



THE BANGOR BOOK FESTIVAL

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SEPTEMBER 17, 2010 – On Friday, October 1, and Saturday, October 2, the Fourth Annual Bangor Book Festival returns to Downtown Bangor, bringing Maine and Maine-connected writers of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and children's books. Nearly two dozen authors and illustrators will read from and discuss their work, and will meet and talk with readers, writers, and book fans. This year's guests include Julia Spencer-Fleming, Wesley McNair, Chris Van Dusen, Lily King, Cynthia Lord, Scott Nash, and many more. All events are free and open to the public.

The 2010 Festival kicks off at 7 p.m. Friday at Wellman Commons on the former Bangor Theological Seminary campus, 300 Union Street, with the Bud Knickerbocker Keynote Address by Julia Spencer-Fleming. Spencer-Fleming wrote her first novel while a practicing attorney and mother of three young children. That book, *In the Bleak Midwinter*, made debut history by winning the St. Martin's/Malice Domestic contest, the Dilys Award from the Independent Mystery Booksellers Association, and the Agatha, Anthony, Macavity, and Barry awards for Best First Novel. Two more award-winning novels followed. Spencer-Fleming lives in Southern Maine.

On Saturday, the Festival begins at 8:30 a.m. with coffee and muffins at the Bangor Public Library. Readings, book signings, and panel discussions start at 9 a.m. and continue throughout the day until 5 p.m. Come sample Maine Whoopie Pies, learn why a Moose and a Lobster Walked into a Bar, and hear stories and music from Maine Guides. Special events include The Life and Death of Books, Creating Fairy Houses, Maine in Four Seasons, Becoming Teddy Roosevelt, and an Illustrators' Draw Off between Scott Nash and Chris Van Dusen. Authors will be on hand to autograph books and to mingle with Festival attendees during a book signing scheduled for the lunch break. The full day of readings and events wraps up at 5 p.m. Saturday's author line-up features Jane Brox, Tom Carper, Nancy Griffin, Maureen Heffernan, Paul Janeczko, Stuart Kestenbaum, Lily King, Dwight Kuhn, Alison Kuller, Carl Little, Cynthia Lord, John McDonald, Wesley McNair, Scott Nash, Jan Owen, Angeli Perrow, Betsy Sholl, Sarah Smiley, Randy Spencer, Martin Steingesser, Chris Van Dusen and Andy Vietze.

Sponsors of the 2010 Festival include the Maine Humanities Council, the University of Maine's Fogler Library, the City of Bangor, the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation, Cengage, Frank's Bake Shop, Bagel Central, Downeast Books, and the Charles Inn.

For more information about the authors and the events schedule, please visit the Festival website, <http://www.bangorbookfest.org>.

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If you would like more information about the Bangor Book Festival, or to schedule an interview, please contact Barbara McDade, 207/947-8336, info@bangorbookfest.org. The media is invited join Festival authors at the invitation-only Author Reception, 5:00-6:30 p.m., Friday, October 1, at the Hammond Street Senior Center. Photos of last year's event also are available upon request.