



BLACK INK BOOK FESTIVAL



Black Ink: A Charleston African-American Book Festival

Saturday, September 8, 2018

Black Ink: A Charleston African-American Book Festival is the city's first annual celebration of African-American literature in the Charleston area and serves as a platform to support local Black writers. Black Ink creates a space for them to sell their work, discuss their craft, and expose readers of all ages to the great variety of African-American authors in the area. The event also attracts publishers, book clubs, libraries, and individual readers from the Lowcountry and nationwide.

Terry McMillan, one of America's most beloved and critically acclaimed authors, will be the featured speaker at this year's Black Ink Book Festival on September 8. McMillan became the empowering voice of a generation of women with her New York

Times #1 bestsellers *Waiting To Exhale* and *How Stella Got Her Groove Back*. She will join 60 black authors and hundreds of readers for the third annual festival from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Main Branch of the Charleston County Public Library, 68 Calhoun St. The event is free and open to the public.

While the Terry McMillan Keynote Address is sold out, please come out and support the more than 60 authors in attendance.

Book signings, discussion sessions with featured authors, and a children's corner are just a few of the exciting activities slated for this year's Black Ink Book Festival.





The festival is free to the public. This year's event will include the following features:

- Author and vendor exhibits
- Author discussions and signings
- A panel featuring renowned African-American authors
- And More!

Black Ink Friday Night Reception for Keynote Speaker Terry McMillan at Halls Signature Events

The King Street Marketing Group the Charleston Friends of the Library are pleased to announce a special reception for Black

Ink's featured speaker Terry McMillan on Friday, September 7, 2018 from 6-8 pm at Halls Signature Events.

During Friday night's reception, you'll meet NY Times Best-selling Author Terry McMillan, and enjoy wines from Hall's award-winning collection. The Chef will prepare excellent charcuterie and fresh local breads, and the first 150 tickets sold will receive copy of McMillan's newest book, "I Almost Forgot About You".

A portion of ticket sales benefits the Charleston Friends of the Library.

[Tickets for the Friday evening reception can be purchased here.](#)

The Charleston Friends of the Library are proud to present this year's Black Ink Book Festival, along with the following sponsors:

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