

Largest African-American Book Event in the South
2025 SMALL BUSINESS PACKET
EVENT DATES: Oct. 23-25, 2025



Venue: Fallbrook Church • 12512 Walters Road • Houston, TX

Sponsored by:
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National Black Book Festival
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To Entrepreneurs, Small Businesses and Institutional Vendors:

The 18th annual National Black Book Festival is scheduled for Oct. 23-25, 2025, at Fallbrook Church Brook Sports Facility, 12512 Walters Road in the Northwest area of Houston. The Festival is sponsored by Cushcity.com, one of the leading websites promoting African-American literature.

The Festival will be held in Fallbrook Church's Brook Sports Facility and will include the following features:

- Publisher booths
- Author exhibits
- Free Children's Festival (Announcement of Black Authors Matter Children's Book Awards)
- Featured author discussions and signings
- Live interviews with authors
- Free Author Enhancement Sessions
- FREE Workshops and seminars
- An evening reception (Thursday) and two breakfasts (Friday and Saturday)
- Food court on site for on-site food purchases
- And More!

The Festival schedule includes the following ticketed events (ticket purchase is required):

Thursday, Oct. 23, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.
Welcome Reception

Friday, Oct. 24, 2025 @ 9:30 a.m.
"Get Acquainted" Breakfast

Saturday, Oct. 25, 2025 @ 8:00 a.m.
Networking Breakfast

All events will take place at Fallbrook Church Brook Sports Facility, 12512 Walters Road, Houston, TX.

The Festival will be marketed nationwide to over 1,100 Black book clubs, 25,000 book readers and 100 libraries. In addition, national and local media will be apprised of the event and it will be aggressively marketed through social media (Facebook and Instagram to 100K+ fans). Small Businesses/Institutions may obtain a 6' covered table during the Festival. Information regarding rates is included on the following pages.

If you have any questions or require our assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at phone number or e-mail address below.

Sincerely,

Gwen Richardson
National Coordinator
National Black Book Festival
(281) 444-4265
g Richardson@cushcity.com



Reserve Your Small Business/Institutional Table Today!!

When: Friday, October 24, 2025 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 25, 2025 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Where: Fallbrook Church Brook Sports Facility
12512 Walters Road
Houston, TX 77014

Rates: See Small Business/Institutional Vendor Agreement

Rate Includes

- 2 vendor badges
- 2 tickets to both Friday and Saturday breakfasts
- 1 covered 6' table - Two full days - in premium location
- 2 chairs
- Small Business/Institutional website link on National Black Book Festival website as a participating vendor. Link will remain until December 31, 2025.

Credentials

Upon check-in on Oct. 23 and/or 24, 2025, each Small Business/Institutional vendor will receive:

- 2 vendor badges
- NBBF push card with schedule
- Two tickets to Friday and Saturday breakfasts
- Tickets to other Festival events (if purchased in advance)

On Thursday, Oct. 23 there is check-in ONLY. No table set up until Friday morning.

Small businesses/institutional vendors can purchase additional badges during check-in, if desired. Vendor badges **may not** be picked up prior to the date of check-in for the Festival. **Only one entity or institution may be assigned to a table**, although a Small Business owner may bring a colleague to assist with sales and/or literature distribution.

Small Business/Institution Table Payments

Small Business table payments must be received according to the following schedule:

	<u>Deposit Amount</u>	<u>Deposit Deadline</u>	<u>Final Payment Due</u>
Standard Rate - \$400.00	\$200.00	05/31/2025	07/31/2025
Late Registration Rate - \$500.00	N/A	N/A	09/20/2025

After July 31, 2025, all Small Businesses or Institutions reserving tables must pay the late registration rate, in full, of \$500.00 if space is available. Vendor space usually sells out in early summer. Acceptable forms of payment include cashiers check, money orders, personal checks, Visa, Mastercard, AmEx, Discover and Paypal. **Absolutely no personal checks will be accepted after September 30, 2025.**

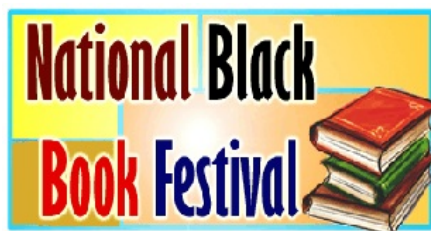


Table Location

Small Business/Institutional tables will be located in a premium location within the exhibit hall.

Sales

ALL Small Businesses/Institutions will bring their own supply of products or other materials and sell them directly to Festival attendees. Small Business/Institution will retain 100% of the proceeds from all of their book sales and should bring some cash with them for making change during transactions. Small Business/Institution may accept whatever payment methods they desire..

Refund Policy

All table purchases, including deposits, are final and *non-refundable* and there are no exceptions. Late registration prices go into effect after May 31, 2025.

Electricity and WiFi

Electricity is not included in the cost of registration for vendor tables.

Electricity:	\$20.00 per day or \$25.00 per day with USB port
WI-FI:	FREE

We have a limited number of electricity orders and these are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. These services may be requested on a separate form obtained from NBBF. If you require these services, please call us at 1-800-340-5454 and we will e-mail the form to you.

Check-In and Set Up Times

- Check-in *only* to pick up vendor packets (**no set up**) - Thursday, October 23, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Check-in and/or Set up - Friday, October 24, 2025 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Note: All exhibitors and authors must be completely set up no later than 11:00 a.m. on Friday and all aisles must be cleared. There will be absolutely no setting-up after the show starts each day. For vendors that have not claimed their tables by Saturday at 9:30 a.m., the tables will automatically be forfeited.

Breakdown Times

Saturday, October 25, 2025, from close of Festival to 7:30 p.m.



Terms and Conditions

The terms and conditions outlined herein have been established for the mutual benefit and protections of Exhibitors, Visitors and Festival Organizers and may not be modified unless by writing signed by both parties. The Small Business/Institution/Vendor agrees to these terms and conditions as an integral part of this binding contract. Please read carefully to avoid any misunderstandings.

1. **Festival Booking:** To reserve a space at the National Black Book Festival, an executed agreement and deposit are required. We must receive the balance of your fee by the designated deadlines or reservation and deposit will be forfeited.

2. **Payments:** Cash, checks, cashiers check, money orders, Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Discover and Paypal are acceptable forms of payment. Any deposits and space may be forfeited, at NBBF's discretion, if the full balance has not been received by the due date. All costs for collections, including reasonable attorney's fees, accrued interest, returned check and/or credit card charge back fee of \$35 and any other fees due NBBF shall be the responsibility of Small Business/Institution/vendor. If no written notification is received 30 days prior to the event, vendor will be held financially responsible for exhibitor space. Payments received are *non-refundable*, except as provided in paragraph 7 of this agreement.

3. **Small Business/Institution Tables:** Distribution of exhibitor space will be assigned and priority given upon receipt of payment and agreement. All booth space assignments are at the sole discretion of NBBF, however, NBBF will consider all requests of paid exhibitors. Sharing of exhibit space or use of display by unauthorized person or third parties is strictly prohibited. All exhibits must remain assembled and staffed throughout exhibit hours until the official closing time. If an exhibitor fails to occupy space contracted for or should exhibitor's display or materials fail to arrive, exhibitor shall not be relieved of the obligation of paying full rental charge for space. If not occupied by the time set for completion of the installation of the displays, such space may be reallocated or reassigned.

4. **Limitation on Liability:** Exhibitor expressly releases NBBF from any liability and waives: a) any and all demands, claims and causes of action in law or in equity, related to any defect, deficiency, failure or impairment of utilities or other facilities, including water, heating, electricity, ventilation, refrigeration, or other mechanical systems failure; b) the conduct, negligence or claims of any exhibitor or attendee; and c) any fire, flood, strike, terrorist attack, weather or other, force majeure beyond control of NBBF.

5. **No Guarantee of Results:** NBBF does not warrant or guarantee any particular results of the Festival, nor do they guarantee a particular number of attendees or exhibitors.

6. **Indemnification:** Exhibitors display and exhibit property at their own risk. NBBF does not assume any responsibility for loss or damage to Exhibitors property. NBBF will not be held accountable for the death or injury of any person attending an event, or for any damages suffered by Exhibitor or its officers, agents, employees or invitees as a result of any cause whatsoever. Exhibitor shall indemnify and hold NBBF, its parent companies, subsidiaries, affiliates, sponsors and respective officers, directors, agents and employees harmless from any suit or claim arising out of any action or failure to act by the Exhibitor. Exhibitor shall be liable for any and all damages caused by Exhibitor to the event building's grounds, landscaping, floors, walls, columns, or any other part of the building, or to the chattels and fixtures of the building or any other Exhibitor or person or entity having property at the events building's premises. Exhibitors are advised to obtain insurance coverage for this risk.

7. **Cancellation:** NBBF reserves the right to cancel this event at any time prior to the date of the event with refund of all amounts paid by participants to NBBF in connection with this Agreement. Otherwise *all payments are non-refundable* and there are no other exceptions.



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8. **Product/Service Exclusivity:** Product/service exclusivity is not guaranteed through this reservation, this also includes brand exclusivity.

9. **Miscellaneous:** Exhibitors may NOT pin or tape anything to walls; loud or offensive exhibits, subject to NBBF's discretion, are not permitted; Blocking aisles, soliciting customers in the aisles or distributing materials in the aisles is prohibited. Exhibitors must also comply with all requirements of venue provider.

10. **NBBF Authority:** NBBF reserves the right, upon reasonable notice to the Exhibitor, to substitute alternate dates and/or facilities other than those originally planned for a particular event. Exhibitor, also hereby grants NBBF permission to use Exhibitors' name and/or logos for promotional purposes in connection with the Festival and/or other events produced by NBBF. This permission shall extend to photographs of the Exhibitor's Booths.

11. **Complete Agreement.** This agreement represents the entire agreement between the parties and supercedes all communications, understandings, or agreements, if any expressed or implied, whether written or verbal. NBBF has made and makes no representation of any kind except those specifically set forth herein. In the event of any dispute to the terms of this Contract, the parties agree to consult with a professional mediator agreed upon by all parties prior to seeking legal action. The prevailing party shall be entitled to recover costs and attorney fees. This contract shall be interpreted and construed pursuant to the laws of the State of Texas. Amendments to this agreement must be in writing and signed by both parties.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1) Can Small Businesses/Institutions at the National Black Book Festival (NBBF) share a table?

No. Small Business/Institution tables at the NBBF are for one Small Business/Institution ONLY.

2) Does the Small Business/Institution table fee include both days of the Festival?

Yes. Small Business/Institution tables are for both days from opening to closing of the Festival.

3) I have more than one product. Can I sell all of my products at the Festival?

Yes. Small Businesses/Institutions can sell all of their products at the NBBF. However, no alcoholic beverages can be served or sold.

4) I am traveling to Houston from another city. May I ship my products in advance?

NBBF does not have storage facilities for Small Businesses/Institutions to ship their products. However, if you are staying at an area hotel, you can contact the hotel about having your products shipped there in advance of the event.

5) Where are the closest hotels and is there a discount on airfare?

If you are traveling from outside the Houston area, the Sheraton North Houston will be the host hotel. We have discounted rates at the Sheraton as follows: King Bed - \$99, Double Bed - \$99. The discounted rates will be in effect until Oct. 6, 2025. The hotel offers complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport. NBBF will provide complimentary shuttle service to and from the Festival site. Discounted rooms are available online here: <https://bit.ly/4j2fy2W>.

2025 NBBF Small Business/Institution VENDOR AGREEMENT

Small Business/Institution Name _____
Phone _____
Address _____ E-Mail: _____
_____ Cell: _____
City _____ Website: _____
State _____ Zip _____ Fax: _____
Description of Product(s): _____

VENDOR OPTIONS

Registration Type	Deposit Amount	Deposit Deadline	Registration Amount	Final Payment Deadline
Standard Rate - \$400.00	\$200.00	05/31/2025	\$400.00	07/31/2025
Late Registration Rate - \$500.00 [After 05/31/25]	N/A	N/A	\$500.00	09/15/2025

ADDITIONAL SERVICES - Payment due by 10/01/2025

Type of Service	Unit Price	Quantity	Total
Seminar Presentation - 2 Hours (**50% Deposit must be paid to secure date/time slot)	\$250		\$
Extra Vendor Badge	\$15		\$
Welcome Reception (Thursday, October 23, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.) - NOT included with registration	\$40		\$
Get Acquainted Breakfast (Friday, October 24, 2025 @ 9:30 a.m.)* [Vendor receives two (2) tickets. Add'l tickets for guests should be ordered here.]	\$25		\$
Saturday Networking Breakfast (Saturday, October 25, 2025 @ 8:00 a.m.)* [Vendor receives two (2) tickets. Add'l tickets for guests should be ordered here.]	\$25		\$

Total Price: _____ Deposit Amount: _____

Payment Method: ☐ Check ☐ Money order ☐ Visa ☐ M/C ☐ AmEx ☐ Disc ☐ Paypal

Card Number: _____ Exp Date _____ 3-Digit Security Code _____

NOTE: Deposit will be charged to credit card on the date agreement is received.

Paypal payments: Send to e-mail address: grichardson@cushcity.com. Subject: NBBF Payment

Authorized Signature: _____

Checks payable to: National Black Book Festival (*Absolutely no personal checks accepted after Sept. 15, 2025*)

Mail checks to: National Black Book Festival, 14300 Cornerstone Village Dr., Suite 370, Houston, TX 77014

Fax agreement to: (281) 583-9534

All NBBF fees are NON-REFUNDABLE.