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Junior League of Washington to Surpass 37,000 Volunteer Hours in 14 Years of Partnership with Library of Congress's National Book Festival

JLW Volunteers Serve as Festival's Primary Source for Volunteers, Promote Literacy in the DC Community

WASHINGTON, DC — For the 14th consecutive year, the Junior League of Washington (JLW) will provide necessary volunteer support for the Library of Congress's National Book Festival (NBF), taking place Saturday, September 24, at the Washington Convention Center. This year, more than 400 JLW volunteers will donate their time to the event, participating in tasks including staffing book-signing lines, assisting with book sales, and aiding librarians from across the country.

"The Junior League of Washington is incredibly proud of its longstanding relationship with the Library of Congress's National Book Festival," said JLW President Elizabeth Keys. "At its core, the National Book Festival is an event that celebrates the positive impact of books and reading, a focus that the Junior League of Washington shares."

Across 14 years, more than 5,700 JLW volunteers have provided more than 37,000 volunteer hours to the NBF - totaling over \$1 million in in-kind support.

This year, for the first time, the volunteer shirts worn by JLW volunteers at NBF will have the JLW logo on them, highlighting the important role JLW plays at the festival. For the second year in a row, the JLW logo will also appear on the official festival poster.

"Supporting the National Book Festival allows our organization to highlight the importance of voluntarism as well as promote literacy in our community," Keys said. "We value the partnership that we have built with the Library of Congress and look forward to once again helping make this year's festival a success."

You can learn more about this year's National Book Festival <u>here</u>.

ABOUT THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF WASHINGTON

The Junior League of Washington (www.jlw.org) is a nonprofit organization of more than 2,300 women who annually donate thousands of dollars and volunteer hours to the Washington, DC, metropolitan area. JLW is committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. JLW focuses its financial and volunteer resources on the issues of literacy – adult, child, and cultural – and works with a diverse group of community partners. Since 1912, JLW has donated more than five million hours of direct volunteer service and more than \$5.8 million to the Washington, DC, community.

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