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IN CELEBRATION OF THE WRITTEN WORD (Friday through Sunday) This is a perfect weekend for those who love a good story. The Brooklyn Book Festival on Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., will feature indoor and outdoor readings, discussions and other events for adults and children at various locations, including Borough Hall and its plaza, at 209 Joralemon Street, Downtown Brooklyn. (Above, visitors at a previous event.)

Writers appearing at the festival, presented by the Brooklyn borough president's office with support from AT&T, include Edwidge Danticat, Meg Wolitzer, David Levithan, and Tom Wolfe. But no need to wait till Sunday. Pre- and postfestival events continue with readings by Caribbean and Caribbean-American writers on Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Delroy's Cafe, 14 Duryea Place, Flatbush; a literary salon with Wil Haygood ("The Butler: A Witness to History," about the White House butler Eugene Allen) on Saturday at 3 p.m. at Skylight Gallery, 1368 Fulton Street, between New York

and Brooklyn Avenues; and a literary "tailgate," combining sports with literature, on Sunday from 7 to 10 p.m. at Brooklyn Brewery, 79 North 11th Street, Williamsburg. More details: brooklynbookfestival.org.

Staten Island is also bookish this weekend. A two-month tribute to Edgar Allan Poe, below, sponsored by

Staten Island OUTloud, begins with two free events: a reading with music on Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Richmondtown Library, 200 Clarke Avenue, and a séance to



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contact the writer and his cohort — also with music and readings — on Sunday at 2 p.m. at the ETG Book Cafe, 208 Bay Street, Stapleton. A schedule is at statenilandoutloud.org. Now you can read your books and play, too. (Anne Mancuso)

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