



Opelika Book Festival

Join other Plains friends at the Opelika Public Library on Saturday November 4th from 9:00-4:00 for their inaugural book festival featuring local and regional authors. Our council will be like wedding crashers that day, but I do not think they will care. Go to the [Opelika Library website](#) for more information.

The Festival will feature Alabama author Rick Bragg in an evening event starting at 6:00 on November 4th. You must have a ticket to attend the Rick Bragg event, and tickets will open on October 2nd at 9:00 am. Those tickets will go quickly!

Plains at the ALA FALL CONFERENCE

The Alabama Literacy Associations’s Fall Conference (October 3-4) will include three speakers from the Plains Council—Montasha Britton, Michelle Hopf, and Betty Weeden.

Michelle is co-presenting with Dr. Patricia Elmore from Athens State University on the topic *Instructional Strategies: Reading, Writing, Social Emotional Development*.

Montasha and Betty are co-presenting on the topic *Inspiring Independence: Instructional Purposes and Differences between Shared and Interactive Read-Alouds*. This is Montasha’s first time to present at a conference, so send all good thoughts her way. She will be great!

In addition, the conference will include quite a few learners from Plains. We are proud of our Plains members showing leadership in learning for the state of Alabama!

Dyslexia Awareness Month

October is Dyslexia Awareness Month. The [Alabama Dyslexia Resource Guide](#) is a great resource for classroom strategies, accommodations, and interventions.

For personal inspiration, read the article *7 Reasons Dyslexia Awareness Month is So Darn Important (and 8 Ways to Promote It)* on [Don Johnston’s website](#). Don Johnston is an educator with dyslexia whose own personal experiences inspired him to create tools and resources to support students.

Book Fairs

Fall book fairs are happening across the land. My personal story includes checking boxes on paper forms for the books I wanted to read, watching my parents write a check, and waiting on books to arrive. That was the old days. In today’s book fairs, students can walk away with books on the spot. Books on the spot, I tell you. And pencils. And erasers. And squishy toys. And keychains. A shout out of thanks to librarians who ensure a book is in their hands as they leave!

[Mental Floss](#) has an article on the history of Scholastic Book Fairs for anyone who wants to walk down their reading memory lane.

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