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**The Gwinnett County Public Library proudly presents the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Gwinnett Reading Festival on Saturday, October 18 at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds from 10 am – 4 pm**

LAWRENCEVILLE, GA (26 August 2008) -- On Saturday, October 18, the **Gwinnett County Public Library** proudly presents the second annual **Gwinnett Reading Festival** scheduled from 10 am – 4 pm at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds, with an array of award-winning authors and emerging authors that reflect the world of literature today.

This free event is projected to attract over 6,000 book lovers from the Atlanta metro area. Readers, authors, and educational vendors join together in a community-wide celebration of reading for all ages to encourage the love of reading and to promote literacy.

Festival goers will have the opportunity to meet and interact with award winning international authors such as Rick Bragg, Carmen Deedy, Mary Jane Clark and Steve Martini. Other national and local authors will also be present and available for author workshops, discussions and book signings.

The festival features a children's performance stage and activities including storytelling, crafts, face painting and a special appearance by Spider-Man™. Students of the Aurora Theater Academy will be performing a 20 minute production of *Miss Nelson is Missing* on the children's stage. In addition to the exciting programs and activities, children that attend the festival will receive a free book.\*

For the teens, the wildly popular sumo wrestling has returned from last year along with gaming and various artist workshops.

The literary marketplace will feature over thirty arts, educational, and literacy vendors. Food will also be available.

For more information, please visit [www.gwinnettpl.org](http://www.gwinnettpl.org), [www.gwinnettreadingfestival.org](http://www.gwinnettreadingfestival.org), or call 770-978-5154. The Gwinnett County Fairgrounds are located at 2405 Sugarloaf Parkway in Lawrenceville.

\*While supplies last

The **Gwinnett County Public Library** is a 14 branch library system in Gwinnett County, Georgia. The library's mission is to support the community's informational, educational, and recreational interests with convenient, creative, customer-friendly access to materials and services.

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