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**Nikki Giovanni, Rose Rock, Tananarive Due, and Douglas Blackmon Among Authors Presenting at Fourth Capital BookFest**

**Largo, Md. – August 1, 2008** – The fourth annual Capital BookFest, presented by *The Washington Post*, returns to the Blvd at the Cap Centre in Largo located at 931A Capital Centre Blvd. on Saturday, October 4, 2008. The festival celebrates the literary arts while promoting literacy in Prince George’s County and the National Capital Area, confirmed authors include Nikki Giovanni, Clyde Ford, Tananarive Due, Douglas Blackmon (*Slavery By Another Name*), Dr. Evelyn Bethune (Granddaughter of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune), Rose Rock (*Rock’s Rules*) Wendy Coakley Thompson, Omarosa and Warren Brown (*CakeLove*).

“This year we have expanded the number of authors we can accomodate. Thanks to our partnership with the Prince George’s County Commission for Women we have attracted higher profile authors,” said Festival Producer Kwame Alexander.

Capital BookFest is a *free* one-day event with more than 100 authors participating in readings, cooking demonstrations, writing and publishing workshops, poetry performances and children’s storytelling. Programs are scheduled throughout the event day beginning at 10 a.m. through 7 p.m. Capital BookFest takes place within Borders Books and the parking lot directly behind it. The festival attracts more than 5,000 attendees; themed tents are set up to accommodate participants outside. Self-published authors, literacy groups, and other businesses, will promote and sell book-related products and services throughout the event. Sponsors of Capital BookFest 2008 include: *The Washington Post*, WKYS 93.9, MAJIC 102.3, Chick-Fil-A Capital Centre, The CW Washington and Borders Books & Music.

For more information and to find out about author, exhibitor, or sponsor participation, call 703/ 371-4325 or visit [www.capitalbookfest.org](http://www.capitalbookfest.org).

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