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Mitch Albom to Headline SOKY Book Fest

The partners of the Southern Kentucky Book Fest are thrilled to announce that Mitch Albom will be the featured guest at the 10th Anniversary of the Book Fest. The 2008 Book Fest is scheduled for Saturday, April 19 at the Sloan Convention Center in Bowling Green and will also feature best-selling thriller writer Harlan Coben, American Girl writer Kathleen Ernst, and children's author and illustrator of the Arthur books Marc Brown.



Albom is the author of nine books, including the newest, *For One More Day*. His first novel, *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*, is the most successful U.S. hardcover first novel ever and has sold over 8 million copies worldwide. *Tuesdays with Morrie*, his chronicle of time spent with a beloved but dying college professor, spent four years on the New York Times Best Sellers list and is the most successful memoir ever published.

International bestseller Harlan Coben is author of the acclaimed series about sports agent Myron Bolitar. Coben is winner of the Edgar Award, Shamus Award, and Anthony Award.



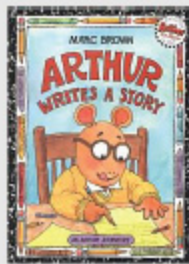
Children's Activities at Book Fest

The Book Fest also offers the opportunity for children to participate. Arthur the Aardvark creator Marc Brown will kick-off Book Fest with a free pre-opening event at 9:00 am. Brown's Arthur series includes more than 150 books and spawned the Emmy Award-winning PBS television series. Many of the characters and situations in the Arthur stories are based on real people and events in Brown's life which kids can hear about at his talk. Those who attend will also meet special guest Arthur.

In addition to Marc Brown, Book Fest will present over 25 other children's authors including Kentucky author and poet George Ella Lyon, who wrote the recently released *My Friend, The Starfinder* and *Trucks Roll!*. New author Jeff Kinney who writes the wildly popular *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series will also be on hand and give a free presentation for children at 12:30 pm.

For hands-on activities a special international traveling book exhibit, Children Between Worlds: Intercultural Relations in Books for Children and Young Adults will be on display. The exhibit is intended to promote dialogue between cultures and counteract racism. Children are encouraged to handle and read some of the more than 50 books printed in various languages about tolerance.

Book Fest is also hosting a Tea Party with American Girl author Kathleen Ernst at 2:00 pm. Ms. Ernst is the author of several American Girl books, including the latest Kit mystery, *Midnight in Lonesome Hollow*, set in Kentucky. Tickets for the tea are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children. Tea will include cookies, beverages, and the chance to win American Girl prizes. Tickets may be purchased at Barnes & Noble, Bowling Green Public Library's main branch, or WKU Libraries. For more information visit www.sokybookfest.org or contact Tracy Harkins at 270-745-5016.



calendar of events

APRIL-JUNE EVENTS

Ongoing: Recommended by Duncan Hines exhibit, Kentucky Library & Museum

April 17-May 10: Graduating Senior Art Exhibition, Kentucky Library & Museum

April 25-May 11: Interior Design Senior Exhibit, Kentucky Library & Museum

May 23-June 8: Kentucky Heritage Quilt Society Annual Show, Kentucky Library & Museum

LITERARY EVENTS

April 18: Kentucky Writers' Conference, South Campus

April 19: Southern Kentucky Book Fest, Sloan Convention Center. For more information visit www.sokybookfest.org

LECTURE SERIES

April 10: Kentucky Live! presents Appalachian Food: Defining a Culture with Dr. Mark Sohn, 7pm, Barnes & Noble

April 17: Far Away Places presents Vietnam with Binh P. Le, 7pm, Barnes & Noble

WORKSHOPS

April 13: Sunday Spinners Group, 1-4pm, Kentucky Library & Museum

May 18: Sunday Spinners Group, 1-4pm, Kentucky Library & Museum

DAY CAMPS

June 2-27: Summer Day Camp for first through sixth graders, Kentucky Library & Museum. Call 270-745-2594 for more information.

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Kentucky Library & Museum to host Graduating Senior Exhibitions

WKU Libraries will present two senior exhibitions this year at the Kentucky Library & Museum. Opening on April 17 is the Graduating Senior Art Exhibition, which will feature works from graduating visual art students. The exhibit will run through May 10. Featuring works from more than 30 graduating art students, there will be a variety of items on display, including: paintings, watercolors, works on paper, fiber arts, ceramics and sculptures.

The second senior exhibit will open April 25 and will feature work from interior design students' senior thesis projects. Students were asked to redesign WKU's Academic Complex. There will be renderings and floor plans on display.

Each exhibit offers a unique opportunity for the community to view student work and for graduating seniors to hang their work in a professional, community gallery space before graduating from college, something most collegiate art students do not have the opportunity to do. Students, faculty and museum staff will work together to curate the exhibit.

The 2008 Graduating Senior Exhibitions were made possible with support from the WKU Art Department, WKU Interior Design Department, WKU Libraries and Potter College of Arts & Letters.

For additional information please contact Cindy Troutman, Marketing Coordinator for WKU Libraries at 270-745-4502 or by email at cindy.troutman@wku.edu.



Kentucky Writers Conference Scheduled for April 17-18

The Southern Kentucky Book Fest partners and Dollar General are proud to present the Fifth Annual Kentucky Writers Conference. The 2008 conference features many Kentucky writers and a wide variety of writing genres. All sessions are open to the public, including WKU and high school students.

New to the Conference this year will be a "Special Night for Writers at the Bowling Green Public Library." Two simultaneous sessions will take place on Thursday, April 17, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. and will feature Terry Kay, author of *To Dance with the White Dog*, and renowned Kentucky writer George Ella Lyon. There is a \$15 fee per person. Due to limited seating, pre-registration is required.

On Friday, April 18, the Kentucky Writers Conference returns to Western Kentucky University's Bowling Green Community College with sessions taking place from 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Admission and parking are free for Friday's sessions.

The morning presentations will feature journalist Penny Loeb, poets John Guzowski and Lynnell Major Edwards, fiction writers Beverle Graves Myers and Deborah LeBlanc, and editor Morris A. Grubbs. The afternoon presentations begin at noon and feature American Girl author Kathleen Ernst, children's writer Candie Moonshower, inspirational writer Charlene Baumbich, songwriters Beau Haddock and Karren Pell, and former Kentucky Poet Laureate Richard Taylor.

A poetry reading will take place between the morning and afternoon sessions. Charlie Hughes of Wind Publications will moderate and join other poets in reading.

"The conference offers a diverse selection of workshops for writers, including beginners," says Diana McQuady, WKU Libraries' Writer-in-Residence. "We've added the

Thursday night session this year to allow writers more time to study with seasoned, published authors."

The Southern Kentucky Book Fest is a partnership project of Western Kentucky University Libraries, the Bowling Green Public Library, and Barnes & Noble Booksellers.

For more information about attending the event, please call (270) 745-6977, e-mail diana.mcquady@wku.edu or visit www.sokybookfest.org.



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University Libraries' DVD collection has become one of our most dynamic, growing in size and popularity from the moment we began collecting them. From timeless classics to the latest cutting-edge independents and from the finest international films to acclaimed documentaries, a look at our top ten list confirms that we have something for everyone. Here are the most popular (highest cumulative circulation) titles:

1. **Eye of the Beholder** (1995) A thriller starring Ashley Judd and Ewan MacGregor.
2. **Mulholland Dr.** (2001) A moody mystery from director David Lynch.
3. **Eyes on the Prize** (1987) Landmark documentary on the Civil Rights Movement.
4. **Pride and Prejudice** (1995) A&E miniseries of the classic Jane Austen novel.
5. **Monster's Ball** (2001) Halle Berry won an Oscar for her performance in this intense drama.
6. **Happenstance** (2000) French comedy/drama starring Audrey Tautou.
7. **Frida** (2002) Salma Hayek stars as the artist Frida Kahlo in this biopic.
8. **All About My Mother** (1999) This film from Spanish director Pedro Almadovar won the Best Foreign Language Oscar in 2000.
9. **Breaking the Waves** (1996) This drama from Danish director Lars Von Trier stars Emily Watson.
10. **Run Lola Run** (1998) This fast-paced thriller hails from Germany.



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