



2014
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Welcome to the Fifth Annual

FLORENCE FESTIVAL OF BOOKS

Welcome to the Fifth Annual Florence Festival of Books, a book fair for authors, publishers and readers. Here, books are celebrated — real books with pages that you turn.

This year, we showcase the works of 83 authors whose writing covers a variety of genres and nine publishers ready to talk about their writers' books. This also is an opportunity to discuss publishing your own manuscript. We even have a display of books written by Siuslaw Elementary School students, our future authors.

This free event is your opportunity to meet and speak with the authors of great books. Each book you purchase can be personalized just for you or as a gift for someone else. For those who prefer to shop with a credit card, that's no problem; we're set up to handle them. When you arrive, be sure to pick up a free tote bag to

transport all your book purchases.

This year, the festival's Featured Readers area is sponsored by Banner Bank. We'll have 16 authors entertaining you with readings from their published work. You will have an opportunity to win a copy of the book at the end of each reading.

The Featured Reader schedule and something about each reader and book is in this publication. Posters and announcements will keep you informed at the event, and each reading will take place on the stage — just follow the banners.

When you're ready for a break, head for the lobby. There are places to sit along with snacks, drinks and lunch choices lovingly prepared for you by Mon Ami.

For those who are reading this prior to Sept. 25, we have expanded the events of the festival. On Friday,

from 3 to 4:30 p.m., a free Publisher's Panel open to the public will present four Oregon publishers answering your questions about the publication process.

Then, join Keynote Speaker Jane Kirkpatrick at 7 p.m. on Friday. She is an award-winning, New York Times bestselling author known for her historical fiction and non-fiction books. Tickets for this event are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door.

The Florence Festival of Books takes place at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.

A special thank you to our sponsors for making this year's festival better than ever. We hope you will enjoy!

—Co-chairs Meg Spencer & Connie Bradley

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