Tom Wolfe to kick off book fair Nov. 11

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In other parts of the country, falling leaves mark the advent of autumn. Here in Miami, the true measure of the season is the release of the lineup for Miami Book Fair International.

The schedule is shaping up for this year’s fair, which runs Nov. 11-18 at Miami Dade College’s Wolfson Campus, with the street fair Nov. 16-18.

It opens at 6 p.m. Nov. 11 with “An Evening With Tom Wolfe,” who sets his new novel, Back to Blood, in Miami. At 8 p.m., there will be a screening of the documentary Tom Wolfe Gets Back to Blood.

Also scheduled for Nov. 11 is a 7 p.m. presentation by fashion designer Isabel Toledo and her illustrator-husband, Ruben.

Here’s the “Evenings With” schedule so far, with Nov. 14 still to be announced:

• Nov. 12: Kids’ writer Lemony Snicket at 4 p.m.; Pulitzer Prize-winner Junot Diaz at 6:30 p.m.; commentator Chris Hayes at 8 p.m.

• Nov. 13: novelist and poet Sandra Cisneros at 6:30 p.m.; Mirta Ojito in conversation with Plum TV CEO Nicholas Lehman, also at 6:30; Jeffrey Toobin at 8 p.m.

• Nov. 15: Historian Robert Caro at 6:30 p.m.; memoirist Adam Gopnik at 8 p.m.

• Nov. 16: Novelist Emma Donoghue at 6:30 p.m.; WW Norton publisher Robert Weil in conversation with political analyst Alan Ryan at 8 p.m.

Tickets to the “Evenings With…” programs are $10 and can be purchased at miamibookfair.com beginning Oct. 31 by Friends of the Fair and Nov. 7 by the general public.
Other authors scheduled to appear include Martin Amis, Peter Carey, Justin Cronin, Lauren Groff, Pam Houston, Anne Lamott, Jo Nesbo, Bill O'Reilly, R.L. Stine and Jess Walter. Check the website for a complete list.