



2026 TFOB Know Before You Go

- **Festival Walk-Throughs -- Sunday, March 1, 2026 and Saturday, March 7, 2026**
 - 8 a.m. beginning in the Student Union Canyon > 2 to 2 ½ hours, including Area Breakouts
 - **NOTE: *Children Teen Orientation/Breakout* on Saturday, March 7th only** (College of Ed, Rm 453)
- **2026 TFOB Map** - Find Medical Tents, Info Booths, UA buildings, food vendors, restrooms & more!
 - Colored versions > [Whole Festival](#) | [Children's Area](#) ○ [Grayscale Version with QR codes](#)
- **The TFOB Website -- tucsonfestivalofbooks.org**
 HINT: To access the author grid while at the Festival, use the website vs. the app!
- **Tucson Festival of Books FREE mobile app > The best source for the latest info**
 - For Android ([Google Play store](#)) / For iPhone ([iTunes Store](#))
 - Training provided at walk-throughs.
- **The Festival Guide** - Can be purchased with the Arizona Daily Star on **Sunday, March 8, 2026**.
- **Friends of the Festival -- JOIN** at tucsonfestivalofbooks.org/friend or stop by the Friends Tent.
- **Free advanced Fast Passes** > Available in four venues. Check [TFOB FAQs](#) for details and opening dates.
- **Volunteer Headquarters / Check-In**
 - Student Union North Side Patio – [2026 Volunteer Check In](#)
 - *Walk-In Volunteers are welcome!*
- **Dealing with Difficult Situations/Emergencies - Always good info to know!**
 - [UAPD Active Shooter Information](#) > **RUN, HIDE, FIGHT**
 - [The 1st Amendment](#) - TFOB supports free speech including petitions, sign/placards, speech, etc.
 - > **Actions not allowed:** (1) blocking/impeding/disrupting movement (2) approaching those in line for TFOB activities (3) amplifying sound (4) endangering public health/safety/welfare
 - [UA Arizona's Free UAlert emergency text messaging](#) or install the [SafeCats app](#) on your phone.
 - **If you see something, say something.** Report **unattended items/suspicious persons** or **1st Amendment violations** to a volunteer wearing a red polo or yellow caution vest, or a Medical Tent.
 - **Report lost people/valuables** to a Medical Tent, Info Booth, or volunteer with a radio or yellow caution vest
- **Key Contact Information - please have these contact numbers handy!**
 - **GENERAL QUESTIONS** >> Your Liaison/s phone number/s (for ?s about your volunteer job)
 - **OPERATIONAL ISSUES** >> find a volunteer wearing a red polo or yellow caution vest
 - **EMERGENCIES (life-threatening)** >> 911 or UA EMT 520-626-1664
- **Tucson Festival of Books - Accessibility Support** > Please contact us in advance if you need support!
 For complete details refer to the [Tucson Festival of Books - Disability Access Information](#) web page. Please note:
 - **ASL Interpreters must be reserved at least one week in advance. No onsite requests can be accepted.**
 - **Onsite rental/storage of Mobile devices (wheelchairs, scooters, etc) is not available.**
 - **Shuttles are available.** Refer to the [2026 TFOB Map](#) for shuttle stop locations.
 - **Suggested drop-off locations:** (1) East side of UA Mall on Cherry (2) Circle North of Student Union on Mountain (3) University Blvd, west of Old Main (4) Highland Avenue South of Koffler and Weaver Science-Engineering Library.
- **Sky-High Balloon Color Coding -**

Arizona Daily Star BLUE	Children's Area YELLOW	Integrated Learning Center (ILC) RED
Science City GREEN	Culinary WHITE	
- **Info Booth Designation** > **Bright Royal Blue Flags with an logo and the words "INFO BOOTH"**
- **NEW & IMPORTANT >>>> CLEAR BAG POLICY!**
 - **All volunteers should understand and be able to communicate the [University of Arizona's Clear Bag Policy](#).**
 - As with all University large-scale events, food & water may be carried on-person or in an approved clear bag.