



Dear Exhibitor,

The Children's Book Festival is an annual event sponsored by the School of Library and Information Science and the deGrummond Children's Literature Collection. Each year, more than 500 teachers, public and school librarians from across the nation come to hear and see major speakers, concurrent sessions, and workshops as young adult and children's authors and illustrators share their experiences.

The highlight of the festival is the presentation of the Southern Miss Medallion awarded to an author or illustrator for his body of work. Featured guests have included Southern Miss Medallion winners **David Wiesner**, **Judy Blume** and **Ezra Jack Keats**. Other invited speakers have included **Avi**, **Beverly Cleary**, **Tomie de Paola**, **Kevin Henkes**, and **Mo Willems**, to name a few.

Exhibits will be held on Wednesday and Thursday during the festival. The exhibit area will be open on Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Set-up times are 2-4 p.m. on Tuesday and 8 a.m. on Wednesday. The charge for each exhibit table is \$150. You may request a maximum of 3 tables.

We request that exhibitors do not sell titles from the current keynote lineup. Please review our keynote speakers at [www.usm.edu/childrens-book-festival](http://www.usm.edu/childrens-book-festival).

Please feel free to contact me with any questions and we look forward to having you at our Festival!

Kind regards,

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