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The 20th Annual [Tampa Bay Times Festival of Reading](#) returns to USF St. Petersburg Oct. 20 with another strong slate of authors discussing and signing their books.

This is the eighth year in a row USFSP has hosted the free festival, one of the biggest public events of the year for our waterfront campus. It is free and runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Complimentary parking is available at the USFSP parking garage.

The festival includes book sales and signings and an outdoor food court. The [University Student Center](#) ballroom is a new venue for this year's festival. The USC's dining facility, The Reef, will be open as usual for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

The lineup of authors includes:

- [Eliot Schrefer](#), a former Clearwater resident and finalist for the 2012 National Book Award for young people's literature for his recent novel, *Endangered*.
- Best-selling author Dennis Lehane, whose new novel *Live By Night* is set in Prohibition-era Ybor City.
- *Time* magazine writer Michael Grunwald, author of *The New New Deal: The Hidden Story of Change in the Obama Era*, who [spoke at USF St. Petersburg during the Republican National Convention](#).
- Best-selling mystery author Michael Connelly, who will be part of a panel discussion on *Homegrown in Florida: An Anthology*, by William McKeen.
- Rhoda Janzen, author of the *New York Times* No. 1 bestselling memoir, *Mennonite in a Little Black Dress*, who has a new book about dealing with breast cancer, *Does This Church Make Me Look Fat?*
- Alafair Burke, professor of Law at [Hofstra Law School](#) and the author of a series of crime novels, including most recently *Never Tell*.
- Michael Koryta, a St. Petersburg resident and *New York Times* bestselling author of nine novels, including the recent *The Prophet*.



Browsing the offerings at the Tampa Bay Times Festival of Reading.