

"Virginia is for Lovers" and Buchanan County is for romance readers.

Sizzle in the South, the premiere romance book festival in Virginia, will be hosted by the Buchanan County Public Library, August 5th and 6th, 2022 in Grundy, Virginia.

Authors participating in this year's festival will be Sherrilyn Kenyon, Lora Leigh, Robin D. Owens, Collen Gleason, Angela Knight, and Mindi Stewart.

#1 *New York Times* and international bestselling Sherrilyn Kenyon is one of the most popular and influential authors in the world (in both adult and young adult fiction). Her first book debuted while she was still in college. She has had more than 80 novels on the *New York Times* best seller list in all formats and genres, including manga and graphic novels and has more than 70 million books in print worldwide. Her current series include: Dark-Hunters®, Chronicles of Nick®, Deadman's Cross™, Eve of Destruction™, Nevermore™, Lords of Avalon® and The League®.

Lora Leigh returns as the hosting author of Sizzle in the South. She is the #1 *New York Times Bestselling* author of *The Breeds* series, *Nauti* series, and *Elite Ops* series. Her newest book, *Kentucky Nights*, is scheduled to be released in the spring of 2023. Lora, a native of Eastern Kentucky, has built a large following with her steamy stories. Writing is her passion, her peace, and her lifeline.

Robin D. Owens is the Rita award winning author of *The HeartMate* series. In addition to the *HeartMate* series, she is also the author of the *Ghost Seer* series, *Mystic Circle* series and the *Summoning* series. The Denver, Colorado native is the past president and contest chair of Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers. Her most pressing interest in the craft of writing is creativity.

Colleen Gleason (aka Colleen Cambridge, C.M. Gleason, and Alex Mandon) is a *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling and award-winning author who can't seem to decide what type of book to write...so she writes a lot of different genres! So far, Colleen has written everything from vampire hunters to dystopian romance, to steampunk, historical romance, and mysteries with a supernatural flair.

Angela Knight is the *New York Times* bestselling author of books for Berkley, Red Sage, Changeling Press, and Loose Id. Angela has written over 50 novels, novellas and e-books. The latest is *Arcane Heart*, the story of a beautiful witch cop and her handsome partner, who can assume the form of a magical lion.

Mindi Stewart is an up and coming writer who grew up in southern West Virginia, where she spent hours drawing, watching television and reading. As a result, she combined her love of science fiction (unashamed Trekkie) and romance (thanks to her mom's Harlequin Romance Novels collection) to create her own universe. Her books can transport you to faraway worlds where there's always a happily ever after! Her latest series takes place in southern West Virginia and follows the Black Dagger Motorcycle Club.

The Festival begins Friday, August 5, 2022 at 8 P.M. at the Comfort Inn in Grundy, Virginia. The authors will be panelists on Sizzle's version of the television show Match Game. Lots of prizes will be given away and free pizza and drinks will be served.

On Saturday, each author will be participating in different panels. The day begins with a writing workshop taught by Angela Knight at 9 A.M. and concludes with a book signing at 4 P.M. A free catered lunch will be served at noon. A full schedule of the event can be found by visiting the library's Facebook page or the library's website.

A limited number of books will be available on the day of the event for sale.

Sizzle in the South is open to the public and there is no charge to attend.

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The library is located at 1185 Poe Town St, Grundy, Virginia. For information, please call the library at 276-935-5721.