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## Starting Today! The Virtual National Book Festival is THIS Weekend

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This Friday through Sunday! The 2020 Library of Congress National Book Festival is VirtualThe 2020 Library of Congress National Book Festival is celebrating its 20th birthday this year! Join us this weekend at [loc.gov/bookfest](http://loc.gov/bookfest) for an interactive, online celebration of American Ingenuity featuring more than 120 authors, poets and illustrators at the first virtual event in the festival's history. Connect with your favorite writers across all genres at our virtual "stages" including, Children, Teens, Family, Food & Field, Fiction, Genre Fiction, History & Biography sponsored by Wells Fargo, Poetry & Prose sponsored by National Endowment for the Arts, Science, and Understanding Our World. View the full author lineup: [loc.gov/events/2020-national-book-festival/authors/?locfr=ealn](http://loc.gov/events/2020-national-book-festival/authors/?locfr=ealn) Complete Your FREE Registration and Sign In Now Create your FREE account now at [loc.gov/bookfest](http://loc.gov/bookfest) to access on-demand videos, live author chats and discussions during the Festival weekend, Sept. 25 – 27. You'll have options to personalize your own festival journey with timely topics, and to explore book buying possibilities through the festival's official bookseller, Politics & Prose. Today! A Day of Programming for Schools, Children & Teens at Home Video interviews with popular authors of books for children and young adults, as well as two 1-hour video specials, are available for on-demand viewing starting today at 9 a.m. ET on the festival platform under the "Stages" tab. Log on at [loc.gov/bookfest](http://loc.gov/bookfest) or view on the Library's YouTube channel at [youtube.com/loc/](http://youtube.com/loc/). Young people can also check out the Roadmap to Reading, which features a list of "Great Reads from Great Places" – 53 books that reflect the literary heritage of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Don't miss live Q&As with some of today's most popular children and young adult authors – including Chelsea Clinton and Veronica Chambers. Visit [loc.gov/bookfest](http://loc.gov/bookfest) for a complete schedule. Download this Learning Guide for tips and suggestions on experiencing the virtual festival all weekend long with the kids and teens in your life: [loc.gov/static/events/2020-national-book-festival/documents/NBF2020-Learning-Guide.pdf](http://loc.gov/static/events/2020-national-book-festival/documents/NBF2020-Learning-Guide.pdf) The Library of Congress Prize for American Fiction and Literacy Awards to be given at Festival Each year we take the opportunity of the Library of Congress National Book Festival to award a series of important prizes that celebrate and honor literature and literacy. This year, Colson Whitehead, author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novels "The Nickel Boys" and "The Underground Railroad," will receive the Library of Congress Prize for American Fiction during the festival. The author will take part in a live Q&A event and talk about his life and work at this year's National Book Festival, Saturday, Sept. 26 at 11 a.m. Also, five organizations working to expand literacy and promote reading will be awarded the 2020 Library of Congress Literacy Awards. Read more: [blogs.loc.gov/national-book-festival/2020/09/our-award-winners-colson-whitehead-literacy-honorees/](http://blogs.loc.gov/national-book-festival/2020/09/our-award-winners-colson-whitehead-literacy-honorees/) Watch the PBS Television Special on Sunday Also a first in the festival's history, the festivities will culminate with a PBS television special! Watch "The Library of Congress National Book Festival: Celebrating American Ingenuity," hosted by Hoda Kotb on Sunday, Sept. 27, 6-8 p.m. ET/PT (check local listings and PBS streaming info). ? Festival Shop The National Book Festival may be virtual, but you can still receive actual merchandise to help capture the memories this year. Purchase swag at our on-line shop where you can also order a FREE commemorative tote bag courtesy of our media partner, C-SPAN. ? SHOP: [library-of-congress-shop.mysshopify.com/collections/national-book-festival](http://library-of-congress-shop.mysshopify.com/collections/national-book-festival) Order books by featured authors from the Festival's official bookseller – Politics & Prose – within the online platform at [loc.gov/bookfest](http://loc.gov/bookfest). A limited number of signed copies are available. The 2020 National Book Festival poster is available for download at [loc.gov/programs/national-book-festival/about-this-program/poster-gallery/](http://loc.gov/programs/national-book-festival/about-this-program/poster-gallery/). 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Our partners have even transformed their traditional Festival booths and are bringing you read-alongs, fun videos, author features, activities to download and giveaways — all online. Take a look at the schedule of those activities here, then log in to the platform to access them today. More: [blogs.loc.gov/national-book-festival/2020/09/festival-partners-family-friendly-activities-are-back/](http://blogs.loc.gov/national-book-festival/2020/09/festival-partners-family-friendly-activities-are-back/) Please join us in thanking all of our supporters and consider making your gift to the Library of Congress at [loc.gov/donate/](http://loc.gov/donate/).