Sixth Annual Pgh Book Fest

PGH BOOK FEST

Saturday, June 5, 2027
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh – Main (Oakland)
4400 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Pgh Book Fest is a free event that celebrates Pittsburgh's literary community and love of reading. Organized by Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, the Festival features locally and nationally recognized authors and poets, children's activities, independent bookstores, publishers, and more.

Noteworthy Names From Previous Years:

Rebecca Yarros
Author of *Fourth Wing*, *Iron Flame*, & *Onyx Storm*

Jeannette Walls
Author of *The Glass Castle* & *Hang the Moon*

Billy Porter
Actor, singer, and author of *Unprotected*

Torrey Peters
Author of *Stag Dance*

Rachel Khong
Author of *Real Americans*

Steven Rowley
Author of *The Guncle* & *Take Me with You*

Sharon G. Flake
Author of *The Skin I'm In*

Eureka O'Hara
Author of *Jackson Bright in the Spotlight*



2026 By The Numbers:

10,000+ ATTENDEES	25 POETS	47 VENDORS
75 AUTHORS	64 PROGRAMS	2,500+ BOOKS SOLD

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Author Information

Panels & Programs

Adult authors will participate in moderated panel discussions.

Children's and young adult authors will participate in moderated panel discussions and interactive workshops with attendees.

Panel themes will be developed by the Festival.

Stipend, Travel, & Lodging

Authors who live within 50 miles of the Festival will receive a $150 stipend.

Authors who live within 51-100 miles of the Festival will receive a $300 stipend.

Authors who live within 101-500 miles of the Festival will receive a $300 stipend and two nights of lodging in a hotel selected by the Festival.

Authors who live over 501 miles from the Festival will receive a $500 stipend and two nights of lodging in a hotel selected by the Festival.

All travel arrangements are the responsibility of the author and travel plans should allow for both panel presentation and author signing.

Authors staying in the Festival hotel will receive transportation between the Festival hotel to the Main Library for pre-Festival events and day-of Festival activities. Authors who are driving to Pittsburgh will have their parking fees at the Festival hotel covered.

Stipends will be mailed the week after the event or hand-delivered at one of the Festival events.

Pre-Festival Author Responsibilities

Authors must provide signed contracts by February 23, 2027. Authors are encouraged to promote the Festival through their own channels. Toolkits will be provided for each author.

Each author must provide two ARCs of the titles they will be discussing prior to the Festival.

Online Promotion

Confirmed authors will be promoted on the Festival website, across social media channels, and in the monthly newsletter following the completion of the official Author Promotion Form.

Book Signings & Sales

Author signings will take place directly following their session.

On-site book sales will be led by NYT reporting local bookstores including Mystery Lovers Bookshop, White Whale Bookstore and Stay Gold Books.

Additional Programming Opportunities

Authors will have the opportunity to participate in programming in addition to panel discussions. Children's and young adult programming will include hands-on activities, storytimes, educational workshops, and crafts.

Video & Photography

Video footage and photography will be taken during the entire duration of the Festival. The Festival reserves the right to all photography and videography taken by its personnel. Photography and videography may be used to promote the Festival.

Hospitality

A Green Room will be set up at the Festival venue to give authors a space to relax, enjoy complimentary snacks and beverages, and take a moment for themselves.

Pre-Festival Social Events

Festival participants will have the opportunity to meet other authors and moderators in a casual pre-Festival social setting on Friday, June 4.

There will also be a chance to participate in the third annual Novel Evening Dinner on Friday, June 4, which will benefit the Festival. Invitations will be sent to confirmed authors representing a variety of genres and age groups.

Questions?

Please contact your Festival representative or pittsburghbookfestival@carnegielibrary.org.

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