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Moray book festival attracts TV's Kirsty Wark and 'Vera' author Ann Cleeves to Elgin

TV inquisitor and new author Kirsty Wark heads a spectacular line-up of appearances at Moray's premier literary event, the Spirit of Moray Book Festival.

The programme of events starts on September 15th, and is packed with talks, readings and workshops for all ages.

The official launch event welcomes Ann Cleeves, the successful crime writing author and creator of TV's *Vera* and *Shetland* series. Ann will introduce her new novel *The Moth Catcher* as part of the launch tour, as well as talking about her writing career and the ITV and BBC adaptations of her work.

The programme for young people offers an exciting range of authors who will entertain, educate and enthral and who will instil the importance of books and reading for pleasure and learning. A full primary schools programme runs alongside the main festival events from Wednesday to Friday

As part of the festival - and in this year of Scotland's food and drink - Sue Lawrence will share her passion for Scottish cooking and baking, as well as Olive Geddes looking at Scotland's relationship with food and drink throughout history.

There is an extended programme of fascinating talks for afternoon audiences and the new Cobb's café at Elgin Library will be open to provide refreshments throughout the festival. The booking office opens on Monday 17th for the week-long festival of reading and literature.

Head of Libraries for Moray Council, Sheila Campbell, said that enquiries are already being received from near and far.

"We've had people on the phone trying to book places already, so we expect to be busy taking bookings when we start on the 17th," she said.

"I'm delighted with the quality of programme we've been able to present this year. It celebrates the power and importance of reading in what promises to be our best programme yet. It's an opportunity to talk about and share books, favourite authors and titles, and I'm sure everyone will love it."

Individual sessions are £5 and concessions £4, or purchase a £35 festival ticket that allows access to any adult event at The Spirit of Moray Book Festival 2015. To book visit Elgin Library or call during library hours on 01343 562623. Alternatively, book online @ <https://secure.moray.gov.uk/eshop/home.php>

Moray Council area stretches from Tomintoul in the south to the shores of the Moray Firth, from Keith in the east to Forres in the west. The council and its 4,500 employees respond to the needs of 92,500 residents in this beautiful part of Scotland, which nestles between Aberdeenshire and the Highlands.

Famous for its colony of dolphins, fabulous beaches and more malt whisky distilleries than any where else in Scotland, Moray is a thriving area and a great place to live.

Headquartered in Elgin, the administrative capital of Moray.

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