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Annual Kentucky Women’s Book Festival brings together readers, writers

LOUISVILLE, Ky. – The 14th annual [Kentucky Women’s Book Festival](#) will feature authors from a wide variety of genres March 7 on University of Louisville’s Belknap Campus.

The festival’s opening speaker is Kaila Story. Story is an associate professor of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, with a joint appointment in the Department of Pan-African Studies. She holds the Audre Lorde Chair in Race, Class, Gender and Sexuality Studies. She co-hosts an award-winning podcast on WFPL called “Strange Fruit: Musings on Politics, Pop Culture and Black Gay Life.”

[Courtney “Court” Stevens](#), a young adult fiction writer from Bowling Green, Ky., will present the luncheon keynote. Her newest book, set for release March 3, is “The June Boys.”

Other speakers include:

- [Tytianna N.M. Wells](#), who holds a BA and an MA and is working on her PhD from UofL. She is a poet, spoken word artist and founder of Honey Tree Publishing.
- [Pam Platt](#), writer, editor and former columnist at The Courier-Journal.
- Kimberly Garts Crum and Bonnie Omer Johnson, editors of “[The Boom Project: Voices of a Generation](#).”

Following the festival, from 1:30-2:15 p.m., Susan Lindsey, president of [Women Who Write](#), a local women’s writers’ group, will present the workshop “Top Tips to Improve Your Writing.”

The festival begins at 9 a.m. with coffee and conversation and the opening session begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Brandeis School of Law. Festival sessions and presentations are free but participants are asked to register [here](#) to guarantee their space. An \$11 optional lunch is available for purchase by contacting the Women’s Center at 502-852-8976 or womenctr@louisville.edu by Feb. 28.

The Women’s Center and Brandeis School of Law host the event, which is part of the university’s observance of Women’s History Month.

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Editors: A photo of Story is attached.