



- Book events
- Public holidays
- To be announced/ TBA

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

21 March	Human Rights Day
25 March	Good Friday
28 March	Family Day
27 April	Freedom Day
1 May	Workers' Day
16 June	Youth Day
9 August	Women's Day
24 September	Heritage Day
16 December	Day of Reconciliation
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	Day of Goodwill

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FEBRUARY

21: International Mother Language Day

24: World Read Aloud Day

Calling global attention to the importance of reading aloud and sharing stories.
www.litworld.org/wrad

22–25: Festival of Children's Literature

UKZN Pietermaritzburg Campus,
Maritzburg College

MARCH

TBA Hertzogprys

3: World Book day Festival

In celebration of reading, R25 books will be available at selected bookshops to buy and donate to Nal'ibali.
www.worldbookday.com

4–16: US Woordfees Stellenbosch

'n Viering van die woord binne sy konteks en in soveel vorme moontlik – soos poësie, prosa, debat, drama en musiek. Hierdie jaar se tema is "Bly".
Jana Hattingh: adminfees@sun.ac.za, www.woordfees.co.za

11–21: SA Library Week

Libraries across the country use this annual event as an opportunity to market their services to the users, the broader community, civil society and also decision makers.
www.liasa.org.za

14–19: 19th Time of the Writer Durban

A select group of leading writers from South Africa, Africa and abroad will gather for a thought-provoking week of literary dialogue and exchange ideas.
Centre for Creative Arts (University of KwaZulu-Natal): cca@ukzn.ac.za, www.cca.ukzn.ac.za

17–20: Knysna Literary Festival

Promoting South Africa's rich literary heritage. The Knysna Literary Festival is the Garden Route's only festival that annually hosts an exclusive group of hand-selected authors from South Africa and abroad.
Ling Dobson: ling.dobson@pamgolding.co.za, www.knysnaliteraryfestival.co.za

21: World Poetry Day

In celebrating World Poetry Day UNESCO recognizes the unique ability of poetry to capture the creative spirit of the human mind.
www.un.org/en/events/poetryday/

APRIL

2: International Children's Book Day

4–7: Bologna Children's Book Fair

Dedicated to the children's publishing and multimedia industry.
bookfair@bolognafiere.it, www.bolognachildrensbookfair.com/

12–14: London Book Fair Olympia

The London Book Fair is the global marketplace for rights negotiation and the sale and distribution of content across print, audio, TV, film and digital channels.
lbf.help@reedexpo.co.uk, www.londonbookfair.co.uk

23: World Book and Copyright Day

A day of celebrating books. It aims to raise awareness about the importance of reading, reach out and give people access to books and educate people to take care of their library facilities.
www.gov.za/speeches/world-book-and-copy-right-day-2016-9-nov-2015-1219

MAY

TBA University of Johannesburg Prizes for SA Writing in English shortlist

6–7: Dancing in Other Words Poetry Festival Stellenbosch

The Dancing in Other Words (Dansende Digtersfees) is an annual international poetry event bringing together internationally acclaimed literary voices, for discussion, debate and more.
www.spierpoetryfestival.co.za

13–15: Franschhoek Literary Festival

A celebration of books and writers, with a focus on promoting South African writing and reading.
help@flf.co.za, www.flf.co.za

11–13: Book Expo America Chicago

A book and author event that offers the book industry access to new titles, authors, and education about the publishing industry.
inquiry@bookexpoamerica.com, www.bookexpoamerica.com

21: Kingsmead Book Fair Johannesburg

Started with a few parents bringing together readers and writers alike this event has become a significant event on South Africa's literary calendar.
Hayley Pienaar: hpienaar@kingsmead.co.za, kingsmead.co.za/bookfair/

26–28: JM Coetzee/ Athol Fugard Festival Booktown Richmond

JUNE

TBA Sunday Times and Alan Paton Literary Awards winners

TBA University of Johannesburg Prizes for South African Writing in English winners

20: Dinaane Debut Fiction Award shortlist

www.jacana.co.za/awards/dinaane-debut-fiction-award

29–30: African Education Week

Johannesburg
Brings together educational professionals to evaluate and discuss educational institutions' needs.
Tanya Jackman: tanya.jackman@spintelligent.com, www.educationweek.co.za

JULY

8–10: Breyten Breytenbach Boekefees Montagu

11–16: Vryfees Volksblad Kunstfees

Bloemfontein
www.vrystaatkunstfees.co.za

29–31: SA Book Fair Johannesburg

A celebration of books, reading, writing and authors, with special attention given to current issues as well as the breadth and depth of South African publishing.
www.southafricanbookfair.co.za

AUGUST

26–28: The Eastern Cape Book Festival Port Elizabeth

A smart, diverse and educational event.
Selome: poetflow@live.com, www.facebook.com/EC-BOOK-FEST-417840685018607/

26–28: Midlands Meander Literary Festival Howick

13–19: World Library and Information Congress Columbus

The international flagship professional and trade event for the library and information services sector.
Josche Ouwerkerk: josche.ouwerkerk@ifla.org, conference.ifla.org

14: Koop 'n Afrikaanse Boek Dag

15–31: Edinburgh International Book Festival

Bringing together 800 writers and thinkers from across the planet to rub shoulders with the audience.
Email: admin@edbookfest.co.uk, www.edbookfest.co.uk

29–31: SA Booksellers Annual Conference Cape Town

Bringing booksellers from around the country together to discuss matters of general interest and identify concerns in the industry.

SEPTEMBER

1–4: Jozi Book Science Stadium,

West Campus, Wits University
The Fair is co-hosted by Khanya College and Wits University.
www.jozibookfair.org.za

5–7 (TBC): Writers & Publishers Workshops

8: International Literacy Day
www.unesco.org/en/literacy

9–10 (TBC): Indie Book Fair

A celebration of independent writing, publishing and distribution.
Clare-Rose Julius: 011 791 4561

5–11: National Book Week

Organised by the South African Book Development Council, this well-known campaign aims to spread the love of books and reading to every corner of South Africa.
www.sabookcouncil.co.za

7–11: Open Book Festival Cape Town

Attracting top writers and an audience from across the world to make a sustainable contribution to our future by building a love of reading and books among the youth of Cape Town.
www.openbookfestival.co.za

OCTOBER

TBA South African Literacy Awards shortlist

TBA Ingrid Jonker Prys winner

TBA Jan Rabie Rapport Prys kortlys

TBA Dinaane Debut Fiction Award winner
www.jacana.co.za/awards/dinaane-debut-fiction-award

19–23: Frankfurt Book Fair

The world's largest trade fair for books aims to advance international networking within the book industry and to make the industry's practices more professional.
www.buchmesse.de

26–30: BookBedonnerd

Booktown Richmond
10th Anniversary Celebration including SA's first Medical Humanities Literary Festival.

NOVEMBER

TBA South African Literacy Awards winners

TBA Jan Rabie Rapport Prys winners

