



Courtesy: National Book Festival

2022 National Book Festival Returns to DC

By Mark C. Robinson

The National Book Festival returns to a live audience this year for a day of free talks and activities about books and authors to be held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center on Saturday, Sept. 3. Featured authors include Mitch Albom, Geraldine Brooks, Marc Brown, Nyle DiMarco, Janelle Monae, Nick Offerman, Andrea Davis Pinkney, and Jason Reynolds.

This year's theme is "Books Bring Us Together," reflected in the event's official poster designed by artist, writer and educator Gail Anderson. Among its many panels and other programs, the festival will also feature the Roadmap to Reading, an giant space on the exhibition floor of the Convention Center where representatives from the Library's Center for the Book gather during the event, at their state's or territory's table to promote their unique literary heritage to the thousands of families that come each year.

A selection of programs will be livestreamed online and videos of all programs will be available shortly after the Festival. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (doors open at 8:30 a.m.). The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit the Library of Congress's webpage on the National Book Festival at <https://www.loc.gov/events/2022-national-book-festival/> or visit their blog at <https://blogs.loc.gov/national-book-festival/>.

Cut a Rug at Glen Echo Park's Social Dance Showcase

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Glen Echo Park hosts two free days of their Social Dance Showcase over Labor Day Weekend on Sunday, Sept. 4, from 2 to 10 p.m. and Monday, Sept. 5, from 1 to 8 p.m. in the Bumper Car Pavilion at 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, Md.

On Sunday, Waltz Dance starts the first two hours with the all-volunteer dance group Waltz Time. Blues Dance with Capital Blues takes over from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Then, DCLX ends the evening with a Swing Dance from 7 until 10 p.m.

The Folklore Society of Greater Washington opens the dance floor on Monday with a Family Dance from 1 to 3 p.m., then follows up with a Contra Dance and the Friday

Night Dancers from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Then, from 6 to 8 p.m., the sun sets with a celebration of tango from Tango Brillante.

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Belly Up to DC's Oldest Saloon

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Called the oldest saloon in Washington, D.C., some of its many patrons and guests over the years are icons of American history. According to the restaurant's website, the Old Ebbitt Grill was founded in 1856 as a boarding house by William E. Ebbitt, although its original location is unknown.

President McKinley is said to have lived there during his time in Congress, while Presidents Ulysses S. Grant, Andrew Johnson, Grover Cleveland, Theodore Roosevelt and Warren Harding supposedly enjoyed a

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LOCAL EVENTS CALENDAR, AUG. 29 – SEPT. 4, 2022

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MONDAY 29

Busboys and Poets Books Presents 'What's Your Zip Code Story', 6 p.m.

Author Christopher "CJ" Gross will discuss and sign copies of "What's Your Zip Code Story," a powerful book that expands the conversation surrounding class bias, race, and equity in the workplace. This event is FREE and open to all, at 6 p.m., and will be followed by an audience Q&A at 2021 14th St. NW. For more info, call 202-387-7638 or visit

<https://www.busboysandpoets.com/events-list/>.

WEDNESDAY 31

Highlights Tour of the Postal Museum, 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Look for the volunteer at the Welcome Desk in the Historic Lobby for a FREE 45-minute tour of the highlights of the museum. Assisted listening devices and wheelchair accessible. For more info, visit <https://www.si.edu/events>.

THURSDAY 1

Mary Llewellyn McNeil, Biographer of Journalist Wallace Carroll, 7 p.m. at Politics & Prose

Journalist, editor and writer Mary Llewellyn McNeil will be on hand with Albert Hunt to discuss her new biography Century's Witness: The Extraordinary Life of Journalist Wallace Carroll, the untold story of one of the century's most respected journalists. Seating is first come, first served, 7 p.m. at Politics & Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave NW. For more info, call 202-364-1919 or 800-722-0790, or visit P&P's event webpage at <https://www.politics-prose.com/events>.

ONGOING EVENTS

Final Week for 'SIX: The Musical' at the National Theatre, Now Through Sept. 4

The Tony Award-winning global sensation that everyone is losing their head over closes out its premiere at the National Theatre. Featuring an all-woman cast and band, from Tudor queens to pop icons, the six wives of Henry VIII take the microphone to remix 500 years of historical heartbreak into a euphoric celebration of 21st century girl power. Located at 1321 Pennsylvania Ave. NW. For more info, call 202-628-6161 or visit <https://www.thenationaldc.com/>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Woodward and Bernstein at MediaFest22, Grand Hyatt Washington, Oct. 27-30

On the 50th anniversary of the Watergate break-in, join Pulitzer Prize-winning reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein at MediaFest22, held Oct. 27 through Oct. 30 at the Grand Hyatt Washington. Their Watergate coverage in the early 1970s at The Washington Post led to the resignation of President Nixon and set new standards for investigative journalism. For more info, visit <https://www.spi.org/convention/index.html>.

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