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Deep Valley Book Festival Celebrates 10th Edition with Keynote Author Kate DiCamillo

MANKATO, Minn. — The Deep Valley Book Festival will celebrate its 10th edition on Saturday, October 3, bringing together more than 70 authors and exhibitors, hundreds of books, special programs, and readers of all ages.

This year's keynote speaker is beloved Minnesota author and two-time Newbery Medal winner Kate DiCamillo, who will present "Glass Bottom Boats: Looking at the World Together with Story." She will also be available to sign books from 2:00–4:00 p.m.

DiCamillo's appearance has a special connection to the festival and its name. After moving to Minnesota, she discovered Maud Hart Lovelace's classic *Betsy-Tacy* books while working at The Bookmen in Minneapolis.

"I was utterly charmed, captivated," DiCamillo has said of the series. "The books capture something very true and pure about friendship and growing. They are filled with hope. And for me, they served as a wonderful introduction to Minnesota."

Lovelace grew up in Mankato and depicted her hometown as the fictional Deep Valley in the *Betsy-Tacy* books. The Deep Valley Book Festival proudly takes its name from that literary legacy.

In addition to DiCamillo's keynote presentation, the festival will feature more than 70 participating authors and exhibitors, hundreds of books, an author panel, a writing workshop, speakers, balloons for the kids, and more. Bring the whole family and celebrate the joy of reading together!

The Deep Valley Book Festival is grateful for the generous support of its many sponsors, Festival Friends, and grant supporters who help make the event possible and keeping it FREE to the public.

Additional information, participating author profiles, and the complete program schedule are available at www.deepvalleybookfestival.com.

EVENT INFORMATION

Deep Valley Book Festival – 10th Edition

Date: Saturday, October 3, 2026 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Location: Courtyard by Marriott, Venue, Mankato, Minnesota

Keynote Author: Kate DiCamillo

Keynote Presentation @ 1:00 pm: *Glass Bottom Boats: Looking at the World Together with Story*

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