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Dr. Jill Biden, First Lady of the United States

MODERN LUXURY SPOTLIGHT about town

National Celebration of Reading 2023

**John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
October 11, 2023**

The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy hosted their 2023 National Celebration of Reading event at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts on October 11, 2023. Featured authors, speakers, and performers included First Lady Jill Biden; nationally acclaimed authors Cheryl Strayed, Steven Rowley, Rebecca Yarros, Helena Andrews-Dyer, and Jeff Nussbaum; Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Jonathan Capehart; literacy advocate and TikTok sensation Oliver James; award-winning Broadway entertainer Franc D'Ambrosio; National Celebration of Reading Chair Kristi Rogers; The Honorable Mike J. Rogers (MI); Doro Bush Koch, Barbara Bush Foundation Honorary Chair; Lori Wachs, Barbara Bush Foundation Board Chair; and Andrew Roberts, Barbara Bush Foundation Interim President and CEO. The National Celebration of Reading works to increase awareness of our country's adult literacy crisis, raise support for the Foundation's nationwide programming, and celebrate the life-changing power of literacy.

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Clockwise starting back left: Helena Andrews-Dyer, Steven Rowley, Doro Bush Koch, Cheryl Strayed, Andrew Roberts, Jeff Nussbaum, The Honorable Mike J. Rogers (MI), Kristi Rogers, Franc D'Ambrosio, Ryan Shirar, Rebecca Yarros, Lori Wachs, Jonathan Capehart



Cheryl Strayed



The Honorable Mike J. Rogers (MI), Kristi Rogers, Her Royal Highness Princess Reema Bandar Al Saud, Saudi Arabia's Ambassador to the United States, Doro Bush Koch, Andrew Roberts



Oliver James & Franc D'Ambrosio