



**Florida Center
for the Book**

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FLORIDA CENTER FOR THE BOOK FACT SHEET

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FLORIDA CENTER FOR THE BOOK, located at the Broward County Main Library, was established in 1984 as the first affiliate of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. Florida Center for the Book brings enriching experiences to readers throughout Florida, by:

- Celebrating the literary heritage of Florida
- Bringing readers and writers together
- Promoting books, reading, and libraries
- Developing and presenting literary programs
- Linking networks of individuals and organizations interested in books

PROGRAMS

Letters About Literature Writing Contest

This national contest invites students in grades 4-12 to write to an author and explain how the author's book changed the student's life. State winners receive cash awards and gift certificates and are entered in the national competition for an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C.

Evenings with the Author

Authors of national renown discuss their work with readers in a casual setting.

Florida Literary Landmarks

Friends of Libraries U.S.A. (FOLUSA) has designated seventeen important literary sites in the state of Florida, many of which are sponsored by Florida Center for the Book.

Writers Workshops

Writers workshops are conducted by nationally-recognized and award-winning writers. Prices vary.

National Poetry Month Celebration

Nationally-recognized and local poets celebrate the important role of poetry in our lives by presenting workshops and poetry readings. This annual event is held in April.

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Bluewater Adventures

Authors and storytellers with literary tales of maritime adventures share their stories.

RECENT PROGRAM SAMPLER

John Steinbeck: Bard of the People Centennial Celebration (2002)

Book discussions, film discussions, panel presentations, and a musical program focused on Steinbeck the man, and Steinbeck the writer in this 7-part series.

F. Scott Fitzgerald: Voice of the Jazz Age (2003)

Lectures, films, and book discussions examined the flawed genius of the *Voice of the Jazz Age* in this 3-part series.

Such Friends: 100 Years Ago in Irish Literature (2004)

Such Friends, a 4-part series, celebrated the year 1904 in Irish cultural history, the year the Abbey Theatre opened and James Joyce first met his future wife and muse, Nora.

A Seusscentennial Celebration (2004)

Storytellers, Silly Seussical Science, games, crafts, and prizes for the whole family highlighted this one-day event.

One Book One Broward community-wide reading project (2004)

Readers throughout Broward County shared the experience of reading and discussing *Tuesdays with Morrie*, by Mitch Albom. A personal appearance by Mitch Albom highlighted this two-month long project.

John D. MacDonald Literary Landmark Celebration, Slip F-18, Bahia Mar, Fort Lauderdale, Florida (2004)

Florida mystery writers and readers toasted the literary legacy of John D. MacDonald

PUBLICATIONS

Florida Literary Landmarks \$5.00

Published in partnership with the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress:

Born to Trouble \$5.00

By Justin Kaplan (1985)

Reading for Survival \$15.00

By John D. MacDonald (1987)

The Mask Beneath the Face \$5.00

By Elaine Konigsburg (1990)

Travel and the Sense of Wonder \$5.00

By John Malcolm Brinnin (1991)

Published in partnership with the State Library of Florida:

Read Around Florida Brochure (2002, 2003)

Read around Florida Bookmark (2002, 2003)

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