

Major crime-genre book event coming to region

One of the largest book-related gatherings in the country, Left Coast Crime, is coming to Reno in two months.

South Lake Tahoe author Todd Borg will be the toastmaster for this event.

“This is an event that I can personally certify as a big deal,” Borg told *Lake Tahoe News*. “Having attended in the past, I can attest to how interesting, informative, and fun these LCC gigs are. There will be dozens of panels on every subject involving crime fiction. There are talks, and interviews, and a banquet dinner, and a performance by the ghost of Mark Twain, who, as many locals know, is channeled by famous local Twain impressionist McAvoy Layne.”

Anyone who is interested in books and writing is invited and welcome to attend the March 22-25 event.

More than 500 mystery fans, both readers and authors, have already registered to attend. Attendees come from all over the country, and some from outside the country. This convention at the Nugget Hotel in Sparks will be one of the biggest literary events ever to come to the Tahoe-Reno area.

The guests of honor include authors Naomi Hirahara and William Kent Krueger. They will be talking and participating in panels.

Readers will have a chance to meet and talk with authors. And for authors, this is a chance to meet readers and colleagues.

“If you are an aspiring writer, this is an experience that is beyond valuable. You will come away with career-shaping information just by listening to the panels and hearing what

200 authors have learned about the world of writing," Borg said.

Cost is \$220 for all four days. For more info, go **online**.