

Aug. 19
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How to use the Kids' Guide

The San Diego Union-Tribune's Seventh Annual Festival of Books will be held on **Aug. 19**, presented by the University of San Diego. Hosted on campus, **it is a FREE community event for book lovers of all ages.** Attendees will enjoy **workshops, hands-on activities, photo booths, live entertainment, fabulous food, discussions with award-winning authors** and more.

Discover new books!

Find your favorite authors! Meet them in-person at the Festival.

Buy their books here, or buy them at the Festival and get them signed!

Check frequently for the latest scheduling updates! Go to [SDFestivalOfBooks.com](https://sdfestivalofbooks.com).

Plan your day! Use the scheduler below.

Register early to attend Special Events! Because seating is limited, reservations will be required.

Festival schedule for: _____

Things to do at specific times

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ATTENTION PARENTS & TEACHERS:

Many books featured at the Festival of Books are recommended on STEM and STEAM lists. After the Festival of Books concludes, all presentations will be available for viewing **here**.

For parents, from **The San Diego Council on Literacy**

Read to your kids, no matter what age!

Introduce your child to more words. This will help them recognize these words when they show up in print.

Introduce your child to a variety of topics. This helps build their general knowledge and will assist them in comprehending future text.

Ask your child questions during and after reading to check for understanding. Make this process interactive! This will support their listening comprehension.

Be a model of fluent reading. Let your child hear what strong reading skills sound like.



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Picture books!

See and hear stories presented by these creators:



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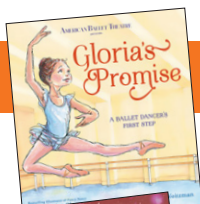
Meet our emcee, **Robin Preiss Glasser**, on the Reading Stage!

Did you know that before becoming a full-time children's book artist, Robin Preiss Glasser was a soloist with the Pennsylvania Ballet?

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Who's reading?

Robin Preiss Glasser



What book?

'Gloria's Promise'

What's it about?

Gloria is a young dancer whose boundless determination makes her dream of dancing with the American Ballet Theatre come true.

Minh Lê



'Real to Me'

Two friends, one a young girl and one a fluffy green monster, spend countless hours together, engaging in fun and just having each other's backs. One of these friends is imaginary — but which one?

Sabrina Moyle



'My Brother is the Best' and 'My Sister is Super!' [two board books]

Is your brother cooler than a million ice cream cones? Stronger than a squad of sharks? More amazing than a billion bubbles? Is your sister tougher than a ton of trucks? Smarter than a squad of robots? More huggable than a heap of sloths?

Meeg Pincus



'Door by Door: How Sarah McBride Became America's First Openly Transgender Senator'

A picture book biography of trailblazing Delaware State Senator Sarah McBride.

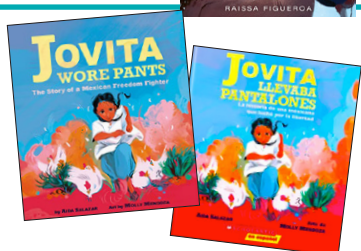
Raissa Figueroa



'What My Daddy Loves'

Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award winner Raissa Figueroa celebrates the warm love between Black fathers and their children.

Aida Salazar



'Jovita Wore Pants: The Story of a Mexican Freedom Fighter' Also available in Spanish as 'Jovita Llevaba pantalones: La historia de una mexicana que luchó por la libertad'

The remarkable true story of a Mexican girl who disguised herself as a boy to lead her band of revolutionary fighters after losing her father and brothers in the Cristero War. Brought vividly to life by her great-niece and Américas Award-winner Aida Salazar, and Eisner Award-honoree Molly Mendoza.

David Shannon



'Gold!'

Instead of making friends, 7-year-old Max Midas decides to make millions and spend it on what he loves best: Gold! But one day, things get lonely inside his shiny castle.

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**Gloria loves to dance whenever she's happy.
Where is she? And who is she dancing with?**

Write or draw your answers here.



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Who's speaking?

Tracy Badua



About which book?

'The Takeout'

What's it about?

Twelve-year-old Mia uses Filipino folk magic to take down the shady chef brothers who are threatening her family's food truck.

Chris Baron



'The Gray'

Sasha has been bullied at his middle school and his anxiety, which he calls the Gray, is growing, so his parents and therapist suggest a summer in the country with his aunt might help him.

Jim Di Bartolo & Laini Taylor



'Billie Blaster and the Robot Army from Outer Space'

Meet Billie Blaster. She may look like an ordinary girl who lives on an ordinary farm. However, she's the genius child of two famous scientists. Can they save an entire galaxy from the tiny-but-evil Hector Glum's plans?

Katy Farina



'Karen's Haircut: A Graphic Novel (Baby-Sitters Little Sister #7)'

The beauty parlor lady cuts Karen's hair all wrong! She already has to wear glasses, and now her baby teeth are starting to come out, too. Now she's worried about what the kids at school will say. Can Karen get back to feeling like her usual confident self?

Jessica Kim



'Make a Move, Sunny Park'

Tackling middle school when you have anxiety is hard. Sunny Park makes the school dance team, she begins building new friendships without her longtime BFF Bailey. Then things spiral out of control. How can she keep it all together?

Misa Sugiura



'Momo Arashima Steals the Sword of the Wind'

All Momo wants for her 12th birthday is an ordinary life. Instead she finds out she is half human, half goddess and must unlock her divine powers to save her mother's life and keep countless evil spirits from escaping Yomi, the land of the dead.

Betty C. Tang



'Parachute Kids'

After a two-week family tour of Los Angeles, 10-year-old Feng Li Lin and her older brother and sister remain in California while their parents return to Taiwan, forcing them to navigate a new school, a new language, bullies, racism, and the pressures of running a household on their own.

Jennifer Torres



'Perfect Villains (Bad Princesses #1)'

Two princesses are forced to go to the Fine and Ancient Institute for the Royal, a finishing school of sorts, to learn how to be a princess. But Dalia and Dominga have absolutely no interest in perfect princesses. They'd rather join a secret society of villains, The Bewitched Academy of the Dreadful. To do so, they must devise the most horrible, rottenest, wickedest scheme of all time.

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Who's speaking? Which book? What's it about?

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| Charlie Jane Anders | 'Promises Stronger Than Darkness' | With only a ragtag band of misfits, crewmates, earthlings, friends, lovers—and one annoying frenemy—the Unstoppable Crew are up against the universe, and in order to survive, they may have to cross a once forbidden line. |
| Marc Bernardin | 'Messenger: The Legend of Muhammad Ali' | The rise of Olympic athletic Cassius Clay to world heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali. Witness his meeting with civil rights leader Malcolm X. His interview with sportscaster Howard Cosell. Why he opposed the Vietnam War. His titanic bout with then-undefeated heavyweight champion George Foreman. Why he was one of the most photographed and controversial figures of the 20th century. |
| David Bowles & Guadalupe Garcia McCall | 'Secret of the Moon Conch' | Two teenagers, two eras: In 2019, 17-year-old Sitlali has been watching crime and violence edge towards her hometown of Veracruz. With both parents and grandmother gone, she seeks solace in the United States. Meanwhile, in 1521, 17-year-old Calizto is fighting to protect his home from the conquistadors. A mysterious conch shell connects Sitlali and Calizto, uniting them in their shared struggles in two similar yet disparate worlds. |
| Susan Azim Boyer | 'Jasmine Zumideh Needs a Win' | Seventeen-year-old southern Californian Jasmine won't give up going to her dream college, NYU. However, the Iran Hostage Crisis explodes across the nightly news. Anti-Iranian hysteria begins to stir up at her school, causing Jasmine to reconcile with her identity in ways she never has before. |
| Kevin Eastman | 'Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: The Last Ronin' | Who is the Last Ronin? In a future, battle-ravaged New York City, a lone surviving Turtle embarks on a seemingly hopeless mission seeking justice for the family he lost. From the legendary TMNT co-creators Kevin Eastman and Peter Laird—three decades in the making! |
| Adalyn Grace | 'Foxglove' | Nineteen-year-old Signa Farrow must solve a duke's murder and contend with a seemingly all-powerful deity, Fate. |
| Jarrold Shusterman | 'Retro' | Luna Iglesias, a high-school-aged protagonist finds herself at the center of a major scandal on the social media application, Limbo. At El Dorado High School, she is given the opportunity "Go Retro" and live a full school year without modern technology for a chance at a full-ride scholarship to the college of the student's choice. Sounds great, right? |
| Jen St. Jude | 'If Tomorrow Doesn't Come' | Nineteen-year-old Avery plans to end her life but changes her mind when she learns an asteroid is heading towards Earth, and with nine days left to live, long held secrets begin to come out and Avery finally begins to heal. |