

Preparing for NTTBF



NORTH TEXAS TEEN BOOK FESTIVAL 2022

I'm so excited you are interested in NTTBF 22! Read about the details of the festival below. If you'd like to meet us there, **complete the form at the bottom and return to the library by Wednesday, March 2** so we know to expect you. Get ready for an unforgettable day!



Date:

Saturday, March 5

Where to meet:

Irving Convention Center, 500 W. Las Colinas Blvd., Irving, 75039

Parts of the Day:

- The Grand Opening!** – The festival begins at 9:00 A.M. with a Middle Grade Keynote Conversation between authors Max Brallier and Stuart Gibbs.
- Panel sessions**
 - Author panels will take place from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. During these sessions, multiple authors answer questions and discuss their books, writing, and genres. At the end of each session, audience members may ask their own questions. These are the main focus of the day and provide a wonderful opportunity to see and hear from favorite and soon-to-be favorite authors!
 - Visit www.nttbf.org to start planning your day.
- Closing keynote** – The festival will end with a keynote presentation from YA author V.E. Schwab.
- Author signings**
 - Signings will begin at 3:30 PM.
 - Authors will sign **BOOKS ONLY** – no memorabilia, t-shirts, programs, scraps of paper, etc. You may have up to 3 books signed per trip in line. You are expected to buy 1 book at the festival for every 2 you bring from home.
 - You need to prioritize which authors you'd like to sign your books; you will probably not have time to visit every author you want to see. Instead of waiting in line for a signed book, you might consider buying some pre-signed from Barnes & Noble.
 - Many authors are requesting that masks be worn in their signing lines, so be sure to have a mask handy if you plan to participate.
- Speed Dating** – If you are interested in getting a free book by a festival author, you can pick up a wristband at 7:45 AM from the Box Office. You'll be assigned a time to be "matched" with a book.
- Book Sales & Swag Shop** – The Barnes & Noble Book Sales and the NTTBF Swag Shop are open from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
- Lunch** – Concessions are available, but you might want to bring a sack lunch to save money and time! Food brought from home may be eaten outside.

What to wear:

- MIS or HPMS shirt
- Comfortable shoes

What to bring:

- Lunch or money for concessions
- Money for books and swag
- Mask, if you are planning to participate in the book signing
- Previously purchased books to be signed, if desired. Remember: plan to buy 1 book for every 2 you bring from home.
- A comfortable backpack for carrying everything around!

What to do when you arrive:

- Text Mrs. Bellomy to let her know. Be sure to include a parent on the text.
- Head up to the 3rd floor. Our usual meeting spot is the area right off the escalators!

Where to get more information, if needed:

- www.nttbf.org
- Mrs. Bellomy at bellomj@hpsid.org

If you plan to meet us there, complete and return the information below with parent signature to the library by Wednesday, March 2. Get ready for a fun day full of authors, conversation, book signings, and literary celebration!

Yes! I am interested in meeting other Raiders at NTTBF 2022!

Name _____

Grade _____

Estimated arrival time _____

Cell phone _____

Parent's phone _____

My child will meet Mrs. Bellomy and other Raider readers at NTTBF 2022 on Saturday, March 5 at the Irving Convention Center. My child has permission to communicate with Mrs. Bellomy via texts that include me regarding logistics.

Parent Signature _____

At NTTBF



- Designate a meeting spot
- Check-in regularly at meeting spot & via text
- Enjoy panels & lunch together
- Make sure students inform you when they are leaving
- Have an unforgettable day!