



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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North Carolina Literary Festival To Feature Over Eighty Authors

Three major academic powerhouses are poised to host the 2004 North Carolina Literary Festival on the campus of North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina, April 15 through 18, 2004. The Friends of the Library of North Carolina State University is partnering in the biennial literary event with the Friends programs at the University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill and Duke University. **The festival is free and open to the public.**

This year Alice Walker, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Color Purple*, is delivering the kickoff lecture, Thursday, April 15 at 7:00 P.M. Dennis Lehane, author of the Academy Award-winning *Mystic River*, will continue the festivities Friday evening, April 16, at 7:00 P.M. Both authors are expected to fill NC State's 800-seat capacity Stewart Theater in the Talley Student Center.



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The festival will showcase more than eighty southern authors, most from North Carolina, on Saturday and Sunday, April 17 and 18. The genres represented range from poetry to fantastical writings. Authors will participate in panels, readings, conversations, book signings, and special performances.

Many of the festival activities will take place outdoors on the NCSU north campus Brickyard. A live sound stage will host popular literary and musical artists including Grammy Award-winning singer and storyteller David Holt. Lee Smith, the popular North Carolina native and resident, will appear in a number of sessions including a performance taken from her novel *Fair and Tender Ladies*. Members of the Cherokee community will be on-site for a performance of traditional and intertribal dances.

NCSU students will leave their own mark on the event by participating in a sand-sculpting contest. *Sandsation* is "A Sandy Celebration of Children's Literature" in which students design and build sand sculptures that relate to children's literature. Judging will occur Saturday afternoon with children judges and campus officials.

Cookie decorating, writing workshops, storytelling, new and used book sales, and book signings will further enhance the festival atmosphere. With the exception of two receptions, one for Alice Walker and the other for Dennis Lehane, all events are free and open to the public.

Schedule information and details about the festival are available on the festival Web site at www.lib.ncsu.edu/nclitfest2004.