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The St. Petersburg Times Festival of Reading on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at USF St. Petersburg is a celebration of literacy featuring nationally renowned authors, book signings, children's storyland, a variety of entertainment and a food court.

Over 50 authors are confirmed for the event including: best-selling author Dennis Lehane; writer/performer and regular NPR commentator Sandra Tsing Loh; actor/author Robert Vaughn; and classic cookbook author Marcella Hazan. Ridley Pearson, mystery writer and co-author with Dave Barry of popular children’s series The Star-Catchers Trilogy, and Susan Orlean, staff writer for the New Yorker whose new book Little Lazy Loafers is for children, will also speak.

Three USFSP faculty members will discuss their recent books at the festival: Deanna Michael, Gary Mormino and Michael Sampson.

For the complete list of authors and other activities, please visit the festival Web site: www.festivalofreading.com.

Volunteers are needed to assist organizers in a variety of ways. Applications can be obtained at the Snell House, downloaded from the festival Web site or by contacting Barry McDowell, USFSP Volunteer Services, at (727) 873-4990 or mcdowell@spadmin.usf.edu.

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