



Historic Blakeley State Park's Annual

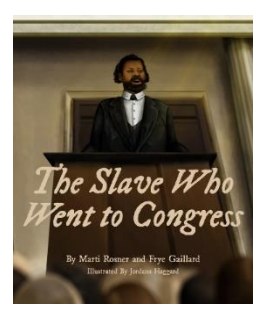
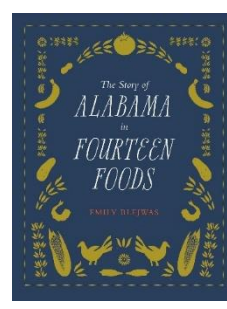
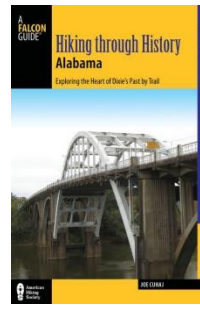
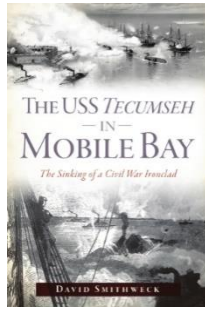
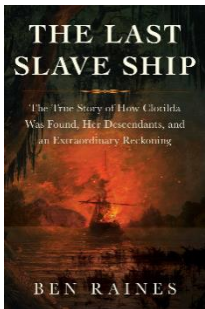
# Alabama Authors Day



Sunday, Feb. 20, 2022, 12:00-4:00 PM

*Delta Hall, Five Rivers Delta Resource Center*

On February 20<sup>th</sup> Historic Blakeley State Park invites all those interested in the literary arts to join us at Five Rivers Delta Resource Center for our annual Alabama Authors Day. This special celebration showcases the work of accomplished writers throughout the state, with an emphasis on Gulf Coast authors and those who explore topics associated with regional history and natural heritage.



This year's lineup includes journalist Ben Raines to discuss his acclaimed new book on the finding of the slave ship *Clotilda*, Alabama Folklife Association director Emily Blejwas presenting about her unique book on Alabama culture as revealed through its food traditions; travel writer Joe Cuhaj discussing his guides to discovering Alabama's natural and cultural heritage; historian David Smithweck with his new book on the USS *Tecumseh* which was sunk by an underwater mine during the Battle of Mobile Bay; librarian and author Paula Webb to present her new book about legendary Mobile socialite Octavia LeVert; and writer in residence at the University of South Alabama Frye Gaillard and his co-author, educator Marti S. Rosner, to talk about their book on the remarkable life of the first African American from Alabama to serve in Congress.

*Author presentations and book signings begin at 12:00 PM in Delta Hall at Five Rivers Delta Resource Center, 30945 Five Rivers Blvd., Spanish Fort*

*Admission to lectures and book signings is FREE*



During the day, Blakeley's *Delta Explorer* will venture into the wild and scenic lower Delta for two, one and a half hour, cruises showcasing this amazing natural habitat.

Cruise times: 12:45 and 2:45 PM; \$25 for adults/\$15 for kids ages 6-12.

For more information or cruise tickets visit [www.blakeleypark.com/Events](http://www.blakeleypark.com/Events) for reservations.