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Children's Book and Learning Festival Brings Stories and Activities to Downtown DC

Free Event this Weekend Will Feature Local Authors and Family Friendly Activities

WASHINGTON, DC — The [Children's Book and Learning Festival](#) will return on **Saturday, September 20**, with a full day of author meet-and-greets, hands-on activities, and family-friendly learning experiences.

The free, family-friendly event, part of Capital Book Fest and presented by the nonprofit [Turning the Page](#), runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is co-hosted by the [Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center](#) and [DowntownDC BID](#).

This year's event will feature 14 authors from the Children's Book Guild of Washington, DC, each bringing their books and interactive art activities for families. Participating author Ann McCallum Staats will highlight her new book, "Fantastic Flora: The World's Biggest, Baddest, and Smelliest Plants," and lead a fact-finding activity about plants. Children can also decorate small pots to take home and plant seeds.

In addition to author activities, community partners will offer creative and educational activities throughout the plaza, including:

- The Story Walk, featuring the children's book "Mel Fell" by the [National Children's Museum](#);
- Building and decorating paper crowns inspired by "Where the Wild Things Are" with the [National Building Museum](#);
- Designing postage stamps inspired by favorite books and characters by the [National Postal Museum](#);
- Coloring and designing tote bags with the [Kiwanis Club of Washington, DC](#);
- Creating a paper surgeon's tool belt with the [Howard University Surgery Interest Society](#);
- And many more from partners such as [Urban Adventure Squad](#), [The Giving Square](#), [WETA](#), [The Phillips Collection](#), [The Nature Generation](#), [Shout Mouse Press](#), and [DowntownDC BID](#).

In addition to the programming, the [Carpe Librum](#) pop-up bookstore will offer thousands of gently used books for \$7 or less, with proceeds benefiting Turning the Page's education programs in DC.

[View a full list of authors and activities here.](#)

What: Capital Book Fest: Children's Book and Learning Festival

When: Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. *Activities through 3 p.m.; book sale through 5 p.m.*

Where: Woodrow Wilson Plaza at Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center

1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Metro: Federal Triangle Station

Parking: [Public Garage at RRB/ITC](#)

Who: Free and open to the public

More information about the Children's Book and Learning Festival is available at <https://turningthepage.org/childrens-book-and-learning-festival/>.

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Turning the Page

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