

# Harcourt Children's Books Author & Illustrator Appearance Guide



Everything you  
need to know to  
request an author  
or illustrator  
appearance.

**Arkansas**

Darcy Pattison

**California**

Alma Flor Ada  
 Caroline Arnold  
 Karen Beaumont  
 Eve Bunting  
 F. Isabel Campoy  
 Joe Cepeda  
 John Clapp  
 Joan Cottle  
 Robin Cruise  
 Jean Ferris  
 Marla Frazee  
 Elissa Haden Guest  
 Bruce Hale  
 Nancy Hayashi  
 Kathryn Hewitt  
 Anna Grossnickle Hines  
 Alison Inches  
 Kathleen Krull  
 Deborah Nourse Lattimore  
 Sonia Levitin  
 Jonathan London  
 Susan Meyers  
 Marisa Montes  
 Yuyi Morales  
 Marissa Moss  
 Kadir Nelson  
 Ann Whitford Paul  
 Mary E. Pearson  
 LeUyen Pham  
 Polly Powell  
 Kathryn Reiss  
 Barney Saltzberg  
 Robert D. San Souci  
 Greg Shed  
 Andrea Simmons  
 Gary Soto  
 Theodore Taylor  
 Vivian Walsh  
 Ashley Wolff  
 Andrea Zimmerman

**Colorado**

Chris Butler  
 Janet Stevens  
 Linda Ashman

**Connecticut**

Steven Kellogg  
 Wendell Minor

**Florida**

Edward Bloor  
 Debra Frasier  
 Frank Remkiewicz

**Idaho**

Kristiana Gregory

**Illinois**

Robert Burleigh  
 Carolyn Lesser

**Indiana**

Elaine Marie Alphin

**Kansas**

Stephen T. Johnson

**Louisiana**

Coleen Salley  
 Leslie Staub

**Maine**

Wade S. Zahares

**Maryland**

Jerdine Nolen  
 James Proimos  
 Deborah Wiles

**Massachusetts**

Jane Dyer  
 Barbara Diamond Goldin  
 Dan Harper  
 Kathryn Lasky  
 Carolyn Lesser  
 Barry Moser  
 Alice Schertle  
 Jane Yolen

**Michigan**

Janie Bynum  
 Lisa Wheeler

**Minnesota**

Michelle Edwards  
 Lou Fancher  
 Debra Frasier  
 Steve Johnson  
 Alison McGhee  
 Lisa Westberg Peters  
 Lauren Stringer

**Missouri**

Sandy Asher

**Montana**

Peggy Christian  
 Jeanette Ingold

**New Hampshire**

Odds Bodkin  
 True Kelley  
 Mary Lyn Ray

**New Jersey**

E. B. Lewis  
 Carol Plum-Ucci  
 Elise Primavera

**New Mexico**

George Ancona  
 Brian Burks  
 Jone Hallmark  
 Carolyn Meyer

**New York**

David Adler  
 Joseph Bruchac  
 Khephra Burns  
 Bruce Coville  
 Katie Davis  
 Ariane Dewey  
 Jennifer Donnelly  
 Douglas Florian  
 Lee Bennett Hopkins  
 Arthur Howard  
 Richard Lewis  
 Jeff Mack  
 Fran Manushkin  
 Emily Arnold McCully  
 Bernard Most  
 Andrea Pinkney  
 Brian Pinkney  
 James Ransome  
 Karen Lee Schmidt  
 Barbara Seuling  
 Hudson Talbot  
 Vivian Vande Velde  
 Ellen Stoll Walsh  
 Sarah Weeks  
 Nancy Willard  
 Diane Wolkstein  
 Bill Wylie

**North Dakota**

Jane Kurtz

**Ohio**

Will Hillenbrand  
 J. Patrick Lewis  
 Edith Pattou  
 C. F. Payne  
 Michael J. Rosen

**Oklahoma**

Mike Wimmer

**Oregon**

Judy Cox

**Pennsylvania**

Donna Jo Napoli  
 Alexander Stadler

**Texas**

Kathi Appelt  
 Susan Stevens Crummel  
 Sherry Garland  
 Tricia Tusa  
 Terry Widener

**Utah**

Greg Newbold

**Vermont**

Harry Bliss  
 Gail Gibbons  
 Stephen R. Swinburne

**Washington**

Keith Baker  
 Margaret Chodos-Irvine  
 Marcia Vaughan  
 Janet Wong

**West Virginia**

Marc Harshman  
 Cheryl Ryan

**England**

Colin McNaughton

**Ireland**

Diane Duane

**Scotland**

Debi Gliori

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**Ada, Alma Flor****Residence:** California**Web URL:** www.almaada.com**Honorarium/School:** Negotiable**Conference:** Negotiable**Type of presentations:** Keynote; break-out session; workshop; school presentation**Topic(s):** "An Author's journey"; "The joy of being an author"; "Teachers/Students/Parents as authors";

Latino children's literature

**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8; adult**Maximum days of appearance:** Open**Presentations/day:** Open**Signings per day:** Open**Duration of signing:** Open**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes**Comments:** n/a**Background information:** Inquire**Adler, David A.****Residence:** New York**Web URL:** www.davidadler.com**Honorarium/School:** \$1850 per day**Conference:** \$1850 per day**Type of presentations:** Keynote; break-out session; workshop; school presentation**Topic(s):** The Writing Process from Getting Ideas to Illustrations**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; adult**Maximum days of appearance:** Open**Presentations/day:** 3**Signings per day:** Open**Duration of signing:** Open**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes**Comments:** n/a**Background information:** Inquire**Alphin, Elaine Marie****Residence:** Indiana**Web URL:** www.elainemariealphin.com**Honorarium/School:** \$750-full day; \$400-half day**Conference:** Negotiable**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation; author conferences**Topic(s):** "The Writing Life"; "Worse and Worse Really Means Better and Better: Interactive Plotting"; "Story Hour"; "Get Them Writing!"**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8; high school; adult**Maximum days of appearance:** Open**Presentations/day:** 4**Signings per day:** Open**Duration of signing:** Open**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes**Comments:** n/a**Background information:** Inquire**Ancona, George****Residence:** New Mexico**Web URL:** n/a**Honorarium/School:** \$1,500 per day**Conference:** \$2,000 per day**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; workshop; break-out session; school presentation**Topic(s):** diversity; photography as illustration; Hispanic themes**Grade range:** 4-6; 7-8; high school; adult**Maximum days of appearance:** 3**Presentations/day:** 3**Signings per day:** 2**Duration of signing:** 1 hour**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes**Comments:** Presentations require a slide projector.**Background information:** Born in New York to Mexican immigrants, George Ancona was introduced to art in his uncle's silk-screening shop and to photography on picture-taking excursions with his father. After exploring his roots on the Yucatan Peninsula and studying art in Mexico City, Ancona found his niche illustrating children's books with his photographs.**Appelt, Kathi****Residence:** Texas**Web URL:** www.kathiappelt.com**Honorarium/School:** \$1500 per day**Conference:** negotiable**Type of presentations:** Luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation**Topic(s):** A variety of topics can be viewed at www.visitingauthors.com**Grade range:** 2-6; 7-8; high school; adult**Maximum days of appearance:** 5**Presentations/day:** 3**Signings per day:** 3**Duration of signing:** Open**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes**Comments:** n/a**Background information:** Inquire**Arnold, Caroline****Residence:** California**Web URL:** www.geocities.com/Athens/1264**Honorarium/School:** \$750 per day**Conference:** \$750 per day**Type of presentations:** Luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation**Topic(s):** "From Idea to Printed Page" (researching and writing nonfiction children's books); Nonfiction IS Literature (using informational books as springboards to literacy)**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8; adult**Maximum days of appearance:** 1 week**Presentations/day:** 4**Signings per day:** Open**Duration of signing:** Open**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes**Comments:** n/a**Background information:** Packet of school visit information available upon request.**Asher, Sandy****Residence:** Missouri**Web URL:** http://www.mowrites4kids.drury.edu/authors/asher**Honorarium/School:** Negotiable**Conference:** Negotiable**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation**Topic(s):** "Write from the Heart: Finding Our Own Best Stories";

“Behind the Scenes: Books and Plays from Idea to Publication”;  
“Creative Writing Across the Curriculum”

**Grade range:** K–8; high school; adult

**Maximum days of appearance:** Open

**Presentations/day:** 4 (45 minutes each)

**Signings per day:** Open

**Duration of signing:** Open

**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes

**Comments:** Also a playwright, can incorporate drama into talks & workshops is needed.

**Background information:** Sandy Asher is co-founder of America Writes for Kids (<http://usawrites4kids.cjb.net>) and USA Plays for Kids (<http://usaplays4kids.cjb.net>)

## Ashman, Linda

**Residence:** Colorado

**Web URL:** n/a

**Honorarium/School:** Negotiable

**Conference:** Negotiable

**Type of presentations:** Break-out session; workshop; school presentation

**Topic(s):** Animal habitats; the writing and publication process

**Grade range:** K–3; 4–6; adult

**Maximum days of appearance:** 1

**Presentations/day:** 3

**Signings per day:** 1

**Duration of signing:** Up to 2 hours

**Willing to sign paperbacks:** n/a

**Comments:** n/a

**Background information:** Inquire

## Baker, Keith

**Residence:** Washington

**Web URL:** [www.keithbakebooks.com](http://www.keithbakebooks.com)

**Honorarium/School:** \$1,350

**Conference:** \$1,750

**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation

**Topic(s):** “Step by Step by Step: How I Make Books”; “Look What the Students Have Done to my Books!”

**Grade range:** K–3; 4–6; 7–8; high school; adult

**Maximum days of appearance:** 3

**Presentations/day:** 4

**Signings per day:** 2

**Duration of signing:** 2 hours

**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes, at schools

**Comments:** Presentations require a carousel slide projector and screen, a large pad, and an easel. (Room must be darkened.)

**Background information:** Formerly an elementary and middle school teacher, Keith Baker now devotes his time to writing and illustrating children’s books and to giving school presentations throughout the United States and abroad.

## Beaumont, Karen

**Residence:** California

**Web URL:** n/a

**Honorarium/School:** \$1,000 per day

**Conference:** \$1,200 per day

**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation

**Topic(s):** Creating fun-to-read picture books with hand-clapping,

toe tapping rhythm. Encourages audience participation with rhythm activities and interactive stories. Donates one book to school library/drawing for free book for presentations to grades K–3.

**Grade range:** K–3; 4–6

**Maximum days of appearance:** Open

**Presentations/day:** 3

**Signings per day:** Open

**Duration of signing:** Open

**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes

**Comments:** n/a

**Background information:** Karen Beaumont’s fascination with language began at a very early age. She remembers writing the word *antidisestablishmentarianism* on the chalkboard in kindergarten. Although some things have changed since then (the author is much bigger and the words she uses are much smaller), her love of language and writing remains the same.

## Bliss, Harry

**Residence:** Vermont

**Web URL:** n/a

**Honorarium/School:** \$1,000 per day

**Conference:** \$1,000 per day

**Type of presentations:** Break-out session; keynote; workshop; school presentation

**Topic(s):** Illustrating a picture book; Slide show of *New Yorker* cartoons

**Grade range:** 1–3; 4–6; 7–8

**Maximum days of appearance:** 7

**Presentations/day:** 2

**Signings per day:** 1

**Duration of signing:** 1 hour

**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes

**Comments:** n/a

**Background information:** Harry Bliss has been a contracted cover artist and cartoonist with *The New Yorker* since 1997.

## Bloor, Edward

**Residence:** Florida

**Web URL:** n/a

**Honorarium/School:** n/a

**Conference:** \$1,000 per day

**Type of presentations:** Break-out session; luncheon

**Topic(s):** *Tangerine*; young adult literature

**Grade range:** n/a

**Maximum days of appearance:** Open

**Presentations/day:** Open

**Signings per day:** 3

**Duration of signing:** 1 hour

**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes

**Comments:** no school visits

**Background information:** Inquire

## Bodkin, Odds

**Residence:** New Hampshire

**Web URL:** [www.oddsbodkin.com](http://www.oddsbodkin.com)

**Honorarium/School:** \$1,500 per day

**Conference:** \$2,500 per day

**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; workshop; school presentation

**Topic(s):** “Imagination in the Television Age”

**Grade range:** K–3; 4–6; 7–8; high school; adult

**Maximum days of appearance:** 5

**Presentations/day:** 2

**Signings per day:** 2

**Duration of signing:** 1 hour  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a

**Background information:** A master in the art of children's storytelling, Odds Bodkin uses original music and more than a hundred character voices to spin multicultural tales. His performances have been described as "mesmerizing," and his work has been featured in books and on television and radio.

## Bowers, Tim

**Residence:** Ohio  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** \$800 per day local/\$1200 per day away  
**Conference:** \$1,200 per day  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** "How I Became an Illustrator;" "Turning Drawings into Books;" Drawing for the children  
**Grade range:** K-5; 6-8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** Open  
**Presentations/day:** 3-4  
**Signings per day:** Open  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** Easels or other supports are needed to display artwork. Also needed is a large projection screen and an extension cord as slides will be used during the presentation. Suggested maximum group size is 100 students.  
**Background information:**

## Bruchac, Joseph

**Residence:** New York  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** \$1,500 per day  
**Conference:** n/a  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Native American storytelling; poetry; Native American culture, literature, and environment; multicultural writing  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 3  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** 3  
**Duration of signing:** 1 hour  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** The author is booked a year in advance in most cases.  
**Background information:** Much of Joseph Bruchac's writing is inspired by his Abenaki ancestry. In addition to writing books for adults and children and traveling as a professional storyteller, he works actively in working to preserve Abenaki culture.

## Bunting, Eve

**Residence:** California  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** n/a  
**Conference:** \$2,500  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop  
**Topic(s):** Variations on writing picture books or writing children's books to fit conference needs

**Grade range:** Adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 2  
**Presentations/day:** 2  
**Signings per day:** 2  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** No school visits  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Burks, Brian

**Residence:** New Mexico  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** Negotiable  
**Conference:** Negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; break-out session; workshop  
**Topic(s):** Writing  
**Grade range:** 4-6; 7-8; high school  
**Maximum days of appearance:** Open  
**Presentations/day:** 2  
**Signings per day:** 2  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Brian Burks is the author of several young adult novels and a series of classic Westerns for adults. A man of many talents, Burks has worked as a range rider, a cowboy, a blacksmith, and an ambulance driver.

## Burleigh, Robert

**Residence:** Illinois  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** \$800 per day/local or \$1000 per day/away  
**Conference:** negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Inquire  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** Open  
**Presentations/day:** 3-4  
**Signings per day:** 2  
**Duration of signing:** 2 hours  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** Appears in the Chicago area  
**Background information:** A native of Chicago, Robert Burleigh worked as a teacher, a mental health caseworker, and a writer/producer for an audiovisual publishing company before devoting himself to writing and painting full-time.

## Burns, Khephra

**Residence:** New York  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** Negotiable  
**Conference:** Negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** How Words Shape the World We Live In"  
**Grade range:** 4-6; 7-8; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** Open  
**Presentations/day:** 1

**Signings per day:** 2  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Butler, Chris A.

**Residence:** Colorado  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** \$100 per hour  
**Conference:** \$600 per day or \$100 per hour  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Illustration demonstration and presentation of portfolio  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8; high school  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 2  
**Presentations/day:** 2  
**Signings per day:** 2  
**Duration of signing:** 60-90 minutes  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Bynum, Janie

**Residence:** Michigan  
**Web URL:** www.janiebynum.com  
**Honorarium/School:** Negotiable  
**Conference:** \$900 per day  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** "How a Picture Book Is Born"  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 4-6  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** 2  
**Duration of signing:** 1-2 hours  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** Prefers smaller groups (up to 50)  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Campoy, F. Isabel

**Residence:** California  
**Web URL:** www.isabelcampoy.com  
**Honorarium/School:** \$1000  
**Conference:** \$1500  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Latino presence in literature; creative writing and identity; highlights from her own work  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8  
**Maximum days of appearance:** Open  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** 2-3  
**Duration of signing:** 1½-2 hours  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** Presentations can be in English and Spanish.

**Background information:** F. Isabel Campoy brings to her writing the richness of a childhood spent immersed in oral tradition, proverbs, and tales. Once a member of a traveling theater company, Campoy now devotes her time to the arts, including theater and writing.

## Cepeda, Joe

**Residence:** California  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** \$1,000 per day  
**Conference:** \$1,000 per day  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Illustration  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** Open  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** Open  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Irvine, Margaret Chodos

**Residence:** Washington  
**Web URL:** www.chodos-irvine.com  
**Honorarium/School:** \$500 per day  
**Conference:** \$400 per day  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** *For children:* Illustration techniques  
*For adults:* Developing a style  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 5  
**Presentations/day:** 4  
**Signings per day:** 2  
**Duration of signing:** 2 hours  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Clapp, John

**Residence:** California  
**Web URL:** www.johnclapp.com  
**Honorarium/School:** \$500 per day  
**Conference:** \$200 per day  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** "How I Make My Books"; "How an Illustrator Works"  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** Open  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** 3  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** John Clapp currently teaches drawing and illustration at San Jose State University. He is convinced that anyone can learn to draw.

**Cottle, Joan**

**Residence:** California  
**Web URL:** www.joancottle.com  
**Honorarium/School:** \$700 per day  
**Conference:** \$700 per day  
**Type of presentations:** Luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Slide presentation describing the writing and illustrating process, from first idea to published book  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 1  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** 1  
**Duration of signing:** 1 hour  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

**Coville, Bruce**

**Residence:** New York  
**Web URL:** www.brucecoville.com  
**Honorarium/School:** \$2000 per day  
**Conference:** negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** Luncheon; break-out session; writing workshops; school presentation; storytelling sessions  
**Topic(s):** Inquire  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 5  
**Presentations/day:** 3-4  
**Signings per day:** Open  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

**Cox, Judy**

**Residence:** Oregon  
**Web URL:** www.homeown.aol.com/authorjudycox  
**Honorarium/School:** \$600 per day  
**Conference:** Negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** From idea to publication  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** n/a  
**Presentations/day:** 4  
**Signings per day:** n/a  
**Duration of signing:** n/a  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Judy Cox currently teaches kindergarten. She believes her career as an elementary school teacher was the perfect training for becoming a children's book writer.

**Cruise, Robin**

**Residence:** California  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** Negotiable

**Conference:** Negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** Break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** "Secrets, Dreams and Other Private Stuff: Journaling for Preteens"  
**Grade range:** 4-6; 7-8  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 2  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** Open  
**Duration of signing:** 1½ hours  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Robin Cruise worked for many years as a newspaper and magazine journalist and editor. She is the managing editor for a children's book publisher based in Southern California.

**Crummel, Susan Stevens**

**Residence:** Texas  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** \$1000 per full day; \$500 per half day  
**Conference:** Negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** keynote; break-out; school presentation; writing workshops  
**Topic(s):** Using humor in children's books; Collaboration with her sister, Janet; From ideas to pictures and words  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** Open  
**Presentations/day:** 2-4  
**Signings per day:** Open  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** A teacher for 27 years, Susan Stevens Crummel loves to talk to kids about creativity and about how she collaborates with her sister, author-illustrator Janet Stevens.  
**Background information:** Inquire

**Davis, Katie**

**Residence:** New York  
**Web URL:** www.katiedavis.com  
**Honorarium/School:** \$750--\$1000  
**Conference:** \$750--\$1000  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Inquire  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 4  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** Open  
**Duration of signing:** 2 hours  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** Katie Davis tailors her presentations to the appropriate age range of the group and reads from her most recent book. Her presentations are followed by a highly interactive illustrating and storytelling session.

**Dewey, Ariane**

**Residence:** New York  
**Web URL:** http://ariane-dewey.com

**Honorarium/School:** \$1,000 per day  
**Conference:** \$1,000 per day  
**Type of presentations:** Break-out session  
**Topic(s):** How books are made from start to finish; weird animal habits; tall tales  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 6  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** n/a  
**Duration of signing:** n/a  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** For artist Ariane Dewey, the key elements of her work are color, offbeat humor, and a sense of the absurd. A favorite part of her job is the research—for example, making calls to the zoo to find out just what color the tongue of a python actually is.

## Donnelly, Jennifer

**Residence:** New York  
**Web URL:** [www.jenniferdonnelly.com](http://www.jenniferdonnelly.com)  
**Honorarium/School:** negotiable  
**Conference:** negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote, luncheon, school visit,  
**Topic(s):** Writing and researching  
**Grade range:** High school & Adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** open  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** 2  
**Duration of signing:** open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Background information:** Jennifer Donnelly is author of the YA novel, *A Northern Light*, as well as picture book & adult novels.

## Duane, Diane

**Residence:** Ireland  
**Web URL:** [www.ibmpcug.co.uk/~owls/index2.html](http://www.ibmpcug.co.uk/~owls/index2.html)  
**Honorarium/School:** n/a  
**Conference:** \$500 per day  
**Type of presentations:** Luncheon; workshop  
**Topic(s):** Writing for children; children writing about themselves  
**Grade range:** 7-8; high school  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 14  
**Presentations/day:** 1  
**Signings per day:** 2  
**Duration of signing:** 1½ hours  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** No school visits  
**Background information:** Diane Duane transformed her hobby of writing into a career as a prolific author. When not writing books or traveling to science fiction conventions, she enjoys cooking and gardening.

## Dyer, Jane

**Residence:** Massachusetts  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** \$1,000 per day  
**Conference:** \$1,000 per day  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; school pres-

entation  
**Topic(s):** Slide presentation showing the ingredients of her illustrations—from thumbnail sketches to finished paintings  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 2  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** 2-3  
**Duration of signing:** 1-2 hours  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** Requires a slide projector for presentations, or can bring display boards to bookstores.  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Edwards, Michelle

**Residence:** Minnesota  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** \$1,000 per day  
**Conference:** Negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** From idea to book; the process  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** n/a  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** 1  
**Duration of signing:** 1 hour  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Author-illustrator Michelle Edwards has created a number of picture books and has received many prestigious awards for her work.

## Ferris, Jean

**Residence:** California  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** \$300-\$500 (local) \$1000 (travel)  
**Conference:** \$1,000 per day  
**Type of presentations:** Break-out session; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** "Book in a Box," detailing the development of a novel from idea to finished publication  
**Grade range:** 7-8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 3  
**Presentations/day:** 2  
**Signings per day:** 2  
**Duration of signing:** 1 hour  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inspired to write by a lifelong curiosity about other people's lives, Jean Ferris wrote stories and stashed them in boxes under her bed until, years later, she was prompted to publish her work.

## Florian, Douglas

**Residence:** New York  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** \$1,800 per day (NY, NJ, CT); \$2,000 per day (travel)  
**Conference:** \$1,800 per day (NY, NJ, CT); \$2000 per day (travel)  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Poetry Rules!  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; adult

**Maximum days of appearance:** Open  
**Presentations/day:** 4  
**Signings per day:** Open  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** Not available from Friday evening through Saturday afternoon  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Frasier, Debra

**Residence:** Minnesota/Florida  
**Web URL:** www.frasierbooks.com  
**Honorarium/School:** \$850 per day within driving distance  
 \$1,100 per travel day all other locales  
**Conference:** \$1,100 per travel day  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Picture book creation, from start to finish (slide lecture with video and music)  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 5  
**Presentations/day:** 2-4  
**Signings per day:** 2  
**Duration of signing:** 1 hour  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** Lectures require a slide projector, screen, microphone, and a room that can be darkened.  
**Background information:** In addition to writing and illustrating children's books, Debra Frasier has created a children's video, helped coordinate a stage production of one of her books, and collaborated with the Minnesota Orchestra and composer Steve Heitzig in the creation of a symphony and slide performance.

## Frazee, Marla

**Residence:** California  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** \$500 per day  
**Conference:** \$1,000 per day  
**Type of presentations:** Break-out session; workshop; luncheon; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** "The Illustrator as Storyteller"; "Dear Ms. Frazee, I Like the Stories That You Draw"  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 2-3  
**Presentations/day:** 2  
**Signings per day:** 2  
**Duration of signing:** 1 hour  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** Presentations require a carousel slide projector and a remote in a darkened room, plus an easel with large paper for school audiences.  
**Background information:** A graduate of Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, California, Marla Frazee has been teaching children's book illustration there since 1991. In addition to illustrating prize-winning children's books, she has designed characters for the NFL, illustrated Happy Meals for McDonald's, and designed toys for several major companies.

## Garland, Sherry

**Residence:** Texas  
**Web URL:** www.sherrygarland.com  
**Honorarium/School:** \$500 per day (Texas); \$650 per day (travel)  
**Conference:** Negotiable

**Type of presentations:** Luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Making a picture book; writing; Texas history; Vietnam ; the writing life  
**Grade range:** 3-8; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** Open  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** Open  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** Web site includes descriptions of various programs.  
**Background information:** Sherry Garland is the award-winning author of more than 20 books for children and young adults. A fifth-generation Texan, she has set many of her books in the Lone Star State, while others have focused on Vietnamese folktales, culture, and history.

## Gibbons, Gail

**Residence:** Vermont  
**Web URL:** www.gailgibbons.com  
**Honorarium/School:** \$2,000 per day  
**Conference:** \$2,000 per day  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; workshop; break-out session; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Slide show about her books and drawing techniques  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 5 (minimum of 3)  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** Open  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Gliori, Debi

**Residence:** Scotland  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** \$1,500 per day  
**Conference:** \$1,500 per day  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop  
**Topic(s):** Drawing and telling stories  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; high school  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 5  
**Presentations/day:** 2  
**Signings per day:** 2  
**Duration of signing:** 1 hour  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Goldin, Barbara Diamond

**Residence:** Massachusetts  
**Web URL:** www.barbaradiamondgoldin.com  
**Honorarium/School:** \$800 per day  
**Conference:** Negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** Workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Becoming a children's book author; writing workshops; Jewish holidays; immigration to the United States; Tzedakah; the Holocaust; multicultural stories

**Grade range:** K–3; 4–6; 7–8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** Open  
**Presentations/day:** 3–4  
**Signings per day:** Open  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Gregory, Kristiana

**Residence:** Idaho  
**Web URL:** www.kgregorybooks.com  
**Honorarium/School:** \$500 per day  
**Conference:** \$500 per day  
**Type of presentations:** Break-out session; school presentation; panel discussion  
**Topic(s):** Writing historical fiction for children  
**Grade range:** 4–6; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 2  
**Presentations/day:** 2  
**Signings per day:** 1  
**Duration of signing:** 1½ hours  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** n/a  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Guest, Elissa Haden

**Residence:** California  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** Negotiable  
**Conference:** Negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** Luncheon; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** *For grades 1 and 2:* The writing process—from start to finish  
*For grade 3:* “Inventing a Character—Writing with children;”  
**Grade range:** 1–3  
**Maximum days of appearance:** Open  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** 3  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Hale, Bruce

**Residence:** California  
**Web URL:** www.brucehale.com  
**Honorarium/School:** \$1000 (in CA) \$1,800 (out of CA)  
**Conference:** \$700  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** *For schools:* “Story Power” “Cartooning Secrets” “A Book Lover’s Journey”  
*For adults:* “Writing for Kids” “The Creative Spark”  
**Grade range:** 2–5; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 3–4  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** 2  
**Duration of signing:** 90 minutes

**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** Author of *Chet Gecko* series. For appearances & events further than 2 hours’ drive from Santa Barbara, event sponsor must host lodging and transportation.

## Hallmark, Jone

**Residence:** New Mexico  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** Negotiable  
**Conference:** Negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** Inquire  
**Topic(s):** Question-and-answer sessions about illustration  
**Grade range:** K–3; 4–6  
**Maximum days of appearance:** Inquire  
**Presentations/day:** Open  
**Signings per day:** Open  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Harper, Dan

**Residence:** Massachusetts  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** Negotiable  
**Conference:** Negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** Workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** “Hey, If I Can Be a writer...”  
**Grade range:** K–3; 4–6; 7–8; high school  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 1–2  
**Presentations/day:** 1–2  
**Signings per day:** 1–2  
**Duration of signing:** 1–2 hours  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Harshman, Marc

**Residence:** West Virginia  
**Web URL:** www.hotyellow98.com/harshmac  
**Honorarium/School:** \$800  
**Conference:** Negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** “The Story Table;” writing workshops; storytelling workshops; “Where Stories Come From;” “Writing as Craft”  
**Grade range:** K–3; 4–6; 7–8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 4 days  
**Presentations/day:** (conferences) or 4 (schools)  
**Signings per day:** 3  
**Duration of signing:** 1–2 hours  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Until a few years ago, Marc Harshman taught fifth and sixth grades at the Sand Hill School in West Virginia, where he lives with his wife, Cheryl Ryan (also an author) and their daughter, Sarah. Marc is the author of nine picture books for children as well as a poet and storyteller.

## Hayashi, Nancy

**Residence:** California  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** \$300 per day  
**Conference:**  
**Type of presentations:** School presentation  
**Topic(s):** Creating a picture book; plot elements  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 2  
**Presentations/day:** 4  
**Signings per day:** 2  
**Duration of signing:** 1 hour  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** Appears in Southern California  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Hewitt, Kathryn

**Residence:** California  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** \$800 per day  
**Conference:** \$1,000 per day  
**Type of presentations:** Break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Bringing biography to life; how a book is made; generating ideas through illustration  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 7-14  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** 2-3  
**Duration of signing:** 1-2 hours  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Hillenbrand, Will

**Residence:** Ohio  
**Web URL:** www.willhillenbrand.com  
**Honorarium/School:** \$1500  
**Conference:** \$1500  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop school presentation  
**Topic(s):** "Starting from Sketch: Inside the Picture Book with Hillenbrand"  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 3  
**Presentations/day:** 3 (55 minute presentation)  
**Signings per day:** Open  
**Duration of signing:** 3 hours  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** Presentations require two carousel slide projectors, a large screen, remote control, a lapel microphone, a CD player, an easel with large drawing pad, colored markers, and tables on which to display art. Audiences should be 150-200 people;  
**Scheduling Contact:** Diane Foote, diane@willhilenbrand.com or 773-750-3963  
**Background information:** As a child Will Hillenbrand was passionate about drawing characters from the stories he overheard in the family barbershop and on his grandmother's farm. Today he gets inspiration from his wife and son, and enjoys sharing his art with schoolchildren.

## Hines, Anna Grossnickle

**Residence:** California  
**Web URL:** www.aghines.com  
**Honorarium/School:** \$1,000 per day  
**Conference:** Negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Writing and illustrating picture books; how kids think; encouraging creativity; learning to write  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** (3-day minimum when traveling)  
**Presentations/day:** 4  
**Signings per day:** Open  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Hopkins, Lee Bennett

**Residence:** New York  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** n/a  
**Conference:** \$2,000  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; workshop  
**Topic(s):** "Poetry: A Perfect Genre"; children's literature;  
**Grade range:** Adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 2-3  
**Presentations/day:** 1  
**Signings per day:** Open  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** No school visits. Please allow 1-2 years for booking.  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Howard, Arthur

**Residence:** New York  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** \$1000 per day  
**Conference:** Negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** Inquire  
**Topic(s):** Inquire  
**Grade range:** n/a  
**Maximum days of appearance:** n/a  
**Presentations/day:** n/a  
**Signings per day:** n/a  
**Duration of signing:** n/a  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** n/a  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Inches, Alison

**Residence:** California  
**Web URL:** www.alisoninches.com  
**Honorarium/School:** Negotiable  
**Conference:** Negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; workshop; school presentations  
**Topic(s):** How to write publishable children's books  
**Grade range:** adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 3

**Presentations/day:** 2-3  
**Signings per day:** 2-3  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Ingold, Jeanette

**Residence:** Montana  
**Web URL:** www.jeanetteingold.com  
**Honorarium/School:** \$800 per day  
**Conference:** \$800 per day  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation; library presentation  
**Topic(s):** "From Idea to Published Book: The Stories Behind My Novels;" "A Look into History: 1910 and the Big Burn;" "Stepping into Character: A Writing Workshop"  
**Grade range:** 6-8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** Flexible  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** Open  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Jeanette Ingold lives in Montana, near the edge of mountain woods. A favorite part of her work is doing the research that grounds her fiction in fact.

## Innerst, Stacy

**Residence:** Pennsylvania  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** negotiable  
**Conference:** negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; Break-out; Workshop; School presentation  
**Topic(s):** illustrating for children  
**Grade range:** K-13; Adult/professional  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 1  
**Presentations/day:** 2  
**Signings per day:** Open  
**Duration of signing:** 2hrs  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** no  
**Comments:** weekday events only

## Johnson, Stephen T.

**Residence:** Kansas  
**Web URL:** www.artandideas.com  
**Honorarium/School:** \$1,200 per day  
**Conference:** \$1,500  
**Type of presentations:** Luncheon; workshop  
**Topic(s):** Children's books; his work  
**Grade range:** 3-4; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 3  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** 2-3  
**Duration of signing:** 1½ hours  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Johnson, Steve and Lou Fancher

**Residence:** Minnesota  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** Negotiable  
**Conference:** Negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** Luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Children's book illustration and design; collaborative creations  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** Open  
**Presentations/day:** 1-3  
**Signings per day:** 2  
**Duration of signing:** 1-2 hours  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** Are able to appear separately if budget and schedules require  
**Background information:** Steve Johnson and Lou Fancher are the illustrators of many well-received books for children.

## Kelley, True

**Residence:** New Hampshire  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** Negotiable  
**Conference:** Negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Illustrating children's books; writing for children  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 4  
**Presentations/day:** 3-4  
**Signings per day:** 2-3  
**Duration of signing:** 1 hour  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Kellogg, Steven

**Residence:** Connecticut  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** \$2,200  
**Conference:** \$2,500  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon  
**Topic(s):** Inquire  
**Grade range:** n/a  
**Maximum days of appearance:** Open  
**Presentations/day:** Open  
**Signings per day:** 2  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** No school visits  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Kendall, Jane

**Residence:** Connecticut  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** Negotiable  
**Conference:** Negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation

**Topic(s):** Silent films; early 20th-century history; writing and illustrating

**Grade range:** 4–6; 7–8; adult

**Maximum days of appearance:** 1–2

**Presentations/day:** 1

**Signings per day:** Open

**Duration of signing:** Open

**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes

**Comments:** n/a

**Background information:** Inquire

## Kidd, Diane B.

**Residence:** Maryland

**Web URL:** n/a

**Honorarium/School:** Negotiable

**Conference:** Negotiable

**Type of presentations:** Break-out session; workshop; school presentation

**Topic(s):** “What Does an Illustrator Do?”

**Grade range:** K–3; 4–6; 7–8; high school; adult

**Maximum days of appearance:** 2

**Presentations/day:** 1–2

**Signings per day:** Open

**Duration of signing:** Open

**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes

**Comments:** n/a

**Background information:** Diane Kidd is a museum educator and a former teacher.

## Kinerk, Robert

**Residence:** New Hampshire

**Web URL:** n/a

**Honorarium/School:** Negotiable

**Conference:** Negotiable

**Type of presentations:** Break-out session; workshop; school presentation

**Topic(s):** Creative process; life experiences; lessons of fiction

**Grade range:** K–3; adult

**Maximum days of appearance:** 2

**Presentations/day:** 2

**Signings per day:** 2

**Duration of signing:** 3 hours

**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes

**Comments:** Travels Fridays and Saturdays in New England

**Background information:** Inquire

## Krull, Kathleen

**Residence:** California

**Web URL:** www.kathleenkrull.com

**Honorarium/School:** \$1,500

**Conference:** Negotiable

**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; school presentation

**Topic(s):** Being a writer; people from the Lives of . . . series

**Grade range:** 3–6; adult

**Maximum days of appearance:** Open

**Presentations/day:** 3–4

**Signings per day:** Open

**Duration of signing:** Open

**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes

## Kurtz, Jane

**Residence:** North Dakota

**Web URL:** n/a

**Honorarium/School:** \$600–\$750

**Conference:** \$750–\$1,000

**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation

**Topic(s):** Ethiopia; multicultural books; writing techniques; fiction/nonfiction

**Grade range:** K–3; 4–6; 7–8; high school; adult

**Maximum days of appearance:** 3

**Presentations/day:** 5

**Signings per day:** Open

**Duration of signing:** Open

**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes

**Comments:** n/a

**Background information:** Jane Kurtz is an award-winning children’s book author, a book reviewer, and a lecturer in the English department at the University of North Dakota. Many of her books are set in Ethiopia, where she spent much of her childhood.

## Lasky, Kathryn

**Residence:** Massachusetts

**Web URL:** www.kathrynlasky.com

**Honorarium/School:** \$3,500

**Conference:** Negotiable

**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; school presentation

**Topic(s):** Craft of writing; historical fiction; nonfiction

**Grade range:** K–3; 4–6; 7–8; high school; adult

**Maximum days of appearance:** 3

**Presentations/day:** 3

**Signings per day:** 2

**Duration of signing:** 45 min

**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes

## Lattimore, Deborah Nourse

**Residence:** California

**Web URL:** n/a

**Honorarium/School:** \$800–\$1,000

**Conference:** Negotiable

**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation

**Topic(s):** Writing and illustrating books; Egyptian hieroglyphics and classics; book designing

**Grade range:** K–3; 4–6; 7–8; high school; adult

**Maximum days of appearance:** 21

**Presentations/day:** 4

**Signings per day:** Open

**Duration of signing:** Open

**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes

**Comments:** n/a

**Background information:** Writer and illustrator Deborah Nourse Lattimore studied archaeology and ancient art history at UCLA and incorporates her knowledge of Egyptian, Greek, Roman, Middle Eastern, and pre-Columbian cultures into her children’s books.

**Lesser, Carolyn****Residence:** Illinois and Massachusetts**Web URL:** n/a**Honorarium/School:** \$1,500**Conference:** \$1,500–\$2,000**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; workshop; school presentation; teacher in-service**Topic(s):** Poetry; nonfiction; natural science; travel adventures; new books**Grade range:** K–3; 4–6; 7–8; high school; adult**Maximum days of appearance:** Open**Presentations/day:** 2–4**Signings per day:** 3**Duration of signing:** 2 hours**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes**Comments:** n/a**Background information:** Artist and writer Carolyn Lesser creates award-winning children's books about the natural world. Guided by curiosity and equipped with her camera, binoculars, and sketchbooks, she researches her topics by traveling the world, from the Arctic to the Antarctic.**Levitin, Sonia****Residence:** California**Web URL:** www.bol.ucla.edu/~slevitin**Honorarium/School:** \$1,500**Conference:** \$1,500**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation**Topic(s):** "Sudan: A Country in Crisis Over Slavery"; "Patterns of Persecution and *The Cure*"; "Strangers in a Strange Land: The Immigrant Experience"**Grade range:** 4–6; 7–8; high school; adult**Maximum days of appearance:** 5**Presentations/day:** 3**Signings per day:** 2–3**Duration of signing:** Open**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes**Comments:** n/a**Background information:** Inquire**Lewis, E. B.****Residence:** New Jersey**Web URL:** www.eblewis.com**Honorarium/School:** \$1,500**Conference:** \$1,500**Type of presentations:** Luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation**Topic(s):** Discovery of passion and creativity**Grade range:** K–3; 4–6; 7–8; high school; adult**Maximum days of appearance:** 5**Presentations/day:** 3**Signings per day:** 2**Duration of signing:** 2 hours**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes**Comments:** n/a**Background information:** Inquire**Lewis, J. Patrick****Residence:** Ohio**Web URL:** www.jpatricklewis.com**Honorarium/School:** \$1,000**Conference:** Negotiable**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation**Topic(s):** "Sailing the Craft of Children's Poetry"; poetry appreciation**Grade range:** K–5; adult**Maximum days of appearance:** Open**Presentations/day:** 4 plus evening/parent program**Signings per day:** 2**Duration of signing:** 1–2 hours**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes**Comments:** : Contact Person: Lisa Seiberling (614) 436\*7951

stilswimmy@aol.com

**Lewis, Richard****Residence:** New York**Web URL:** www.touchstonecenter.net**Honorarium/School:** Negotiable**Conference:** Negotiable**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation**Topic(s):** Imagination and imagination of children; Poetry: children's poetry; the role of poetry in cultures around the world; the poetic imagination**Grade range:** K-6; 7-8; high school; adult**Maximum days of appearance:** 2-3**Presentations/day:** Negotiable**Signings per day:** Open**Duration of signing:** Open**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes**Comments:** : As Director of The Touchstone Center for Children in New York City, Mr. Lewis needs to be given ample time to arrange for any workshops or readings. He is interested in working with libraries, schools, environmental centers, museums etc., that have a strong commitment to encouraging and sustaining the imaginative life of children--as well as adults who view the imaginative life as central to all learning.**London, Jonathan****Residence:** California**Web URL:** n/a**Honorarium/School:** \$1,000**Conference:** \$1,000–\$1,500**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation**Topic(s):** Picture books**Grade range:** K–3; 4–6; adult**Maximum days of appearance:** 2**Presentations/day:** 3**Signings per day:** 2**Duration of signing:** 2 hours**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes**Comments:** n/a**Background information:** Inquire

**Mack, Jeff**

**Residence:** New York  
**Web URL:** www.jeffmack.com  
**Honorarium/School:** negotiable  
**Conference:** negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; Luncheon/dinner speech; Break-out; Workshop; School presentations  
**Topic(s):** Children's Book Illustrations  
**Grade range:** K--adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 3  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** 3  
**Duration of signing:** 2 hrs  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Background information:** 2003 Cultural Resources Council Artist Award; 2002 Senator John A. DeFrancisco Individual Artist Grant

**Mackall, Dandi Daley**

**Residence:** Ohio & mMidWest  
**Web URL:** www.dandibooks.com  
**Honorarium/School:** \$850  
**Conference:** negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out; workshop; School presentations  
**Topic(s):** Writing & Publishing; Power of Point of View; Novel Writing/Picture book writing; How to write with your hands tied behind your back.  
**Grade range:** k-12; Adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 4  
**Presentations/day:** 4  
**Signings per day:** 4  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** has appeared on ABC, CBS & NBC to talk about he books. Combines humor, writing anecdotes and instruction, speaks to all age groups

**Manushkin, Fran**

**Residence:** New York  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** \$1,000  
**Conference:** \$1,000  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** The Life of a Writer  
**Grade range:** 3-6; 7-8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 3  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** 3  
**Duration of signing:** 1 hour  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

**McCully, Emily Arnold**

**Residence:** New York  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** \$1,000-\$1,500  
**Conference:** \$1,500-\$2,000  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Storytelling with pictures; how the author/illustrator works  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 3  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** 3  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** Slide show  
**Background information:** Inquire

**McGhee, Alison**

**Residence:** Minnesota  
**Web URL:** www.pippinproperties.com  
**Honorarium/School:** \$300  
**Conference:** \$500  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** *For Adults:* "Writing from the Id"  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 2  
**Presentations/day:** 1  
**Signings per day:** 2  
**Duration of signing:** 2 hours  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

**McNaughton, Colin**

**Residence:** England  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** Negotiable  
**Conference:** Negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** Inquire  
**Topic(s):** His books  
**Grade range:** 4-6; 7-8; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** Open  
**Presentations/day:** 2  
**Signings per day:** Open  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

**Meyer, Carolyn**

**Residence:** New Mexico  
**Web URL:** www.readcarolyn.com  
**Honorarium/School:** \$750 per day  
**Conference:** \$1,200  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Schools: "Where Ideas Come From/ Writing Process"  
 Conferences: "Writing Across Ethnic/Cultural Borders"; "What's Historical Fiction Really About"; "Memoirs of an Author: Latest Draft"

**Grade range:** 4–6; 7–8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 5 (3-day minimum if travel involved)  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** Open  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** School visits: Students should be familiar with at least one of the author's books.  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Meyers, Susan

**Residence:** California  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** \$500–\$700  
**Conference:** Negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** “From Idea to Printed Book: How an Idea in My Head Became the Book in Your Hands”  
**Grade range:** K–3; 4–6; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 5  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** Open  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Minor, Wendell

**Residence:** Connecticut  
**Web URL:** www.minorart.com  
**Honorarium/School:** \$1,500 (NY, NJ, CT) \$2000 (outside tristate area)  
**Conference:** \$2,000 (NY, NJ, CT) \$2500 (outside tristate area)  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Looking at nature; artist's perspective & the importance of time & place; how humans relate to natural world.  
**Grade range:** K–3; 4–6; 7–8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 4–5  
**Presentations/day:** 4  
**Signings per day:** 2  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** Visual aids such as sketches, book dummies and original art are included in presentations  
**Background information:** Wendell Minor is the author of picture book biographies of Abraham Lincoln, Rachel Carson, John James Audobon, etc.

## Montes, Marisa

**Residence:** California  
**Web URL:** www.marisamontes.com  
**Honorarium/School:** \$500  
**Conference:** \$500  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** “The Road to Success Is Paved with Failures;” “Never Give Up on a Dream;” “Overcoming a Disability;” “The Birth of a Picture Book”  
**Grade range:** K–3; 4–6; 7–8; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 1  
**Presentations/day:** 1

**Signings per day:** 1  
**Duration of signing:** 30 minutes  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** Can travel to anywhere it snows only during the warm months. Author is disabled and must travel with attendant.  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Morales, Yuyi

**Residence:** California  
**Web URL:** www.yuyimorales.com  
**Honorarium/School:** negotiable  
**Conference:** negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; Break-out; Workshop  
 School Presentations  
**Topic(s):** Making and illustrating books; Storytelling  
**Grade range:** K-adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** negotiable  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** Open  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** when meals provided, vegetarian, please; transportation must be provided. Ms. Morales does not drive

## Moser, Barry

**Residence:** Massachusetts  
**Web URL:** www.pennyroyalcaxton.com  
**Honorarium/School:** n/a  
**Conference:** \$1,000  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon  
**Topic(s):** Making and illustrating books  
**Grade range:** Adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 3–4  
**Presentations/day:** 2  
**Signings per day:** Open  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** No school visits  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Moss, Marissa

**Residence:** California  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** \$1,000  
**Conference:** Negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Journal writing; historical writing; writing and illustrating  
**Grade range:** 2–3; 4–6; 7–8; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** Open  
**Presentations/day:** 4–5  
**Signings per day:** 2–3  
**Duration of signing:** 1 hour  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** Author will be in Italy from August 2000 to June 2001. Will book events for July 2001 and beyond.  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Most, Bernard

**Residence:** New York  
**Web URL:** [www.bernardmost.com](http://www.bernardmost.com)  
**Honorarium/School:** \$1,200  
**Conference:** \$1,200  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** "Persistence: Never Give Up on Your Dreams"  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 3  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** Flexible  
**Duration of signing:** Flexible  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Napoli, Donna Jo

**Residence:** Pennsylvania  
**Web URL:** [www.swarthmore.edu/SocSci/dnapoli1//djnwriter.html](http://www.swarthmore.edu/SocSci/dnapoli1//djnwriter.html)  
**Honorarium/School:** \$2000  
**Conference:** Negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Rules for writing; writing versus reading; research in writing  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 5  
**Presentations/day:** Open  
**Signings per day:** Open  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** Very flexible, and happy to work with all age groups, including teachers and/or parent presentation after school or in evenings at no extra cost.

## Nelson, Kadir

**Residence:** California  
**Web URL:** [www.kadirnelson.com](http://www.kadirnelson.com)  
**Honorarium/School:** \$500  
**Conference:** \$1,000  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out; workshop; school presentations  
**Topic(s):** Illustrating Children's Books with Kadir Nelson  
**Grade range:** high-school; Adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 2  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** Open  
**Duration of signing:** 1 hr  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes

## Newbold, Greg

**Residence:** Utah  
**Web URL:** [www.gregnewbold.com](http://www.gregnewbold.com)  
**Honorarium/School:** Negotiable  
**Conference:** Negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Slide show of portfolio, "How I Make a Book"

**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** Open  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** 3  
**Duration of signing:** 1-2 hours  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** n/a  
**Comments:** Because of time and travel involved, Greg Newbold prefers to do mostly local/regional presentations unless the party is willing to pay for travel expenses.  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Nolen, Jerdine

**Residence:** Maryland  
**Web URL:** [www.jerdinenolen.com](http://www.jerdinenolen.com)  
**Honorarium/School:** \$1,250  
**Conference:** \$3,000  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Writing process; "How I Write"  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 2-3  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** 1  
**Duration of signing:** 1-2 hours  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** Jerdine Nolen's presentation topics include thinking and writing, motivation, and using children's literature in the classroom.  
**Background information:** Award-winning writer Jerdine Nolen has played an active role in the classroom for 25 years, teaching children in elementary and middle schools and in special education.

## Pattison, Darcy

**Residence:** Arkansas  
**Web URL:** [www.darcypattison.com](http://www.darcypattison.com)  
**Honorarium/School:** \$800  
**Conference:** \$800  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Fantasy; Teaching writing to kids; personal experience & story; Travel: crossing America with Oliver; Writing Picture Books  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** open  
**Presentations/day:** 4  
**Signings per day:** 2  
**Duration of signing:** 1 hour  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes

## Pattou, Edith

**Residence:** Ohio  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** \$750-\$1,000  
**Conference:** \$750-\$1,000  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Young adult fantasy; picture book  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** For schools: 1; For conferences: Inquire

**Presentations/day:** 1–3

**Signings per day:** 2

**Duration of signing:** 2 hours

**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes

**Comments:** n/a

**Background information:** Edith Pattou has written several works of fantasy fiction for young adults.

## Paul, Ann Whitford

**Residence:** California

**Web URL:** n/a

**Honorarium/School:** \$1,000

**Conference:** Negotiable

**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation

**Topic(s):** “Piecing Together a Picture Book”; “Girls Make History, Too”; “A Crazy Quilt of Patchwork for Elementary Students”

**Grade range:** K–3; 4–6; adult

**Maximum days of appearance:** Open

**Presentations/day:** 3

**Signings per day:** 2

**Duration of signing:** Open

**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes

**Comments:** n/a

**Background information:** Ann Whitford Paul found her inspiration to write children’s books while reading to her four children. When she’s not writing or speaking to students and teachers, she enjoys cooking and quilting.

## Payne, C. F.

**Residence:** Ohio

**Web URL:** n/a

**Honorarium/School:** \$500

**Conference:** \$1,000

**Type of presentations:** Luncheon; school presentation

**Topic(s):** “History of Illustration”; “Illustration’s New Directions”

**Grade range:** High school; adult

**Maximum days of appearance:** 2

**Presentations/day:** 2

**Signings per day:** Open

**Duration of signing:** 3 hours

**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes

**Comments:** n/a

**Background information:** Inquire

## Pearson, Mary E.

**Residence:** California

**Web URL:** www.marypearson.com

**Honorarium/School:** \$500 half day/\$800 full day

**Conference:** Negotiable

**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation; teacher in-service

**Topic(s):** Grades 4-12: “How the Writing Process Brings Stories to Life;”

Middle/High School/Teen Groups and Literary Events: Open Discussion of Her Books and Writing; Writer’s Groups: “Conquering the Muddle (or

How to Finish the Darn Thing!)”

**Grade range:** K–3; 7–8; high school; adult

**Maximum days of appearance:** 3

**Presentations/day:** 3

**Signings per day:** Open

**Duration of signing:** Open

**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes

**Comments:** Mary visits schools, libraries, and reading organizations. She loves books and writing and loves to talk about them both. She can customize her talks depending on events and individual needs.

**Background information:** Inquire

## Peters, Lisa Westberg

**Residence:** Minnesota

**Web URL:** n/a

**Honorarium/School:** \$900

**Conference:** \$1,000

**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation

**Topic(s):** Slide show about writing process

**Grade range:** K–3; 4–6; adult

**Maximum days of appearance:** 3

**Presentations/day:** 5

**Signings per day:** 1

**Duration of signing:** 1 hour

**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes

**Comments:** n/a

**Background information:** Inquire

## Pham, LeUyen

**Residence:** California

**Web URL:** n/a

**Honorarium/School:** Negotiable

**Conference:** Negotiable

**Type of presentations:** Luncheon; workshop; school presentation

**Topic(s):** Getting started in children’s books; illustration in the new generation; making fun characters

**Grade range:** High school; adult

**Maximum days of appearance:** 7

**Presentations/day:** 1

**Signings per day:** Open

**Duration of signing:** Open

**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes

**Comments:** n/a

**Background information:** Inquire

## Pinkney, Andrea D.

**Residence:** New York

**Web URL:** n/a

**Honorarium/School:** Negotiable

**Conference:** Negotiable

**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation

**Topic(s):** Inquire

**Grade range:** 4–6; 7–8; high school; adult

**Maximum days of appearance:** 2

**Presentations/day:** Open

**Signings per day:** Open  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Pinkney, Brian

**Residence:** New York  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** \$1,500  
**Conference:** \$1,800  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon  
**Topic(s):** Writing and illustrating his children's books  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 2-3  
**Presentations/day:** 2-3  
**Signings per day:** 1-2  
**Duration of signing:** 1-2 hours  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Plum-Ucci, Carol

**Residence:** New Jersey  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** \$1000  
**Conference:** \$1000  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Workshops/critique of student work; "Writing Novels"; "Going after your dream"; "Becoming a Writer"  
**Grade range:** 7-8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 2 nights  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** 3  
**Duration of signing:** 2 hours  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** n/a  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Carol Plum-Ucci's book, *The Body of Christopher Creed*, received a Printz Honor and was optioned by Paramount. She is currently on a teaching fellowship at Rutgers University.

## Primavera, Elise

**Residence:** New Jersey  
**Web URL:** www.auntieclaus.com  
**Honorarium/School:** n/a  
**Conference:** \$2,000  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop  
**Topic(s):** The process of writing and illustrating children's books  
**Grade range:** adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 5  
**Presentations/day:** 2  
**Signings per day:** Open  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** No  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Proimos, James

**Residence:** Maryland  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** \$1,000  
**Conference:** \$1,000  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** His books  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** Open  
**Presentations/day:** 2  
**Signings per day:** 2  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** n/a  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Ransome, James

**Residence:** New York  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** \$1,500  
**Conference:** \$1,500  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** "A Painterly Palette of My Life"  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 5  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** Open  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Ray, Mary Lyn

**Residence:** New Hampshire  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** \$650  
**Conference:** \$650  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Inquire  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** Open  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** Open  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Author Mary Lyn Ray lives on an old farm in New Hampshire, where the beauty of her surroundings inspires her work.

**Reiss, Kathryn****Residence:** California**Web URL:** n/a**Honorarium/School:** \$600–\$1,000**Conference:** Negotiable**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation**Topic(s):** Writing mystery, suspense fiction; middle grade and teen adult fiction; publication tips; time travel in middle grade and teen fiction**Grade range:** 4–6; 7–8; high school; adult**Maximum days of appearance:** 5**Presentations/day:** 2–3**Signings per day:** Open**Duration of signing:** 2 hours**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes**Comments:** She has been nominated twice for the Edgar Allen Poe Award, and her novel *Time Windows* was named ALA Best Book for Young Adults. Ms. Reiss teaches creative writing at Mills College in Oakland, California.**Background information:** Kathryn Reiss began writing her first novel while living in Germany as a Fulbright Scholar. She went on to receive a master of fine arts degree in creative writing from the University of Michigan and has since written many acclaimed works of fiction.**Remkiewicz, Frank****Residence:** Florida**Web URL:** n/a**Honorarium/School:** \$700 per day**Conference:** \$1,200 per day/ Libraries: \$250 per single presentation**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation**Topic(s):** “Painted Words--The Making of Children’s Books”**Grade range:** K–3; 4–6; 7–12; adult**Maximum days of appearance:** 4**Presentations/day:** 3–5**Signings per day:** Open**Duration of signing:** Open**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes**Comments:** Presentations include: Original manuscripts with breakdown to pages; storyboards to organize illustrations; large sketches; partly and several finished illustrations in various media; examples from all the various fields Frank works in; reading of 2–3 appropriate books.**Background information:** Inquire**Rinaldi, Ann****Residence:** New Jersey**Web URL:** n/a**Honorarium/School:** \$1,000/day (local); or \$1,200/(travel)**Conference:****Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation**Topic(s):** “How I Became a Writer;” “How I Get Ideas and Do Research;” “The Value of Keeping a Journal”**Grade range:** 6–8; high school**Maximum days of appearance:** 2**Presentations/day:** 4**Signings per day:** Open**Duration of signing:** 15 minutes**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes**Comments:** Ann Rinaldi prefers not to travel during the winter. She also prefers mid-morning and afternoon appearances.**Background information:** Inquire**Rosen, Michael J.****Residence:** Ohio**Web URL:** www.fidosopher.com**Honorarium/School:** \$1,250/day (local); or \$1,500/(travel)**Conference:** \$1,500 or negotiable**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation**Topic(s):** Writing workshops; in-service seminars on increasing creativity; readings as springboard for students’ own writing; my own literacy education (from comic books to magic books); the diversity of stories in every community**Grade range:** K–3; 4–6; adult (inquire about grades 7–12)**Maximum days of appearance:** 3**Presentations/day:** 4**Signings per day:** Open**Duration of signing:** Open**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes**Comments:** Please visit his Web site for more information.**Background information:** Inquire**Ryan, Cheryl****Residence:** West Virginia**Web URL:** http://hotyellow98.com/harshmac**Honorarium/School:** \$500**Conference:** \$800**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation**Topic(s):** “Tall Tales from the High Hills;” “How to Make a Writer”**Grade range:** K–3; 4–6; 7–8; high school; adult**Maximum days of appearance:** 7**Presentations/day:** 4**Signings per day:** Open**Duration of signing:** Open**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes**Comments:** n/a**Background information:** Cheryl Ryan has been an avid storyteller for 20 years to groups of all ages. As both librarian and college lecturer, she is able to speak about many facets of literature for children. Cheryl’s writing reflects the oral tradition as well as years of experience with children.**Salley, Coleen****Residence:** Louisiana**Web URL:** n/a**Honorarium/School:** \$200--\$650**Conference:** \$750--\$1500**Type of presentations:** School presentations; keynote; workshop; Storytelling performance**Topic(s):** Cajun, Southern, Multicultural Literature**Grade range:** all**Maximum days of appearance:** open

**Presentations/day:** 3-4 (50 minutes each)

**Signings per day:** open

**Duration of signing:** open

**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes

**Comments:** programs & presentations are tailored to audience. If flight involved, 2 minimum required

## Saltzberg, Barney

**Residence:** California

**Web URL:** www.barneysaltzberg.com

**Honorarium/School:** \$1800/negotiable

**Conference:** negotiable

**Type of presentations:** School presentations; keynote; workshop; music

**Topic(s):** How to spark creativity and the process of making a book

**Grade range:** K-8; adult

**Maximum days of appearance:** open

**Presentations/day:** 3-4

**Signings per day:** open

**Duration of signing:** open

**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes

## San Souci, Robert D.

**Residence:** California

**Web URL:** n/a

**Honorarium/School:** \$600-\$1,000

**Conference:** Negotiable

**Type of presentations:** Inquire

**Topic(s):** Becoming a writer; writing different cultures and historical periods

**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; adult

**Maximum days of appearance:** 7

**Presentations/day:** 3

**Signings per day:** Open

**Duration of signing:** Open

**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes

**Comments:** Presentations may require a carousel slide projector (with an extra bulb), a screen, and a microphone.

**Background information:** Inquire

## Schertle, Alice

**Residence:** Massachusetts

**Web URL:** n/a

**Honorarium/School:** \$1,200

**Conference:** \$1,200

**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation

**Topic(s):** The joy of poetry; Writing and reading poetry--craft and appreciation; picture books: writing a story; presenting poetry to children

**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8; adult

**Maximum days of appearance:** Open

**Presentations/day:** 3-4

**Signings per day:** Open

**Duration of signing:** Open

**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes

**Background information:** A former elementary-school teacher, Alice Schertle loves bringing her poetry and stories to school children throughout the United States and abroad.

## Schmidt, Karen Lee

**Residence:** New York

**Web URL:** www.karenleeschmidt.net

**Honorarium/School:** \$850

**Conference:** Negotiable

**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation

**Topic(s):** "Hop Toad! A Book's Journey"(How a simple manuscripts is transformed into a picture book); Slides and drawing demonstrations.

**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8; high school; adult

**Maximum days of appearance:** 5

**Presentations/day:** 1-4

**Signings per day:** 2

**Duration of signing:** 1 hour

**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes

**Comments:** Contact Karen through her web site for appearance requests.

## Seuling, Barbara

**Residence:** New York and Vermont

**Web URL:** Under construction

**Honorarium/School:** \$750

**Conference:** \$1,500

**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation

**Topic(s):** Creating a book from idea to finish; how a picture book is made

**Grade range:** 1-6; adult

**Maximum days of appearance:** 1-3

**Presentations/day:** 1-2

**Signings per day:** 1-2

**Duration of signing:** 1 hour

**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes

**Comments:** Will not be available as a speaker until the fall of 2002.

**Background information:** Author and illustrator Barbara Seuling studied the art of creating children's books by taking courses and working for a publishing house.

## Shed, Greg

**Residence:** California

**Web URL:** n/a

**Honorarium/School:** n/a

**Conference:** \$350

**Type of presentations:** Conference workshops

**Topic(s):** Children's book illustration slide show; demonstration of painting technique

**Grade range:** High school; adult

**Maximum days of appearance:** 2

**Presentations/day:** 2

**Signings per day:** 2

**Duration of signing:** 1 hour

**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes

**Comments:** In the demonstration of technique, an actual painting is finished before an audience.

## Simmons, Andrea

**Residence:** California

**Web URL:** n/a

**Honorarium/School:** Negotiable

**Conference:** Negotiable

**Type of presentations:** Break-out session; workshop; book fairs;

school presentation; poetry lessons

**Topic(s):** "How I Got from the Slushpile to Being Published"

**Grade range:** Preschool-2

**Maximum days of appearance:** 2 per month

**Presentations/day:** 4

**Signings per day:** Open

**Duration of signing:** Open

**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes

**Comments:** Presentation is not suitable for a big assembly as it is very hands-on.

**Background information:**

## Smith, Roland

**Residence:** Oregon

**Web URL:** www.rolandsmith.com

**Honorarium/School:** \$1,500

**Conference:** \$1,500

**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation

**Topic(s):** Please visit Web site.

**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8; high school; adult

**Maximum days of appearance:** 5

**Presentations/day:** 4

**Signings per day:** Open

**Duration of signing:** Open

**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes

**Comments:** n/a

**Background information:** Before devoting himself to writing full-time, author and photographer Roland Smith spent 20 years as a zookeeper, caring for exotic animals. He has also worked in conservation and in efforts to reintroduce the red wolf into the wild.

## Sobel, June

**Residence:** Southern California

**Web URL:** n/a

**Honorarium/School:** \$750

**Conference:** \$1,000

**Type of presentations:** Break-out session; workshop; school presentation

**Topic(s):** Children's Poetry; Writing ABC

**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8; high school; adult

**Maximum days of appearance:** 1

**Presentations/day:** 2

**Signings per day:** 2

**Duration of signing:** 1-2 hours

**Willing to sign paperbacks:** n/a

**Comments:** n/a

**Background information:** Before devoting himself to writing full-time, author and photographer Roland Smith spent 20 years as a zookeeper, caring for exotic animals. He has also worked in conservation and in efforts to reintroduce the red wolf into the wild.

## Soto, Gary

**Residence:** California

**Web URL:** www.GarySoto.com

**Honorarium/School:** \$900

**Conference:** \$2,500

**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop

**Topic(s):** Inquire

**Grade range:** High school; adult

**Maximum days of appearance:**

**Presentations/day:** 2 (no more than 400 students per assembly)

**Signings per day:** 2

**Duration of signing:** 1 hour

**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes

**Comments:** Appears in California, Northwest, and Southwest.

School presentations in Fresno and Sacramento areas only.

Teachers (grades 3-6) may inquire about the Gary Soto

Reading Club.

## Stadler, Alexander

**Residence:** Pennsylvania

**Web URL:** n/a

**Honorarium/School:** negotiable

**Conference:** negotiable

**Type of presentations:** school visits, workshop

**Topic(s):** Inquire

**Grade range:** K-6; highschool/adult

**Maximum days of appearance:** 2

**Presentations/day:** 2

**Signings per day:** 1

**Duration of signing:** open

**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes

**Comments:** Author/Illustrator of *Beverly Billingsley Borrows a Book*

## Staub, Leslie

**Residence:** Louisiana

**Web URL:** n/a

**Honorarium/School:** Negotiable

**Conference:** Negotiable

**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon/dinner speech; workshop; school presentation

**Topic(s):** "To Look with the Eye of Your Heart" connecting creative process with spiritual experience; creative empowerment (4th grade-high school); reading & book making (K-3)

**Grade range:** K-8; high school & adult

**Maximum days of appearance:** 2

**Presentations/day:** 3

**Signings per day:** 3

**Duration of signing:** Open

**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes

**Background information:** As well as writing and illustrating children's books, Staub is also a successful adult artist known for her "Church of the Soul" series.

## Stevens, Janet

**Residence:** Colorado

**Web URL:** www.janetstevens.com

**Honorarium/School:** n/a

**Conference:** \$1,800

**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session (with keynote or luncheon)

**Topic(s):** She details her process for making picture books.

**Grade range:** Adult

**Maximum days of appearance:** 2

**Presentations/day:** 2

**Signings per day:** 2

**Duration of signing:** 2 hours

**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes

**Comments:** Cannot stay over Saturday evenings. No school visits.

**Background information:** Inquire

**Stringer, Lauren**

**Residence:** Minnesota  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** \$500 (local); \$700 (travel)  
**Conference:** \$1,000  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Inquire  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 5  
**Presentations/day:** 4  
**Signings per day:** 4  
**Duration of signing:** 1 hour  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

**Swanson, Susan Marie**

**Residence:** Minnesota  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** negotiable  
**Conference:** negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** reading and writing poetry with children; hands-on poetry activities with children; Making Children Out of Words: A talk on Contemporary Children's Authors who write vividly about childhood & growing up.  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 4  
**Presentations/day:** 4  
**Signings per day:** 2  
**Duration of signing:** 2 hours  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** n/a

**Swinburne, Stephen R.**

**Residence:** Vermont  
**Web URL:** www.steveswinburne.com  
**Honorarium/School:** \$1,200  
**Conference:** Negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** "All About Tree Swallow"; "Home Sweet Home for Swallows"; "Rapping about Raptors"; "From Blank Page to Book" "Who's Afraid of the Big, Bad Wolf?"  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 5  
**Presentations/day:** 1-4  
**Signings per day:** 2-3  
**Duration of signing:** 1-2 hours  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** After earning degrees in biology and English, London native Stephen R. Swinburne worked as a park ranger. His love for travel and nature, his adventures on safari in Africa, and his stint monitoring sea turtles have provided inspiration for several of his books.

**Talbott, Hudson**

**Residence:** New York  
**Web URL:** www.hudsonaltbott.com  
**Honorarium/School:** \$1500 (full day) \$750 (half day)  
**Conference:** accordingly  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; school presentation; conferences/universities  
**Topic(s):** Topics vary as needed  
**Grade range:** 1-3; 4-6; 7-8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** Open  
**Presentations/day:** 4  
**Signings per day:** open  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes

**Taylor, Theodore**

**Residence:** California  
**Web URL:** www.apc.net/theodoretaylor  
**Honorarium/School:** \$2,500  
**Conference:**  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** The Writing Process  
**Grade range:** 5-6; 7-8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 3  
**Presentations/day:** 4  
**Signings per day:** 2  
**Duration of signing:** 2 hours  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

**Tusa, Tricia**

**Residence:** Texas  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** \$250 per 45min. session  
**Conference:** \$1,000  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Topics vary, please inquire  
**Grade range:** 1-3; 4-6; 7-8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** Open  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** 1-2  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** The presentations for the grade school level are very interactive. The children decide what Tricia draws and the story-making follows. Tricia enjoys her sessions with young children as much as she does with high school-aged kids and adults.  
**Background information:** Inquire

**Vande Velde, Vivian**

**Residence:** New York  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** \$1,500  
**Conference:** \$1,500  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Writing: from idea to bookshelf  
**Grade range:** 4–6; 7–8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** Open  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** Open  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

**Vaughan, Marcia**

**Residence:** Washington  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** \$1,000  
**Conference:** Negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** The Evolution of an Idea to a Story  
**Grade range:** K-6; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** Open  
**Presentations/day:** 2  
**Signings per day:** Open  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

**Walsh, Ellen Stoll**

**Residence:** New York  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** \$800 local/\$1500 overnight  
**Conference:** \$1,000 local/\$1500 overnight  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** “Suspended Disbelief: The Illusion of the Effortless Picture Book;” Writing and Illustrating Picture Books  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4–6; 7–8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** Open  
**Presentations/day:** Open  
**Signings per day:** Open  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** Ellen Stoll Walsh enjoys visiting International Schools.  
**Background information:** Inquire

**Walsh, Vivian**

**Residence:** California  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** \$200  
**Conference:**  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation

**Topic(s):** Discussions about writing  
**Grade range:** preschool-4; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 1  
**Presentations/day:** 4  
**Signings per day:** 1  
**Duration of signing:** 1-2 hours  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

**Weeks, Sarah**

**Residence:** New York  
**Web URL:** www.pippinproperties.com  
**Honorarium/School:** \$1,200 for 3 sessions  
**Conference:** \$1,200 per day  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Various topics, please inquire  
**Grade range:** pre-K-3; 4–6; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** Open  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** Open  
**Duration of signing:** 2 hours  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** Presentations for younger children can include singing, as some of Sarah’s books have tapes of original songs on which the books are based.  
**Background information:** Inquire

**Wheeler, Lisa**

**Residence:** Michigan  
**Web URL:** www.lisawheelerbooks.com  
**Honorarium/School:** n/a  
**Conference:** Negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** See website for information  
**Topic(s):** “Minding Your P’s and Q’s as You Pursue Publication;” “Cows, Sheep, and Other Relatives: Do Animals Make Better Humans?--Anthromorphism;” “Wool Gathering: Don’t Dismiss Those Daydreams--Creativity in Adults and Children”  
**Grade range:** adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 4  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** 2  
**Duration of signing:** 1-2 hours  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** Lisa prefers groups of under 100 people. Handouts are included in the presentation. Lisa can modify a presentation to fit the needs of a group. If compensated, she will do critiques. Lisa would like to be compensated for travel expenses outside a 50 mile radius.  
**Background information:** Inquire

**Widener, Terry**

**Residence:** Texas  
**Web URL:** www.new-work.com/twthumb.htm  
**Honorarium/School:** \$200–\$500  
**Conference:** \$2,000  
**Type of presentations:** Break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Illustrating biographies; the steps in illustrating books  
**Grade range:** 1-4; college; adult

**Maximum days of appearance:** 3  
**Presentations/day:** 2  
**Signings per day:** 2  
**Duration of signing:** 30-45 minutes  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Wiles, Deborah

**Residence:** Maryland  
**Web URL:** www.deborahwiles.com  
**Honorarium/School:** Negotiable  
**Conference:** Negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** School presentation; keynote  
**Topic(s):**  
**Grade range:** K-8; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:**  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** Open  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes

## Willard, Nancy

**Residence:** New York  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** Negotiable  
**Conference:** Negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Poetry; oral history; bookmaking; writing; illustrating with a camera  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** Open  
**Presentations/day:** Open  
**Signings per day:** Open  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Nancy Willard is the author of many extraordinary books for children as well as the creator of poetry, novels, and essays for adults.

## Wimmer, Mike

**Residence:** Oklahoma  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** \$1,000  
**Conference:** \$500  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** "Illustration: Words Are the Wings of Our Imagination but Pictures Are the Final Destination"  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 5  
**Presentations/day:** 2-3  
**Signings per day:** 3  
**Duration of signing:** 2 hours each  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes

**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Wolff, Ashley

**Residence:** California  
**Web URL:** www.ashleywolff.com  
**Honorarium/School:** \$1,000  
**Conference:** \$300 per speech  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Printmaking technique show-and-tell, slides, and participatory drawing activity  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** Open  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** 2-3  
**Duration of signing:** 2 hours  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** No  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Wolkstein, Diane

**Residence:** New York  
**Web URL:** www.dianewolkstein.com  
**Honorarium/School:** \$1,000-\$1,500  
**Conference:** Negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Stories from many lands; magic of storytelling; writing/telling/collecting folktales  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** Open  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** 2  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Inquire  
**Comments:** Diane enjoys giving presentations to the entire school, and to children and their parents.  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Wong, Janet

**Residence:** Washington  
**Web URL:** www.janetwong.com  
**Honorarium/School:** \$2,500/day  
**Conference:** \$2,500/day  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Poetry; ESL, Multicultural, writing about family  
**Grade range:** preK-3; 4-6; 7-8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 3  
**Presentations/day:** Open  
**Signings per day:** Open  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** yes

**Comments:** References are available in the “School Visits” section of the Web site.

## Wylie, Bill

**Residence:** New York  
**Web URL:** <http://home.earthlink.net/~comcart>  
**Honorarium/School:** Negotiable  
**Conference:** Negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Comic Book Art/Graphic Novels  
**Grade range:** 1-5; 6-8; high school; college; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 2-3  
**Presentations/day:** 1-3  
**Signings per day:** Open  
**Duration of signing:** 3-4 hours  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Bill spoke to a comic book art class at the Boston Academy of Art in the spring of 2001.

## Yolen, Jane

**Residence:** Massachusetts  
**Web URL:** [www.janeyolen.com](http://www.janeyolen.com)  
**Honorarium/School:** n/a  
**Conference:** \$3,000  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; workshop; storytelling  
**Topic(s):** All aspects of children's literature  
**Grade range:** K-5; 6-8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** Open  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** Open  
**Duration of signing:** Open  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** No school visits. Jane also makes appearances with members of her family with whom she has written books.  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Zahares, Wade S.

**Residence:** Maine  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** \$700  
**Conference:** \$600  
**Type of presentations:** Break-out session; workshop; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** Illustration  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; 7-8; high school; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** 4-5  
**Presentations/day:** 3-4  
**Signings per day:** 4  
**Duration of signing:** 60-90 minutes  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Inquire

## Zimmerman, Andrea

**Residence:** California  
**Web URL:** n/a  
**Honorarium/School:** \$750-\$1,000  
**Conference:** Negotiable  
**Type of presentations:** Keynote; luncheon; break-out session; school presentation  
**Topic(s):** *For children:* The fun of making books and how my writing is like their writing  
*For adults:* How to write a picture book  
**Grade range:** K-3; 4-6; adult  
**Maximum days of appearance:** Open  
**Presentations/day:** 3  
**Signings per day:** 2  
**Duration of signing:** 2 hours  
**Willing to sign paperbacks:** Yes  
**Comments:** n/a  
**Background information:** Andrea Zimmerman's background as a dentist, Cub Scout leader, dog owner, camper, mother of three boys, candy lover, and gardener all seems to go into her books (along with a lot of imagination).





