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## LOUISIANA BOOK FESTIVAL SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

**BATON ROUGE, La.** — The [Louisiana Book Festival](https://louisianabookfestival.org) is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help put on the state's flagship celebration of readers, writers, and their books this fall. Each year the festival needs hundreds of volunteers in a [variety of capacities](#), including welcoming presenters, escorting authors, assisting with programs, staffing festival information booths, and other tasks.

Anyone interested in volunteering, whether all day or just part of the day, can find more information about the Festival's volunteer opportunities by visiting the [Louisiana Book Festival Volunteer webpage](#) and can sign up using the [online form](#). This year's festival is Saturday, October 31, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the [State Library of Louisiana](#) and Capitol Park in downtown Baton Rouge.

"Every fall, thousands of people come together in Baton Rouge to share their love of books, and it's our volunteers who set the tone for that experience," said Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser. "Whether you've helped out every year or this is your first time, we'd love to have you join the team that makes the Louisiana Book Festival one of the best literary events in the country. I am always proud of the strong volunteering spirit we have in Louisiana and as this event continues to grow our need for volunteers grows."

Volunteers who register by Monday, October 5, will receive a free 2026 Louisiana Book Festival T-shirt, which features this year's artwork by Louisiana artist and writer Malaika Favorite. Festival coordinators are happy to accommodate groups of friends, family, or organizations who wish to volunteer together. Volunteers must be sixteen (16) years of age or older to register.

The free, nationally recognized event will take place in the heart of Baton Rouge at the State Library of Louisiana and surrounding Capitol Park area. The festival will highlight more than 200 authors and panelists discussing their books and include dozens more attractions, such as the Young Readers Pavilion, with arts and crafts, costumed characters, and authors reading to children; Teen Headquarters, with bestselling and award-winning young adult authors; an abundance of programs for adult readers; and a wide variety of book-related activities and exhibitors.

"Putting on a festival of this scale is a true team effort," said State Librarian Meg Placke. "Our volunteers do everything from guiding authors to their sessions to helping families find their next favorite book. It's a fun, fast-paced day, and we couldn't pull it off without them."

Call Hannah Leppo at 225-342-9714 or email [lbfvolunteer@state.lib.la.us](mailto:lbfvolunteer@state.lib.la.us) with volunteer questions and inquiries. For more information, visit [LouisianaBookFestival.org](https://LouisianaBookFestival.org) and the [Louisiana Book Festival Facebook page](#).

The [Louisiana Center for the Book](#) was established in the State Library of Louisiana in 1994. Its mission is to stimulate public interest in reading, books, literacy, and libraries and to celebrate Louisiana's rich literary heritage. It is the official state affiliate of the Library of Congress Center for the Book.



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