



2026 CALL FOR LOCAL AUTHORS

STBF Presents Book Submission Form

Submission Deadline: Friday, July 31

Thank you for your interest in participating in **STIBF Presents** events during the 2026 South Texas International Book Festival season throughout the month of September and October. This submission form is for authors from the Rio Grande Valley who would like to be considered for STBF programming, including the **Local Author Showcase** and **Read Around Town Week**, which feature readings, discussions, storytimes, workshops, book sales, and book signings.

Completed submission forms & materials must be mailed or delivered in person to McAllen Public Library by the submission deadline on Friday, July 31. Due to the number of submissions received each year, participation cannot be guaranteed and not all applicants will be selected.

Author Information

Author Full Name: _____

Pen Name (if applicable): _____

Email Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City / State / Zip Code: _____

Website: _____ Social Media: _____

Are you from or currently live in the Rio Grande Valley? Yes No

Author biography written in third person (maximum 120 words):

Book Information

Book Title: _____

Genre: _____ ISBN: _____

Publisher: _____ Publication Date: _____

Where can the book be purchased? _____

Brief Book Synopsis:

STIBF Presents Event Interest: Select which STIBF Presents you would like to be considered for.

Local Author Showcase (Highlights RGV authors through readings, discussions, book sales, and signings.)

Read Around Town Week (Features RGV children's authors for storytimes, book sales, and signings.)

Describe the presentation, reading, workshop, or activity you would offer if selected:

Frequently Asked Questions:

- **What types of books ARE considered?:**
STIBF features literature from across the Rio Grande Valley, including children's & young adult books, fiction, poetry, graphic novels, memoirs, narrative nonfiction, cookbooks, and art or photography books published within the past two years.
- **What about self-published books?:** Self-published books are welcome. Submitted books should be professionally edited, proofread, and designed, include an ISBN, and be available for purchase in printed format in the United States.
- **What types of books ARE NOT considered?:**
We do not consider self-help, instructional, business, academic, devotional, journal, or workbook titles. Books using primarily AI-generated writing or artwork will not be considered, though limited AI-assisted editing or formatting tools may be used. Books must be available in printed format, as e-book only or audio-only releases will not be considered.

Acknowledgment: Initial on each line to confirm your understanding.

- I am from or reside in the Rio Grande Valley. _____
- Submitted materials will not be purchased or returned by the Library. _____
- Submissions are reviewed by a selection committee based on presentation, readability, spelling and grammar, publication date within the last two years, and originality of artwork. _____
- Selection decisions are final and not all applicants will be selected. _____
- Submitted work is my original work. _____
- Book must be in hardcover or trade paperback format. _____

Questions

For questions regarding submissions, email: ABenavides@mcallen.net

Subject Line: STIBF Call for Local Authors

How to submit: Completed Submission Form & copy of Print Book may be mailed or delivered to:

STIBF Call for Local Authors
c/o ADPS
McAllen Public Library
4001 N. 23rd St.
McAllen, TX 78504

Sign & Date

By submitting my book for consideration in the 2026 STIBF Call for Local Authors, I agree to follow all submission guidelines. I have read, understand, and accept the terms outlined.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____