

Alabama Writers Symposium

Since 1998, Monroeville and Coastal Alabama Community College have been home to the annual Alabama Writers Symposium. The Symposium brings together many of Alabama's most distinguished writers and scholars for two days of readings, lectures, and discussions in the Literary Capital of Alabama. The event is a celebration of the Alabama literary arts for writers and their works to be enjoyed by writers, readers, critics, scholars, and everyone who appreciates the written word. Each year, a theme is selected to allow writers, scholars, and panelists to explore common threads found in their writing, such as "The Elephant in the Room" and "Literary Quilting." One of the highlights of the Symposium is the presentation of the Harper Lee Award for Alabama's Distinguished Writer, and the past winners list includes esteemed Alabama authors such as Rick Bragg, Mark Childress, Fannie Flagg, and Winston Groom.