

**2011 Ohioana Book Festival**  
**Author Application**  
**May 7, 2011**  
**Columbus, Ohio**

Thank you for your interest in the Ohioana Book Festival. We are accepting applications for authors and their books for the 2011 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-first lady Martha Kinney Cooper to recognize and encourage the creative accomplishments of Ohioans. We are a nonprofit 501(c)3 literary organization serving the state of Ohio. For more information about Ohioana, please visit [www.ohioana.org](http://www.ohioana.org).

**What is the purpose of the Ohioana Book Festival?**

The 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](http://www.ohioanabookfestival.org) to see the highlights of previous festivals. We host 10 featured authors who participate in outreach to local schools and the community during the week before the festival, as well as in readings and discussions on the day of the festival. We also host numerous authors who sign books and give readings. Sales are handled by Barnes & Noble. The festival runs all day on the Saturday before Mother's Day, usually 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.

**Where will the 2011 Festival be held?**

The 2011 Ohioana Book Festival will be held at Ohioana and the State Library of Ohio, 274 E. First Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43201. The venue is subject to change at anytime.

**Who may apply?**

The criteria for eligibility are as follows:

- An Ohio connection is required for the author. An author must have been born or lived at least five years in Ohio.
- Only books published after January 2010 will be considered. Books **MUST** be available for sale at the Festival on May 7, 2011.
- Only books published by traditional publishers will be considered at this time. Unfortunately, the Festival is not accepting self-published or otherwise author-subsidized books.

### **What should I expect if I am chosen for the 2011 festival?**

Authors at our 2011 festival may be invited to participate as readers, panelists, or panel moderators. Some may be invited to serve in more than one capacity. Of course, authors may volunteer to help with the organization and administration of the event.

You will have ½ of a six-foot-long table to display your books (which will be sold or made available for sale by Barnes & Noble), and any promotional materials (bookmarks, small displays) that you wish to supply.

### **Will I be paid for my appearance at the Ohioana Book Festival? What about expenses?**

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

### **Is there any cost to participate in the 2011 Ohioana Book Festival?**

No. We do not request any fees from authors.

### **When should I send my application and when do you notify authors?**

Deadline for submission: **November 30, 2010**. Authors will be notified no later than **January 31, 2011** as they are selected.

### **Who decides which authors to invite?**

Our Book Fair Selection Committee, consisting of publishing and book professionals, will evaluate the submissions. Invitations will be extended as the authors are selected.

### **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 such as mysteries, westerns, and romance novels)
- Narrative nonfiction (history, biography, memoir, religion, and essays)
- 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](mailto: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 I submit a book?**

Deadline for submissions is **November 30, 2010**.

### **Where do I 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?**

The Ohioana Book Festival is not accepting self-published or otherwise author-subsidized books for participation at this time.

### **Still have questions?**

Feel free to call 614-466-3831 or e-mail [bookfestival@Ohioana.org](mailto:bookfestival@Ohioana.org).

**AUTHOR APPLICATION,**  
**OHIOANA BOOK FESTIVAL, MAY 7 2011**

Please print clearly or type the following:

Author Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Ohio Connection** \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Book \_\_\_\_\_

ISBN (10 or 13) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Publication (Month and Year) \_\_\_\_\_

Publisher \_\_\_\_\_

Genre (Please circle)

Fiction      Non-Fiction      Children's/Young Adult      Poetry

Contact (Circle One) Author OR Publicist

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

\*Author's Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\*We ask for the author's home address in order to notify his/her state legislators of his/her involvement in the Ohioana Book Festival.

Please return this completed form to:  
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Columbus, OH 43201  
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