

Community Day Highlights

I Hotel Conference Center

Saturday, October 22

10:00 Options:

Sharon Flake Flying Scared: Or How to Get Through Life When You Are Shaking in Your Boots. (Grades 4 and up)

Xavier Garza Tell Me a Story: Scary Latino Stories (All ages)

Eugene Yelchin The Many Colors of Black and White: The art of illustrating in black and white (Grades 3 and up)

Dan Keding- Award winning storyteller shares some of his prize winning stories

What I Wish My Teachers, Friends, and Neighbors Knew About Islam. Asma Mobin-Uddin covers the basics of Islam - dress, attire and modesty issues, gender relations, prayers, fasting, diet, holidays, curriculum issues, and recommended resources for classroom teachers.

Panel Discussion: Books for Kids Who Don't Like Fiction Featuring authors Alice McGinty ,David Schwartz , Sally Walker. Moderated by Professor Nancy O'Brien

Puppet Show "The Picture Book Show" - Mike O'Brien, Clothespin Puppets

Booksigning : Greg Neri , Duncan Tonatiuh , Zetta Elliott , Sarah Aronson

11:00 Options:

Greg Neri talks about his middle grade mystery, *Tru & Nelle*, which looks at the childhood friendship between Harper Lee and Truman Capote and how they solved small town mysteries together pretending to be Sherlock Holmes and Watson. (Grades 3 and up)

Duncan Tonatiuh Modern Fairy Tales: Tonatiuh will read from several of his books and talk of how he was inspired by classic tales to create his stories.
(All ages)

Zetta Elliott Milo & Melena--Mighty Girls!: Author Zetta Elliott shares her two new picture books about girls who use their creativity to make a difference.
(Age level--5-8)

Alice McGinty Exercise Your Funny Bone: Writing humor is about breaking the rules; Learn how to break the rules with many fun, interactive activities. (All ages)

Tim Tingle The official storyteller for the Choctaw Nation shares some of his favorite tales. (All ages)

Storytelling in the Classroom Award winning Storyteller Dan Keding and Kathe Brinkman demonstrate how to use storytelling as an inspiration and springboard for a variety of exciting writing activities in the classroom.

Panel Discussion : Getting Published. Featuring authors Sarah Aronson and Jennifer Ward. Moderated by Professor Violet Harris

Puppet Show "Rhythm and Rhyme and Story Time" - Charmaine LeCesne Young

Booksigning Sharon Flake, Xavier Garza, Eugene Yelchin

12:00 Options:

David Schwartz Math + Literature = Learning + Fun! With outrageous props, impressive photos and funny stories of his childhood, David leads his audience on an exciting journey that combines math, science and literature and shows why "wondering is wonderful." (Grades 3 to 5)

Christian Robinson Telling Stories with Pictures: a Hands-on Creative Workshop with Caldecott Honor winning illustrator (All ages)

Deborah Ruddell Popcorn and Poems:
Hear some fun poems, make a craft, and have a snack!
Ages 4-8

Sarah Aronson. Write What Energizes You:
A discussion about celebrating the process and embracing failure. For Writers of all ages

Nnedi Okorafor. Stories from Africa and based in African traditions.

When There's No Box to Check: Falling in the Racial Cracks, Multiracial Students, and Diversity Crystal Chan discusses racial confusion in schools, society, and globally and explores ways to bolster confidence in multi-racial children.

Panel Discussion : #WhyIWrite Featuring authors Janice Harrington, Patricia Hruby Powell, and Asma Mobin-Uddin

Puppet Show "The Three Wishes" - Elizabeth Goldsmith-Conley and her Portable Poppets

Book Signing Alice McGinty , Marianne Malone, Nnedi Okorafor, Ted Sanders

1:00 Options:

Jennifer Ward Join award-winning author Jennifer Ward for a spooctacular, silly mummy-themed story time followed by a make & take mummy craft! (Toddlers to Grade 3)

Janice Harrington Fishing for Stories. Harrington will discuss how she draws on family stories and poetry to write her books. Participants will write poetry and share their own family stories.

(School age and up)

Marianne Malone Being a Visual Writer:

How to use visual cues to create scenes and whole stories.

(Grades 3 and up)

Tim Tingle Footsteps in the Snow: In this story based on his novel "How I Became A Ghost," Tingle shares a ten year-old boy's experiences on the Trail of Tears (Grades 4 to 7)

Kath Brinkmann Folktales From Around the World. (Grades 3 and up)

Incorporating Quality Non-Fiction in the Classroom With Sally Walker How to turn a research project into an adventure and make writing nonfiction fun.

Panel Discussion :Banned Books NCTE sponsored panel discussion featuring authors Sarah Aronson and Ted Sanders

Peter and the Wolf. All ages.

Six CUSO musicians combine talents with puppeteers to bring the tale of Peter and the Wolf to life. Anne Newman of Puppetfolk Productions, and Mike O'Brien of Clothespin Puppets - Featuring the Champaign-Urbana Symphony Orchestra Woodwind Quintet, with Narration by Ronald Hedlund.

Book Signing : Asma Mobin-Uddin, Patricia Hruby Powell, Crystal Chan
Christian Robinson, Deborah Ruddell

2:00 Options:

Patricia Hruby Powell How a Dancer Becomes a Writer:(with hints about how you can become a writer) A review of the author's books, her attempts at illustrating, students' illustrations, projects from schools. (2nd - 6th grade plus teachers and parents)

Nnedi Okorafor African-based science fiction, fantasy and magical realism for both children and adults.

Asma Mobin-Uddin Writing the Muslim-American Experience: Words and Pictures. (Grades 1 and up)

Ted Sanders The Science of Fantasy Writing: Making sure your fantastic inventions make sense. (Grades 3-6)

Incorporating Quality Latina/o Literature in the Classroom Dr. Sonia Alejandra Rodriguez presents an exciting variety of Latina/o literature for children and Young adults, including books by Youth Literature Festival authors Matt de la Peña, Xavier Garza, and Duncan Tonatiuh.

Getting Published. Featuring authors Sarah Aronson , Alice McGinty and Marianne Malone. Moderated by Professor Violet Harris

Puppet Show "The Gingerbread Boy and the Pot of Gold" - Ginger Lozar's Puppets

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