



AJC Decatur Book Festival

#DBF2018

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Programming Highlights from the Young Adult and Children's Stages

CHILDREN'S

What makes you special? This year's Saturday parade theme is Let It Shine! Come out and show the world as children's picture book author **Angela Diterlizzi** leads us to the Children's Stage to celebrate her newest book, *Just Add Glitter!*

Calling all Jedis! The Force is with us on Sunday as we march to the Children's Stage led by **Adam Rex**, creator of the new picture book, *Are You Scared, Darth Vader?*

Caldecott Award illustrator **Yuyi Morales** launches her picture book, *Dreamers*, at this year's DBF. In *Dreamers*, Yuyi tells her own story of arriving in the US from Mexico and how books and libraries carried her and her young son in that time of transition.

Roshani Chokshi and **Jennifer Cervantes** join forces as part of Disney's new Rick Riordan Presents! imprint to bring new and diverse mythologies to those readers who are ready to move beyond the Greek myths and explore Indian and Mayan folklore.

Debut middle grade author **Henry Lien** presents *Pea Sprout Chen, Future Legend of Skate and Sword*, an adventurous and original tale of a young girl finding her place at an elite school that combines ice skating with martial arts.

Jeanne Birdsall returns to the festival to share *Penderwicks at Last*, the final volume in the much beloved series about four charming sisters and the bond that they share.

As a bookend to the weekend's celebration of the Sorcerer's Stone, DBF is excited to announce that the popular Wizard Rock group, **Harry and the Potters**, will close out the festival on Sunday with a performance on the Children's Stage. In 2002, brothers Paul and Joe DeGeorge formed Harry and the Potters, the first Wizard Rock band. Since then, they have performed all over the world, helped to form the Harry Potter Alliance, and were featured in the 2008 documentary, *We Are Wizards*.

YOUNG ADULT

Debut young adult authors **Alexa Donne** (*Brightly Burning*) and **Claire Legrand** (*Furyborn*) bring two of the most highly anticipated YA fantasy reads of 2018 to the DBF Teen Stage.

In her sophomore follow up to the critically acclaimed *When Dimple Met Rishi*, **Sandhya Menon** presents *From Twinkle, with Love*, a delicious and delightful romantic comedy that will have you rooting for happily ever afters.

The Walking Dead meets the Civil War in **Justina Ireland's** *Dread Nation*, a novel that explores the timely topics of racism and oppression through original and fantastical world-building.

The state of Georgia is home to many nationally recognized writers of young adult fiction. Local YA authors appearing on the Teen stage this year include **Becky Albertalli, T and Allison Cooper, Nic Stone, and Will Walton**.

Perennial festival favorite **Jason Reynolds** shares *For Every One*, a poem that was originally presented at the unveiling of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial in Washington DC.