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County Celebrates Book Festival's First Decade Receptions, Readings and Programs Take Place Nov. 4

Visual artists and writers whose work is influenced or inspired by Southern Nevada will come together in the name of creative discourse to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Vegas Valley Book Festival. An exhibit, "10 x 10: A Creative Exchange Between Visual Artists and Writers," will open Monday, Oct. 24 at the Clark County Government Center Rotunda Gallery, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway. The exhibit will continue through Friday, Dec. 2. An exhibit reception is set for 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4 with prose readings from 6:15 to 7 p.m., performances from 7 to 7:30 p.m. and poetry readings 7:30 to 8 p.m.

Artists participating in the exhibit include Noelle Garcia and Nila Northsun, David Sanchez Burr and Danielle Kelly, Jesse Smigel and Alissa Nutting, Jason Adkins and Becky Bosshart, Catherine Borg and T.R. Witcher, Shannon Eakins and Erica Anzalone, Andreana Donahue and Kathryn Kruse, Shan Michael Evans and Jeffrey Bennington Grindley, Troy Gillett and Dayvid Figler, Brent Sommerhauser and Maile Chapman, Sam Davis and Bliss Esposito, and Erin Stellmon and Jarret Keene.

The book festival also will include "The Nevada Humanities Salon: An Evening with Poet Martín Espada" with a reception at 7:30 p.m. and the free program at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4 at Winchester Cultural Center, 3130 S. McLeod Drive, just north of Desert Inn Road.

Espada has been called the Latino poet of his generation and has been widely recognized with numerous awards and fellowships. His poems have appeared in The New Yorker, Harper's Magazine, The New York Times Book Review and The Best American Poetry. Espada will be available to sign his recent collections of poems, "The Trouble Ball, Alabanza: New and Selected Poems" and "The Republic of Poetry," which will be available for sale after the program. The reception will feature refreshments and a musical performance from the Nevada School of the Arts. The receptions and programs are free and open to the public.

Video footage of poetry, fiction and non-fiction prose readings by participating authors will be presented on the Clark County Parks and Recreation website for smartphone access in the space for the duration of the exhibit. The information and video links to readings on YouTube can be accessed at www.ClarkCountyNV.gov/bookfestival.

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Those interested in Clark County events surrounding the Vegas Valley Book Festival can call Patrick Gaffey at (702) 455-7340 or visit the website at www.ClarkCountyNV.gov/bookfestival. Additional Clark County Parks and Recreation events and information also can be found on the Parks and Recreation website at www.ClarkCountyNV.gov/parks or on [social networking sites](#) such as Twitter and Facebook by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/4dfw8ea>.

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