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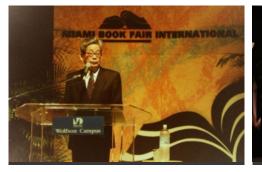
The first Miami Book Fair International took place in 1984, founded by Miami Dade College and other local partners. During the 31 years of its existence, the fair has grown from a local gathering called Books by the Bay to the largest literary festival in the country, taking over blocks of Miami's downtown. Along the way, the fair has hosted literary lions, celebrity authors, politicians and international sensations, including Hunter S. Thompson, George W. Bush and Patti Smith. The fair has also helped local and little-known writers onto the national stage. In previous years, authors have included recipients of the Nobel Prize, Pulitzer Prize, National Book Award and MacArthur Fellowship. Three decades in, what was once a two-day street fair has become an eight-day book party held in mid-November, with readings and discussions that allow readers access to some of their favorite authors.



1984: Ken Kesey speaking at the Miami International Book Fair.



1996: Neil Simon speaking at the Miami International Book Fair.



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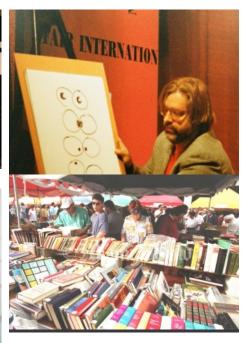
2005: Joan Didion speaking at the Miami International Book Fair.



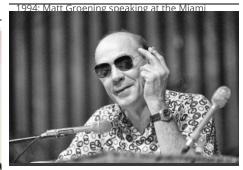
2008: Mario Batali and Anthony Bourdain



2012: Junot Diaz speaking at the Miami International Book Fair.



11/18/1995. Roberto Koltun/Miami Herald Staff: Miami Book Fair.



1988: Hunter S. Thompson speaking at the Miami International Book Fair.



2010: George W. Bush speaking at the Miami International Book Fair.



1994: Guillermo Cabrera Infante speaking at the Miami International Book Fair.



2003: Carl Hiassen and Dave Barry at the Miami International Book Fair.



1992: Carl Sagan and Anne Druyan speaking at the Miami International Book Fair.





1999: Elie Wiesel speaking at the Miami International Book Fair.



Jose Barrera 9yrs enjoys his ice cream while reading books at the Book Fair Sunday November 23, 1997.(Photo/jeffrey Boan)

2000: Armistead Maupin speaking at the Miami International Book Fair.



1996: Amy Tan speaking at the Miami International Book Fair.



11/18/1997, Raul Rubiera/Miami Herald Staff: Dr. Cornell West speaks at the Miami Book Fair International.



2006: Arianna Huffington speaking at the Miami International Book Fair.



11/16/1997, A.Enrique Valentin/Miami Herald Staff: Board of Directors of the Miami Book Fair International cut the ribbon to kick off this year's event during a celebration at the Wolfson Campus of Miami Dade Community College in downtown Miami.



1994: Camilo Jose Cela speaking at the Miami International Book Fair.



11/23/1997: People at the Book Fair in Downtown Miami.



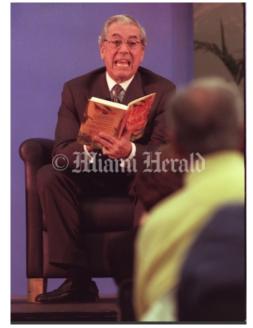
11/21/1998, Roberto Koltun/El Nuevo Herald Staff: Book Fair.



11/18/1995, Candance Barbot/Miami Herald Staff: Saturday afternoon, well-known novelist Anne Rice dons a mask during her book signing at the annual Miami Book Fair International held at MDC Wolfson Campus in Downtown Miami.



11/14/1999, C.W. Griffin/Miami Herald Staff:



11/16/2001, Pedro Portal/El Nuevo Herald Staff: Peruvian author Vargas Llosa reads to an audience at the annual Miami Book Fair Friday night.



11/19/1994, Roberto Koltun/El Nuevo Herald Staff: Annual Book Fair held at Miami Dade Community College.





1990: Mario Vargas Llosa speaking at the Miami International Book Fair.



9/30/2002: Gaston De Cardenas/El Nuevo Herald Staff: Albita Rodriguez performs at the Miami Book Fair party



11/20/1998, Shawn Thew/Miami Herald Staff: Andrew Carr, 3, takes a cat nap this afternoon as he is pulled by his mother along the Miami Book



11/08/2003: During the Miami Book Fair International, held at Miami Dade College, Wolfson Campus, Elizabeth Cox, from Miami Springs, finds herself at the Antiquarian Annex, while looking for some rare grammar books. Little Black Sambo, by Helen Bannerman, priced at \$200.00 published in the early 1930's was one of the books that caught her attention. According to Cox, "the spirit of the book is very, very old and interesting".



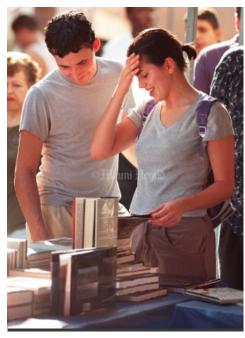
11/18/1995, Candance Barbot/Miami Herald Staff: Saturday afternoon, hundreds of people lined the streets surrounding Miami-Dade Community



11/8/2003, Pedro Portal/El Nuevo Herald Staff: From left- Mexican Carlos Monsivais, Peruvian Mario Vargas Llosa and Cuban Carlos Alberto Montaner. Three of the best Latin American writers spoke with hundreds of participants to the Miami International Book Fair 2003, celebrated at Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus in downtown Miami.



11/19/2010: Rock musician and author Patti Smith shares excerpts from her memoir, Just Kids, with the audience at the Miami International Book Fair at Miami-Dade College.



11/23/1997, Chuck Fadely/Miami Herald Staff: Jimmy Raggett, left, and Hope Montgomery look at some of the books in the Little, Brown & Company tent at the Miami Book Fair Saturday. They're from Miami Beach. Thousands of readers browsed the huge fair in downtown Miami.



5/28/1996, A. Enrique Valentin/Miami Herald Staff: Artist Wendell Minor, left, and Mitchell Kaplan, Chairperson of the Miami International Book Fair, unveil the poster for the 1996 Fair.



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