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*Welcome to the sixth Annual*

# FLORENCE FESTIVAL OF BOOKS

**W**elcome to the sixth 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 brings 85 authors whose writing covers a variety of genres, along with 10 publishers ready to talk about their writers' books. This is also an opportunity to discuss publishing your own manuscript.

There will even be 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: non-

fiction, poetry, mystery, memoirs, fantasy, environmental, along with fiction for children, young adults and adults. Each book you purchase can be personalized just for you, or as a gift for someone you treasure. 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.

Many of your favorite authors are returning with their newest books, and 33 authors are new to the Florence Festival of Books this year.

When you are ready for a break, the Florence Events Center caterer, Pavilion, is providing

snacks, drinks and a lunch menu.

For those reading this prior to Sept. 24, our Friday events include a panel of five Oregon authors discussing "The Path: Idea to Print". The panel discussion is from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and is free to the public. This may be just the inspiration you need to write the book you have been thinking about.

At 7 p.m., best-selling thriller and historical fiction author Phillip Margolin will be the keynote speaker.

Sometimes called Oregon's own John Grisham, Margolin spent years as a criminal

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