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Family Fun Awaits at the Children's Book and Learning Festival in Downtown DC

(Washington, DC) – Get ready for an exciting day of fun and learning on **Saturday, June 15**, as [Capital Book Fest](#) hosts its annual [“Children’s Book and Learning Festival”](#) presented by nonprofit, Turning the Page on Wilson Plaza at the [Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center \(RRB/ITC\)](#). This year’s event promises to be bigger and more interactive, as the Festival continues to grow with new partnerships.

Coinciding with the Juneteenth Weekend celebrations, this family-friendly festival will offer a full day of engaging and educational activities, featuring an exciting lineup of local authors from the [Children’s Book Guild of Washington, DC](#) and exhibitions from partners [National Children’s Museum](#), [DC Public Library](#), [Washington Nationals](#), [Nature Generation](#), [ReadAbility](#), [Urban Adventure Squad](#), [The Giving Square](#), [Washington Informer Spelling Bee](#) and the [DowntownDC BID](#).

From **10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**, children and their families can enjoy a variety of activities, including “Story on the Plaza” presented by the [National Children’s Museum \(NCM\)](#) and [DC Public Library](#), a literary walking adventure with story pages on display from the book [“Extra Yarn”](#) by bestselling and award-winning author Mac Barnett. NCM will host readings at 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. from the stage.

In addition to this immersive experience, 15 authors from the Children’s Book Guild will lead themed activities based on their books, like:

- Baseball Fun with Fred Bowen: [Fred Bowen](#) will share his latest baseball book, [Extra Innings](#) while the [Washington Nationals](#) knock spelling out of the park with a baseball themed spelling challenge, word searches, and more!
- Art and Animals with Susan Stockdale: [Susan Stockdale](#) will read from her latest book, [Line Up! Animals in Remarkable Rows](#), and demonstrate how she painted the illustrations. Children can then create their own animal images using vibrant colored oil pastels on black paper.
- Cultural Crafts with Danielle Joseph: Decorate a tap tap bus with items that represent you and your culture! [Danielle Joseph](#) will lead this activity, inspired by her book [I Want to Ride the Tap Tap](#), which explores the vibrant taxi-bus service in Haiti.
- Community Poetry with Pamela Ehrenberg: Join in creating DC’s longest-known magnetic-poetry-style poem! Inspired by her book [Detour Ahead](#), [Pamela Ehrenberg](#) invites visitors of all ages to contribute lines to a collaborative poem celebrating life in DC.

Plus, so much more! [View the full list of authors and activities here.](#)

Thousands of gently-used books, for all ages, will be on sale for \$7 or less, as part of Capital Book Fest's collaboration with [Carpe Librum](#) an outdoor, pop-up book shop selling community-donated books and raising valuable funds for the education-based nonprofit, [Turning the Page](#). Festive music by DJ Joe will fill the air. A concession stand will offer lunch and refreshments, prepared by RRB/ITC's culinary team. Participating authors will also be selling and signing their books.

The Festival will offer an unforgettable day of stories, creativity, and family fun. It will be a unique opportunity to connect with local authors, enjoy interactive activities, and celebrate the magic of reading and learning together.

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

When: Saturday, June 15, 2024 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

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

Learn more at <https://turningthepage.org/childrens-book-and-learning-festival/>

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Turning the Page

Turning the Page engages Washington, DC and Chicago parents as educators in resource-rich programming, sharing opportunities for parents to become active participants in their child's education. They aim to build a community of parents, caregivers, public schools, and community partners, leading to improved academic performance and social-emotional well-being. For more information, visit turningthepage.org. **Carpe Librum** raises valuable funds for Turning the Page by selling used books, CD, DVDs, and vinyl records donated by the community. They host outdoor pop-up book sales in the DC area throughout spring, summer, and autumn.