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NEW BERN LITERARY FESTIVAL  
AND BOOK FAIR  
Free – July 11  
Tryon Palace Visitor Center Auditorium

(NEW BERN, NC) ---African-American authors and poets are returning to Tryon Palace for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual New Bern Literary Read-In and Book Festival on Saturday, July 11 from 12 noon until 5 pm.

Come learn about the historical legacy of African American writers in North Carolina. Meet historians and present day authors, hear their stories and purchase their works in this recitation, reception and book fair. Guest speakers include Dr. Reginald Watson. Other authors include: Lemuel Abdullah (poetry), Michelle Larks (Christian fiction), Suzette Perkins (contemporary fiction), Jarold Imes (youth fiction), Marina the Poet, and Nichole Rouse (Christian fiction).

This event is co-sponsored by Shelia Peele-Miller, author.

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Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens, located in New Bern, N.C., is part of the Division of State Historic Sites, Office of Archives and History, an agency of the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources. The Department of Cultural Resources is a state agency dedicated to the promotion and protection of North Carolina's arts, history, and culture. For more information, visit [www.ncculture.com](http://www.ncculture.com).

Buildings currently open to the public include the reconstructed Tryon Palace, the John Wright Stanly House, the George W. Dixon House, and the Robert Hay House. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. The New Bern Academy Museum is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Tickets and tour information are available at the Visitor Center located at the corner of George and Pollock streets. The Visitor Center and the first floor of Tryon Palace are accessible to visitors with disabilities. The exciting new North Carolina History Education Center is under construction and is scheduled to open in July 2010.

For directions and further information about special events, programs or group tours, phone (800) 767-1560 or (252) 514-4900 or visit our web site: [www.tryonpalace.org](http://www.tryonpalace.org).