

TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES 2020 LIT CRAWL SCHEDULE

Lit Crawl free, virtual events to run from November 7 to November 15

WHAT: Texas Book Festival will be hosting their annual <u>Lit Crawl</u> events virtually this year during the Festival, with several evening times between November 7 to November 15 along with two Sunday brunches. The events include storytelling sessions, spoken-word performances and themed discussions, ranging from topics including moments of pivoting, celebrating Black creativity, and more. Featured authors include Kathy Valentine, Natalie Diaz, Kelly J. Baptist, and more.

For the evening event "Literary Death Match" and brunch event "Tarot Town Hall with Typewriter Tarot," the first 100 registrants per event will receive a special Camp Mocha cocktail kit gifted from Desert Door Texas Sotol. Cocktail pickup will take place on Saturday, November 7 from 12 to 5 p.m. outside the Texas Book Festival office (1023 Springdale Road, Building 14, Suite B, Austin, Texas 78721). All recipients must be 21 years of age or older and must wear a mask to pick up the cocktail kit, and IDs will be checked. Sparkling water from Rambler will also be gifted.

Please see the following for the full Lit Crawl lineup:

Lit Crawl Austin 2020 schedule (all times CST)

- Saturday, November 7, 7 p.m.: Literary Death Match with Charlie Clark, Don Tate, Juli Delgado Lopera, Deesha Philyaw, and Richard Z. Santos, with host Adrian Todd Zuniga
- Saturday, November 7, 8:30 p.m.: Chicon Street Poets with Natalie Diaz and Deborah Paredez
- Sunday, November 8, 11 a.m.: Tarot Town Hall with Typewriter Tarot: A Lit Crawl Brunch with Kathy Valentine
- Friday, November 13, 7 p.m.: Six Square Austin presents Toasts & Topics with Shayla Lawson
- Friday, November 13, 8:30 p.m.: Austin Bat Cave presents Story Department with Kelly J. Baptist, David Biespiel, and David Marquis
- Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.: Author Quiplash: Awst Press with Amanda Eyre and Rebekah Manley Ward
- Saturday, November 14, 8:30 p.m.: Texas Observer Short Story Contest Reading

• Sunday, November 15, 11 a.m.: A Texas Monthly Brunch with José R. Ralat, Liara Tamani, and Raúl the Third

As always, all Lit Crawl events are free and open to the public thanks to the generosity of the Texas Book Festival community. To support the Texas Book Festival, Lit Crawl Austin, and participating authors, one can <u>donate to the Texas Book Festival</u>. Additionally, for the first time ever, Texas Book Festival is offering an exclusive Lit Crawl armadillo enamel pin. If one donates \$25 or more to Lit Crawl, Texas Book Festival will send an one-inch pin, to embellish denim jackets, backpacks, tote bags, and more.

WHEN: November 7, 2020, to November 15, 2020

WEBSITE: <u>https://www.texasbookfestival.org/lit-crawl-austin/</u>

PHOTOS: Lit Crawl armadillo enamel pin and event graphic: <u>https://giantnoise.box.com/s/uxuglbdswnwwjtzhwj5wbcagk3kiuh8a</u>

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ABOUT TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL

With a vision to inspire Texans of all ages to love reading, the Texas Book Festival connects authors and readers through experiences that celebrate the culture of literacy, ideas, and imagination. Founded in 1995 by former First Lady Laura Bush, Mary Margaret Farabee, and a group of volunteers, the nonprofit Texas Book Festival promotes the joys of reading and writing through its annual Festival, the Texas Teen Book Festival, the Reading Rock Stars Title I elementary school program, the Real Reads Title I middle and high school program, grants to Texas libraries, and year-round literary programming. The 2020 Virtual Texas Book Festival will take place from October 31 through November 15. Thanks to generous donors, sponsors, and volunteers, the Festival remains free and open to the public. Visit <u>www.texasbookfestival.org</u> for more information, and join the conversation using the hashtag #txbookfest on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @texasbookfest.