

9th Annual Kensington Day of the Book Festival

Sunday, April 27, 2014 11:00am to 4:00pm

Street festival * Howard Avenue in historic Old Town Kensington, MD 20895

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All activities free. Rain or shine. All ages welcome - great for the whole family!

The Kensington Day of the Book Festival is an exciting and fun event for people of all ages. A street festival spanning over 2 blocks in historic Old Town Kensington, it is a celebration of books, authors, and community. Visitors will browse books and meet over 80 local authors; listen to literary programs and poetry; be entertained by popular local bands, an array of children's entertainers, and even Irish dancers; play chess; talk to a rare-book expert; enjoy lunch from popular food trucks at the food court...and more! There is truly something for everyone!

Now in its ninth year, the festival has become one of the top literary events in Maryland and in the Washington DC area, drawing over 100 participants and thousands of visitors.

Discover the unique warmth & charm of Old Town Kensington and literary talent of our area!

Readings Programs include:

- **Irish Literature and Music Program** with special guests National Book Award Winner **Alice McDermott**, American Book Award Winner **Terence Winch**, and author **John Aloysius Farrell**. Performances by Culkin School of Traditional **Irish Dance**. **Music** by Michael Winch, Patrick Armstrong, Jesse Winch, and Kieran Whalen.
- A panel of four authors from the **ground-breaking** anthology **Mothership: Tales from Afrofuturism and Beyond**, a wildly varied collection showcasing multiculturalism, diversity, and characters of color in genre and science fiction.
- A **Steampunk Program** with special guests Pulitzer Prize Winner **Michael Dirda** and **Colleen Cahill** discussing "**Steampunk Literature and its Roots**". **Music** by **Eli August and the Abandoned Buildings**, readings by Steampunk authors, and a costume contest with special guest judge **Mark P. Donnelly**.
- Poetry readings by featured poets and a **Poetry Open Mic**.

Children's Program includes:

- Children's entertainer **The Great Zucchini**.
- The Twinbrook Tellers, children **storytellers**, and Young Poets.
- **MusicalFrench** music and stories in French.
- Award-winning singer and songwriter **Oh Susannah!**
- Fun with nature and **exotic animals** by award-winning author Julia Heckathorn.
- **Scavenger Hunt**, children's authors, booksellers, and publishers.

Featured bands are **The Nighthawks** and **Atomic Swing Club**.

Thank you!

