AWP's Fourth Tweet Chat: AWP Bookfair June 3 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET



The <u>#AWP15</u> bookfair was a success! We'll share photos of it and other past bookfairs today from 3-4 p.m. ET. <u>#AWPBF</u>





In half an hour, join us here on Twitter for our tweet chat about the **#AWP16** bookfair! **#AWPBF**



#AWPBF
All about the annual
AWP bookfair

June 3, 2015 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET



Welcome to AWP's fourth tweet chat! Today we'll be discussing the #AWP16 bookfair. #AWPBF



AWP @awpwriter 1h1 hour ago

With us today is Cynthia Sherman (<u>@cshermanva</u>), Associate Director of Conferences and manager of the bookfair. #AWPBF





AWP @awpwriter 1h1 hour ago

To ask a question at any time during the chat, please use the hashtag #AWPBF.



Cheat River Review @CheatRiver 1h1 hour ago

Hi, #AWPBF tweet chatters! We're excited to be at LA for #AWP16 for our journal's 3rd #AWP. What's new at the bookfair this year?



Cynthia Sherman @cshermanva 1h1 hour ago

<u>@CheatRiver</u> Hey Cheat River Review! There will be lounges throughout the BF to encourage people to stay a little longer <u>#AWPBF</u>



Cynthia Sherman @cshermanva 1h1 hour ago

@CheatRiver And, maybe a program for screenwriters on the AWP Stage! #AWPBF



Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi 1h1 hour ago

<u>@CheatRiver</u> We received the most event proposals in our history, which is one indication <u>#AWP16</u> bookfair crowds should be robust <u>#AWPBF</u>



AWP @awpwriter 1h1 hour ago

Question: other than price, what's the difference between a booth and a table? **#AWPBF**



Cynthia Sherman @cshermanva 1h1 hour ago

<u>@awpwriter</u> Booths include a logo and expanded listing online. See an example https://www.awpwriter.org/awp_conference/bookfair_exhibitors_list... just hover over a booth #AWP15



Sarah Xerta @sarahxerta 1h1 hour ago

Hi <u>@awpwriter</u>, <u>@cshermanva</u> - I'm curious what steps <u>#AWP16</u> is taking to address the amount of racism labeled as provocative Art? <u>#AWPBF</u>



Sarah Xerta @sarahxerta 1h1 hour ago

<u>@awpwriter</u> <u>@cshermanva</u> does the Book Fair have any policies in place re: works that perpetuate this violence etc #AWPBF #AWP16



Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi 1h1 hour ago

<u>@sarahxerta</u> Please see the attendee terms & conditions, paragraph 3, last two sentences. https://www.awpwriter.org/store/attendee terms conditions ... @awpwriter @cshermanya



Cynthia Sherman @cshermanva 59m59 minutes ago

Hi <u>@sarahxerta</u> The goal is to make the BF welcoming and respectful of everyone. <u>@awpwriter</u> #AWPBF #AWP16



Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi 52m52 minutes ago

<u>@sarahxerta</u> <u>@cshermanva</u> The <u>#AWP16</u> bookfair is a reflection of all of America's literatures. We expect over 800 exhibitors in LA. #AWPBF



AWP @awpwriter 58m58 minutes ago

Question: Will exhibitors be able to choose their own exhibit space locations again this year? #AWPBF



Cynthia Sherman @cshermanva 55m55 minutes ago

<u>@awpwriter</u> Yes! The process is explained in greater detail at https://www.awpwriter.org/awp_conference/bookfair_overview...#AWPBF#AWP16

Donald Garrett @DonaldGarrett 55m55 minutes ago

.<u>@awpwriter</u> what is the most interesting thing you've seen exhibited/handed out? <u>#AWPBF</u> #AWP16



AWP @awpwriter 52m52 minutes ago

.<u>@DonaldGarrett</u> In <u>#AWP07</u> (Atlanta) 2 exhibitors gave out flyswatters with their journal names on them (don't remember any flies) <u>#AWPBF</u>



Cynthia Sherman @cshermanva 1h1 hour ago

@DonaldGarrett @awpwriter Some like to play air hockey





.@DonaldGarrett The literary fortune cookies are always a good time as well #AWPBF



<u>@awpwriter</u> <u>@DonaldGarrett</u> I'm sorry that I missed the fortune cookies!



<u>@CristinaEstell1</u> <u>@DonaldGarrett</u> There seem to be some every year from various exhibitors! <u>#AWPBF</u>





Cynthia Sherman @cshermanva 44m44 minutes ago

@DonaldGarrett @awpwriter Some dress like wildlife #AWPBF #AWP16



Jason Gray @jasonmgray 36m36 minutes ago

<u>@awpwriter</u> <u>@DonaldGarrett</u> I recall <u>@onestorymag</u> having a rubber duck pond prize giveaway one year, which was very cool. <u>#AWPBF</u>



Cynthia Sherman @cshermanva 41m41 minutes ago

@DonaldGarrett @awpwriter Some gather other writer's thoughts #AWPBF #AWP16



Cristina @CristinaEstell1 42m42 minutes ago

<u>@awpwriter</u> what tips would you share with exhibitors to make sure that their booths get lots of visitors? #AWPBF #AWP16



Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi 39m39 minutes ago

<u>@CristinaEstell1</u> <u>@awpwriter</u> It's never too early to start reaching out to potential #AWP16 attendees through social media. #AWPBF



<u>@CristinaEstell1</u> <u>@awpwriter</u> Attendees love unique giveaways & serendipitous meetings. Use social media before, during, after! <u>#AWPBF</u> <u>#AWP16</u>



AWP @awpwriter 35m35 minutes ago

.@CristinaEstell1 Don't be afraid to get creative! #AWPBF







Cynthia Sherman @cshermanva 32m32 minutes ago

<u>@CristinaEstell1</u> <u>@awpwriter</u> Placement is a key factor in traffic. Purchase early for best location. <u>#AWPBF</u> <u>#AWP16</u>



AWP @awpwriter 28m28 minutes ago

.@CristinaEstell1 And never underestimate a good eye-catching visual aid #AWPBF









<u>@CristinaEstell1</u> <u>@awpwriter</u> At BEA soft carpet underfoot keeps people lingering.



@katharine_weber @awpwriter Good point!



<u>@CristinaEstell1</u> <u>@awpwriter</u> Give-aways. Booze. Candy. Catchy buttons or pens. Every year there is an "IT" button. Be the booth that has it.



<u>@TopangaHippie</u> <u>@awpwriter</u> Excellent ideas! I wonder if a liquor license is needed for the booze.



<u>@CristinaEstell1</u> <u>@awpwriter</u> I am not sure (since you are not "selling" it) Twice I have been next to BUSY booths offering shots of booze



.<u>@CristinaEstell1</u> .<u>@TopangaHippie</u> Alcohol regulations depend on the city & the convention center. The LACC has vendor guidelines <u>#AWPBF</u>



Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi 30m30 minutes ago

Hi <u>@TopangaHippie</u>. I don't know of a convention center where it is legal for an exhibitor to do it themselves. <u>@CristinaEstell1</u> <u>@awpwriter</u>



Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi 22m22 minutes ago

<u>@TopangaHippie</u> Many convention centers would ask for their exhibit space to be shut down. It's too much of a liability. <u>@awpwriter</u>



TheStoneslide @TheStoneslide 34m34 minutes ago

<u>@cshermanva</u> <u>@awpwriter</u> We don't have questions right now, but we want to thank you for doing this. It's already been helpful. #AWPBF #AWP16



Cynthia Sherman @cshermanva 28m28 minutes ago

<u>@TheStoneslide</u> <u>@awpwriter</u> We are happy you dropped in and welcome tweets anytime! #AWPBF #AWP16



AWP @awpwriter 30m30 minutes ago

Question: Cynthia, what can you tell us about hosting Bookfair Stage events? #AWPBF



Cynthia Sherman @cshermanva 23m23 minutes ago

<u>@awpwriter</u> Great venues for book/magazine launch readings/performance/slam events/celebrations/tributes

https://www.awpwriter.org/awp_conference/bookfair_stage ... #AWPBF



Thanks for tweeting with us today about the <u>#AWPBF</u>! Send any follow-up questions to bookfair@awpwriter.org



We hope you've enjoyed today's **#AWPBF** tweet chat. Join us for our next chat about the Writer to Writer **#AWPMentorship** program on July 7!