

2016 Ohioana Book Festival Author Application

**April 23, 2016
Columbus, Ohio**

Thank you for your interest in the Ohioana Book Festival. We are accepting applications for authors and their books for the **2016 Ohioana Book Festival** sponsored by the Ohioana Library Association.

What is the Ohioana Library Association?

The Ohioana Library Association was founded in 1929 to recognize and encourage the creative accomplishments of Ohioans. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit literary organization serving the state of Ohio. For more information, visit www.ohioana.org.

What is the Ohioana Book Festival?

The festival is held each spring to celebrate Ohio writers and their books. In 2015 more than 100 authors participated in book signings, panel discussions, children's activities, and more during the festival. All sales are handled by the official festival bookseller. The 2016 Ohioana Book Festival will take place **April 23, 2016** from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Columbus Hotel at Capitol Square in downtown Columbus. For more information and to see highlights of previous festivals, visit www.ohioanabookfestival.org.

Who may apply?

The Ohioana Book Festival is open to Ohio authors who meet the following criteria:

- The author must have been born in Ohio or have lived in Ohio for at least five years.
- Only books published after January 1, 2015 will be considered for the 2016 festival. Books must be available for sale at the festival on April 23, 2016. Authors may only attend the festival once with each new book.
- Only books published by traditional publishers will be considered; the festival is not accepting self-published or otherwise author-subsidized books at this time.

What should I expect if I am chosen for the 2016 festival?

Authors at the 2016 festival participate in programming throughout the day, and some authors also participate in state-wide community outreach before the festival.

Authors will have ½ of a six-foot-long table to display books (which will be sold or made available for sale by our official bookseller) and any promotional materials (bookmarks, small displays) that they wish to supply. Ohioana is unable to provide easels or other display materials.

Are there costs to participate in the festival?

There is no fee to apply for or participate in the festival. However, Ohioana cannot pay authors for their appearance at the Ohioana Book Festival; nor can it cover travel, food, or lodging expenses. Ohioana will provide coffee and light refreshments on Saturday morning before the festival begins and lunch during the festival. Authors will also be invited to an evening reception with hors d'oeuvres and wine following the festival.

When are applications due, and when are authors notified if they have been selected?

Applications must be submitted by **December 31, 2015**. Authors will be notified no later than **February 15, 2016** as they are selected.

What types of books does the festival consider?

- Fiction (all genres)
- Nonfiction (history, biography/memoir, religion, sports, art/architecture, cookbooks/food-related titles, and essays)
- Poetry
- Children's and Young Adult literature
- Graphic novels
- Titles with general or popular appeal published by academic presses

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR BOOK

Complete the Author Application (last page of this document) and submit it with the following materials to the address at the bottom of the form. These materials become property of the Ohioana Library Association and will not be returned:

- Two copies of a finished book, advance reading copy, or proof. (One of these forms of your book is required.) If the Ohioana Library has already received two copies of your book for our collection, you do not need to send additional copies.
- Author biography and high-resolution photograph (submitted electronically to bookfestival@ohioana.org). **Please include your last name and "OBF Application" in the subject line of your e-mail.**
- Information about your ability/willingness to travel to Columbus, Ohio for the event (required).
- A press kit (optional).

Questions?

Feel free to call 614-466-3831 or e-mail bookfestival@Ohioana.org.

AUTHOR APPLICATION 2016 OHIOANA BOOK FESTIVAL

Please print clearly or type.

Author Name _____

Ohio Connection _____

*Please include **county** and **length of residence** in Ohio.*

Title of Book _____

ISBN (10 or 13) _____

Date of Publication (Month and Year) _____

Publisher _____

Genre/Subgenre _____

The author would be interested in participating in:

- A panel discussion at the Festival
- Community outreach before the Festival (April 18–22, 2016)
Community outreach programs are not guaranteed to be available for every interested author.

List up to four (4) additional titles to have for sale at the Festival:

	Title	ISBN	Publisher	Pub date	Genre
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Author Contact Information

The contact information provided here will be the main contact for all festival correspondence.

Name _____

Email _____

Primary phone _____

Alternate phone _____

Home Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Please return this completed form to:
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