainment Stage

ADULT**1 - 2 PM****Awake: Jen Hatmaker on her Midlife Renaissance**

First Baptist Church of Decatur

ADULT**1 - 2 PM****Susana M. Morris & Nicholas Boggs: 20th Century Prophets Octavia Butler & James Baldwin**

Marriott Hotel

ADULT**1 - 2 PM****Angie Thomas, Andrew Aydin, Jeffrey Yu, Bernie Lawrence-Watkins: From Page to Screen, Panel to Play**

Marriott Hotel

ADULT**1 - 2:30 PM****Atlanta Leaders on the Future of Global Health: A Community Dialogue**

The Task Force for Global Health

CULINARY**1:15 - 2 PM****Rusty Bowers: Georgia Grown Cooking Demonstration**

First Baptist Church of Decatur

MIDDLE GRADE**1:15 - 2 PM****Carey Blankenship-Kramer & Delilah S. Dawson: Spooky Season**

First Baptist Church of Decatur

CULINARY**1:45 - 2:30 PM****Annette Joseph: Sweet Life at La Fortezza**

First Baptist Church of Decatur

YOUNG ADULT**1:45 - 2:45 PM****Nisha Sharma, Nia Davenport, Trung Le Nguyen & Michelle Jabès Corpora: Swoon at Your Own Discretion**

Decatur Library

STUDENT WRITERS**2 - 2:45 PM****Georgia State University Emerging Student Writers**

Decatur Library

ENTERTAINMENT**2 - 3 PM****Arkose**

Entertainment Stage

MIDDLE GRADE**2:15 - 3 PM****Jarrett & Jerome Pumphrey: Mischief and Mayhem**

First Baptist Church of Decatur

CULINARY**2:30 - 3:15 PM****William Dissen: Thoughtful Cooking: Recipes Rooted in the New South**

First Baptist Church of Decatur

POETRY**2:30 - 3:30 PM****Heather Christle, Brittny Ray Crowell & Steven Duong: Ruminations...**

Marriott Hotel

ADULT**2:30 - 3:30 PM****Andrew Greer: Jimmy Carter: More Than a President**

First Baptist Church of Decatur

ADULT**2:30 - 3:30 PM****Joshua Sharpe & Ann Hite: Southern True Crime Stories**

Marriott Hotel

ADULT**2:30 - 3:30 PM****Playwright Kimberly Belflower:
From Appalachia to Broadway**

Marriott Hotel

STUDENT WRITERS**3 - 3:45 PM****University of Georgia
Emerging Student Writers**

Decatur Library

CULINARY**3 - 3:45 PM****Belinda Smith-Sullivan:
Cocktails, Southern Style:
Pours, Drinks, Sips and Bites**

First Baptist Church of Decatur

MIDDLE GRADE**3:15 - 4 PM****Derrick Barnes, Dori Hillestad
Butler & Ruby Lal: Middle
Grade Books...Not for Kiddos!**

First Baptist Church of Decatur

ENTERTAINMENT**3:15 - 4:15 PM****Rose Hotel**

Entertainment Stage

YOUNG ADULT**3:15 - 4:15 PM****Mia P. Manansala, Charlotte Lillie
Balogh, Tiffany D. Jackson & Xan
Kaur: Deadly Secrets**

Decatur Library

CULINARY**3:45 - 4:15 PM****Natalie Keng: Sauce Maven
Cooking Demonstration**

First Baptist Church of Decatur

POETRY**3:45 - 4:45 PM****Franklin Abbott, W. J. Lofton,
Nico Wilkinson:
Transformations...**

Marriott Hotel

ADULT**3:45 - 4:45 PM****Stacey Abrams: Coded Justice**

First Baptist Church of Decatur

ADULT**3:45 - 4:45 PM****Kaira Rouda, Katherine
Wood & L.S. Stratton: A
Sampling of Suspense**

Marriott Hotel

ADULT**3:45 - 4:45 PM****Tanya Talaga: How the
Oppression of Indigenous
Peoples Continues to Echo**

Marriott Hotel

STUDENT WRITERS**4 - 4:45 PM****Georgia College &
State University
Emerging Student Writers**

Decatur Library

MIDDLE GRADE**4:15 - 5 PM****Sarah Sax, Gary Clement &
Ward Jenkins: Comics for
All Readers!**

First Baptist Church of Decatur

CULINARY**4:15 - 5 PM****Kevin Mitchell & David Shields:
Taste the State Georgia:
Distinctive Foods and Stories
from Where Eating Local Began**

First Baptist Church of Decatur

ENTERTAINMENT**4:30 - 5:30 PM****Ruby Velle & The
Soulphonics: Grand Finale**

Entertainment Stage

YOUNG ADULT**4:45 - 5:45 PM****Hannah V. Sawyerr, Jamie Jo
Hoang & Mahogany L.
Browne: Teen Survival Guides**

Decatur Library

POETRY**5 - 6 PM****Winshen Liu, Denton Loving,
Christopher Martin & Alina
Steafnescu: Observations...**

Marriott Hotel

ADULT**5-6 PM****Sheri Joseph, Princess Joy L.
Perry & Angela Flournoy:
New Literary Fiction**

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ADULT**5-6 PM****Elizabeth George & Hank
Phillippi Ryan: Grandes Dames
of Mystery**

First Baptist Church of Decatur

ADULT**5-6 PM****Bless Your Heart:
Landon Bryant on All
Things Southern**

Marriott Hotel

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