

Vendors Invited to the 2009 Nebraska Book Festival, November 14 in Lincoln

The 2009 Nebraska Book Festival, *Nebraska Writers: Cultivating Creativity*, November 14, 2009, will be held at the Nebraska State Historical Society's Nebraska History Museum, 15th and P Streets, Lincoln, Nebraska. The festival will include a variety of literary activities, with a Nebraska focus. An awards luncheon will honor the winners of the Nebraska Center for the Book's Mildred Bennett Award, Jane Geske Award, and Nebraska Book Awards.

The Nebraska Center for the Book invites publishers and author organizations, along with book and reading-related vendors, to exhibit and/or sell publications/products during the festival. Commercial and non-profit exhibits will be set up in the first floor of the Nebraska History Museum (www.nebraskahistory.org/sites/mnh/index.htm) in the spacious, brightly-lit foyer. Each vendor will receive one 4-foot table and one folding chair. A few 6-foot tables will be made available for vendors with extremely large inventory. Please note preferred table size on the Vendor Registration Form (see below). Refreshments will be furnished free of charge for participants and vendors in the vendor area, courtesy University of Nebraska Press.

The Nebraska Center for the Book Board has approved a bookstore rotation plan to allow for one featured bookstore at each festival. Interested bookstores will be offered the opportunity to set up a bookstore at the festival on a rotating basis. Lee Booksellers will be featured at this year's festival and will operate the bookstore, as well as host author signings. If you are an author with a book published by a mainstream press, please contact Mary Jo Ryan, e-mail: maryjo.ryan@nebraska.gov to ensure that the bookstore will have adequate copies of your publication on hand. Author signing tables will be set up in the bookstore and refreshment area. Authors and publishers that prefer to sell and sign books at their own table are invited to fill out the form below to reserve a table.

Non-profit organizations that are organizational members of the Nebraska Center for the Book can exhibit free of charge. Please be sure to note that you are a non-profit organization and organizational member of the Nebraska Center for the Book on the Vendor Registration Form (see below).

All vendors (and other supporters) are encouraged to purchase ads in the Festival Program for \$50.

This year's festival is shaping up as an exciting showcase of the rich and varied literary talent in Nebraska. A selection of Nebraska writers will read from their 2009 work, along with readings from the winners of the 2009 Nebraska Book Awards. Writers Workshops will be offered free of charge. Teresa Lorensen of the Bess Streeter Aldrich Foundation will lead a book discussion of Aldrich's *A Lantern in Her Hand*, this year's enormously popular One Book One Nebraska selection (www.onebookonenebraska.org). "A Conversation with Three Poets" will give Nebraska poets Ted Kooser, Bill Kloefkorn, and Don Welch the opportunity to share insights on reading and writing poetry, and the power of an intentional writing community.

The Nebraska Book Festival is free and open to the public, with no pre-registration required (except for the festival luncheon). The festival is sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book,

Nebraska Humanities Council, Nebraska Library Commission, and the Nebraska State Historical Society, with additional support from the Duncan Family Trust, Lee Booksellers, and University of Nebraska Press.

Below is a vendor registration form. Please fill out and return to Nebraska Book Festival, % Mary Jo Ryan, Nebraska Library Commission, 1200 N Street, Suite 120, Lincoln, NE, 68508-2023 **by September 15, 2009**. Tables will be assigned on a first-come basis. For more information and a complete list of author/readers, see www.nebraskabookfestival.org or contact Mary Jo Ryan, 402-471-3434, 800-307-2665, e-mail: maryjo.ryan@nebraska.gov.

Vendor Registration Form: 2009 Nebraska Book Festival

Name

Business/Organization Name

Address

Phone

E-mail

Payment is enclosed for:

_____ \$25 Fee per 4-foot table: Commercial Vendor
(specify number of tables)

_____ \$40 Fee per 6-foot table: Commercial Vendor
(specify number of tables)

_____ \$50 Fee for Program Ad

\$ _____ Additional donation in support of the Nebraska Book Festival
(Additional contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.)

_____ I represent a nonprofit organizational member of the Nebraska Center for the Book— one 4-foot table is free of charge