

# As hurricane recovery progresses slowly

in New Orleans and southeastern Louisiana, the arts and literary communities in these areas face particular challenges: beyond personal and property losses and the scattering of vital members of the community across the country, there have now been unprecedented cuts to public arts programs, and an economy struggling to regain its footing continues to jeopardize private support.

In an effort to respond to these challenges, the New Orleans bookselling community, as members of the New Orleans Gulf South Booksellers Association, have provided a bibliography of key books across a variety of genres, and encourage booksellers throughout the country to create in-store displays leading up to this year's celebration of Mardi Gras on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Booksellers and consumers may choose to send donations to the following organization:

- **K.A.R.E.S. – Katrina Arts Relief and Emergency Support, administered through The New Orleans Literary Institute ([www.neworleansliteraryinstitute.com](http://www.neworleansliteraryinstitute.com))**

The Booksellers Relief Fund, administered by the American Booksellers Association, will also make a contribution to K.A.R.E.S.



## RECOMMENDED TITLES LIST

### FICTION:

- A CONFEDERACY OF DUNCES, John Kennedy Toole, Grove Press, trade paper, 0802130208
- FRENCH QUARTER FICTION: The Newest Stories of America's Oldest Bohemia, Joshua Clark, ed., Light of New Orleans Publishing, trade paper, 0971407673
- THE MOVIEGOER, Walker Percy, Vintage, trade paper, 0375701966
- THE CLEARING, Tim Gautreaux, Vintage, trade paper, 1400030536
- OYSTER, John Biguenet, Ecco Press, trade paper, 0060514477

### NONFICTION, HISTORY:

- WHY NEW ORLEANS MATTERS, Tom Piazza, HarperCollins (ReganBooks), hardcover, 0061124834
- NEW ORLEANS MON AMOUR: Twenty Years of Writings from the City, Andrei Codrescu, Algonquin Books, trade paper, 1565125053
- RISING TIDE: The Great Mississippi Flood of 1927 and How It Changed America, John M. Barry, Simon & Schuster, trade paper, 0684840022
- BAYOU FAREWELL: The Rich Life and Tragic Death of Louisiana's Cajun Coast, Mike Tidwell, Vintage, trade paper, 0375725172
- AN UNNATURAL METROPOLIS: Wrestling New Orleans from Nature, Craig E. Colten, Louisiana State University Press, hardcover, 0807129771

### PICTORIAL, OTHER:

- TIME & PLACE IN NEW ORLEANS: Past Geographies in the Present Day, Richard Campanella, Pelican Publishing, hardcover, 1565549910
- OBITUARY COCKTAIL: The Great Saloons of New Orleans, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Expanded, Kerri McCaffety, Vissi D'arte Books, hardcover, 0970933606
- AMERICA'S WETLAND: Louisiana's Vanishing Coast, Mike Dunne, Bevil Knapp, Louisiana State University Press, hardcover, 0807131156
- GARDENS OF NEW ORLEANS: Exquisite Excess, Lake Douglas, Jeannette Hardy, Chronicle Books, hardcover, 0811824217
- FOOD OF NEW ORLEANS: Authentic Recipes from The Big Easy, John DeMers, Tuttle (Periplus Editions), hardcover, 9625932275
- MARDI GRAS TREASURES: Invitations of the Golden Age, Henri Schindler, Pelican Publishing, hardcover, 1565547225

### FOR CHILDREN:

- EPOSSUMONDAS, Coleen Salley, Janet Stevens, (Illus.), Harcourt, hardcover, 015216748X
- WHY EPOSSUMONDAS HAS NO HAIR ON HIS TAIL, Coleen Salley, Janet Stevens, (Illus.), Harcourt, hardcover, 0152049355