

HISTORICALLY HIP Author Fair



Seeking Authors for the **3rd Annual Historically Hip Author Fair - apply by October 29.**

2025 Historically Hip Local Author Fair (HHLAF) FAQ

[Link to Application Form](#)

[Link to HHLAF Guidelines](#)

What is the Historically Hip Local Author Fair? The Historically Hip Local Author Fair (HHLAF), hosted by the Downtown Issaquah Association (DIA) in partnership with the Issaquah Library, is a one-day, juried event for local book authors to sell their physical books directly to the public. The Fair will be a free community event and open to all ages.

When and where will the fair be held?

Sunday, November 30, 2025

Setup: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Open hours: 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Takedown: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Location: Authors will be assigned a space in the La - Z - Boy Home Furnishings & Decor store located at 628 Front Street N, Issaquah.

Who can apply? We currently seek authors age 18+ who live in these communities: Issaquah, Sammamish, Bellevue, Renton, Snoqualmie, and North Bend. Authors who live in other communities in King County may apply and will be considered if space is available. If a book has multiple authors, the author at the event must live in one of the eligible communities. Youth Authors may be considered by emailing events@downtownissaquah.com

What if I'm an illustrator who wants to sell both my books and my artwork? You may apply to the Historically Hip Artisan Market to sell both books and art. Authors are welcome at the Artisan Market as well.

Will I be able to give a reading or author talk related to my book(s)? The venue may allow for short author presentations that are suitable for audiences of all ages and do not require A/V equipment. Indicate your interest in the application form, and we will provide future details for accepted authors. Please also reach out via email to execdirector@downtownissaquah.com expressing your interest.

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When do I need to apply by? The online application must be submitted by midnight October 25, 2025. Authors will be notified by November 1, 2025. Accepted authors must confirm their participation and pay the fee by the deadline specified in the acceptance email. Authors not selected in the initial round can opt into a waiting list to be contacted if space becomes available.

How much is the participation fee? \$35.00 for a space that fits one table up to 6-foot length.

Where will my space be stationed during the events? Each author will have an assigned table space inside one of the event venues. No power or secure Wi-Fi is available. All display materials must fit on the author's table. Freestanding or wall-hung banners or posters are not allowed.

How early should I set up and break down? The venue will open for set-up one hour prior and authors should be ready for sales 15 minutes prior to the event opening time. All authors must remain until the event closes. Automobile load in and load out is not permitted. Instructions will be sent before the event. Before leaving your space, you must clean up any trash. Please do not leave any unsold items.

Do I need a business license? Yes, all authors must have a current Washington State business license with the ability to operate in Issaquah, WA per Issaquah Municipal Code Chapter 5.02 Business Licenses 5.02.080. In particular, read section 5.02.080B1 to determine whether you also need a City of Issaquah business license.

What protocols are in place for the event? The health and safety of our vendors, staff, and guests is our highest priority. To ensure that we all have the best in-person experience we will follow all the latest local, state, and federal health guidelines. We will share further details as they relate to each event.

What if I need to cancel? Contact ExecDirector@downtownissaquah.com as soon as possible. Cancellations are non-refundable, and no refunds will be issued for inclement weather on the day of the event.

What else do I need to know? Read and make sure you understand the guidelines document, which includes a code of conduct for participating in the Historically Hip Local Author Fair.



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