



**Ohioana Book Festival
Author Application
May 8, 2010
Columbus, Ohio**

Thank you for your interest in the Ohioana Book Festival. The Event is now accepting author applications for the 2010 Ohioana Book Festival sponsored by the Ohioana Library Association.

What is the Ohioana Library Association?

The Ohioana Library Association was founded in 1929 by then Ohio First Lady Martha Kinney Cooper to recognize and encourage the creative accomplishments of Ohioans. The Library is a nonprofit 501(c)3 literary organization serving the state of Ohio. For more information about Ohioana, please visit www.ohioana.org.

What is the purpose of the Ohioana Book Festival?

The Ohioana Book Festival exists to increase awareness of the importance of Ohio writers and their contributions to the literary arts.

What were previous Ohioana Book Festivals like?

Visit www.ohioanabookfestival.org to see the highlights of previous festivals. The Event hosts 10 featured authors who will have opportunities to participate in outreach to local schools and throughout the Columbus community on the days before the Festival, as well as in readings and discussions on the day of the Festival. The Event will also include numerous authors who will sign books and give readings.

Sales are handled by Barnes & Noble. The Festival runs all day and is always on the second Saturday in May, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Ohioana and the State Library of Ohio, 274 E. First Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

Who may apply?

The criteria for eligibility are as follows:

- An **Ohio connection** is required, be it through an author who was born, or has lived at least five years, in Ohio or through Ohio-related book subject matter. State the connection on the application form. (Inclusion in the Ohioana Library collection and review in *Ohioana Quarterly* also requires an Ohio connection.)
- Only authors with books **published after January 2009** will be considered. All books **MUST** be available for sale at the Book Festival, May 8, 2010.
- We do **NOT** accept self-published or otherwise author-subsidized books.

What should you expect if you are chosen for the 2010 Festival?

Authors at the 2010 Festival will be offered the opportunity to participate as a reader, a panelist, or a panel moderator. Some may be invited to serve in more than one capacity. Of course, authors are welcome to volunteer to help with the organization and administration of the event.

Authors will have ½ of a six-foot-long table to display books (which will be sold or made available for sale by Barnes & Noble), and any promotional materials (book marks, small displays) that you wish to supply. There is room for you to bring an easel to display a poster or other visual items; the Festival will not provide materials to aid displays, and all display items must be approved by the Event Organizers before the Festival.

Will you be paid for your appearance at the Ohioana Book Festival? What about expenses?

The Festival cannot pay authors for their appearance at the Ohioana Book Festival nor can the Festival cover travel, food, or lodging expenses. The Festival will provide coffee and light refreshments on Saturday morning before the Festival begins, and lunch during the Festival.

Is there any cost to participate in the 2010 Ohioana Book Festival?

No. The Festival and its organizers do not request any fees from authors who are selected to participate.

When should you send your application and when does the Festival notify authors?

Deadline for submission: **November 15, 2009**. Authors will be notified no later than **January 15, 2010**.

Who decides which authors to invite?

The Ohioana Book Fair Selection Committee, consisting of publishing and book professionals, will evaluate the submissions.

What types of books does the Festival consider?

The Ohioana Book Festival seeks to offer programming for a diverse audience and to promote literacy, literature, and Midwestern literary culture.

- Fiction (including all genres)
- Narrative nonfiction
- Cookbooks and food-related titles
- Poetry
- Regional
- Children's literature (pre-kindergarten–5th grade)
- Young adult literature (middle school/junior high, high school)
- Art and architecture titles
- 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 this form. These materials become property of the Ohioana Library Association and will not be returned:

- Two copies of a finished book, publishers' or book printers' proofs, advance reading copy, or manuscript (one of these forms of your book is required)
- Author biography and photograph (may be submitted electronically to bookfestival@ohioana.org. **Please include your last name and "Book Festival 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 with clippings and reviews (optional and if available)

When should you submit a book?

Deadline for submissions is **November 15, 2009**.

Where do you send submissions?

Ohioana Library
Book Fair Selection Committee
274 E. First Avenue, Suite 300
Columbus, OH 43201

Should a self-published/printed author submit an application?

Self-published authors are encouraged to participate in the Festival as Vendors. To apply as a Vendor, please complete and return the *Ohioana Book Festival Vendor/Exhibitor Application* available in August 2009 at www.ohioanabookfestival.org.

Still have questions?

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

AUTHOR APPLICATION,
OHIOANA BOOK FESTIVAL, MAY 8, 2010

Please print clearly or type the following:

Author Name _____

Ohio Connection _____

Title of Book _____

ISBN (10 or 13) _____

Publisher _____

Genre (Please circle)

Fiction Non-Fiction Children's/Young Adult Other

Contact (Circle One) Author OR Publicist

Contact Name _____

Email _____

Home phone _____

Work phone _____

Mobile phone _____

Fax _____

Author's Home Address _____

City, State, Zip _____