

**MONROE #1 BOCES SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM
PRESENTS
CELEBRITIES IN THE SCHOOLS 2008-2009
VISITING AUTHORS, ILLUSTRATORS, STORYTELLERS
Spring Preview**

- 1. Bob McLeod**-October 23-24, 2008; \$850/day plus expenses for 3-4 presentations; target audience-elementary grades but can easily adapt to young adult audience; presentation includes his work as a comic book artist and how his Superhero ABC book was developed. Visit his website and pre-order books at a discount from Barb Davis at <http://www.thebookconnection.us>
- 2. Jeff Mack**- November 5-7, 2008; \$1000/day for up to 4 hours of presentations and workshops plus expenses; illustrator of Bunnica series, Boo, Bunny! and author/illustrator of Hush Little Polar Bear; presentations are tailored to age levels and feature drawing workshops and presentations on drawing book illustrations and murals; students are encouraged to bring paper, crayons & pencils to performances for drawing activities; visit Jeff's website at <http://www.jeffmack.com>
- 3. Tedd Arnold**- December 3-5, 2008; \$1800/day for 3 presentations plus expenses; visit <http://www.geocities.com~teddarnold>
- 4. James Howe**- March 18-19, 2009; \$2500/day plus expenses for 3 presentations; James Howe is the author of more than seventy books for young readers, including the popular and award-winning series about Bunnica and his friends. Among his other books are the Pinky and Rex series.
- 5. Kate Klise**- March 23-25, 2009; \$1000/day plus expenses for 3 presentations; target audience-elementary grades; Kate has authored several humorous children's literature titles in collaboration with her sister, illustrator M. Sarah Klise. Their Regarding series is presented in a scrapbook style format, with letters, journal entries, and related ephemera. Visit Kate's website at <http://kateandsaraklise.com>
- 6. Steven Kellogg**- March 24-25, 2009; \$2200/day plus expenses for 3 presentations; Steven Kellogg talks about the art of the picture book which is an art form that is designed specifically for children, but can be appreciated and enjoyed by all ages. Visit Steven's website at <http://www.stevenkellogg.com>
- 7. Gordon Korman**- March 26-27, 2009; \$3000/day plus expenses for 3 presentations; his fast and entertaining presentation begins with how he wrote his first novel when he was only twelve -- a four-month-long seventh grade language arts assignment produced This Can't Be Happening At Macdonald Hall, which was published by Scholastic a year and a half later, when Gordon was fourteen. He also talks about brainstorming, developing characters, dialogue, rewriting and revision, and of course his trademark humor. Now, twenty-five years after that 7th grade project, he has over forty books to his credit, including the Island trilogy, No More Dead Dogs, and The Monday Night Football Club novels, which inspired the Disney Channel TV series The Jersey. Visit Gordon's website at <http://gordonkorman.com>
- 8. Bob Raczka**- April 1-3, 2009; \$800/day for 3-4 presentations plus expenses; Bob Raczka shares his enthusiasm for fine art through books and talks with younger children; titles include More than Meets the Eye: Seeing Art with All Five Senses, Here's Looking at Me: How Artists See Themselves and 3-D ABC: A Sculptural Alphabet. Visit Bob's website at <http://www.bohraczka.com>
- 9. Laurie Keller**- April 6-7, 2009; \$1200/day plus expenses for 4 presentations; target audience K-6; titles include Arnie the Doughnut, Open Wide Tooth School Inside, and Scrambled States of America. Excellent references from our elementary schools where she has visited in the past. Visit Laurie's website at <http://www.lauriekeller.com>

10. Carolyn Mackler- May 5-6, 2009; \$1800/day plus expenses for 3 presentations; Carolyn grew up in Brockport and most of her novels are set in that area including *Guyaholic*, *Vegan Virgin Valentine*, *Love and Other Four-Letter Words* and *Foreign Editions*; visit Carolyn's website at <http://www.carolynmackler.com>

11. Elizabeth Levy- May 11-12, 2009; \$1500/day plus expenses for 3 presentations plus a shorter 4th session for kindergarten; author of numerous titles including her newest *Tackling Dad*, *America's Funny but True Histories*, *The Revolting Revolutionaries*, *Westward Ha!* plus two new Fletcher Mysteries and many more; appropriate for elementary-middle school grades; check out her website at <http://www.elizabethlevy.com>

12. Jack Gantos- has agreed to a return visit in the spring of 2009; we are waiting for confirmation of dates from him and will send that info in a follow up posting; if you are interested in having Jack, please let Bobbi know.

LOCAL AUTHORS

1. Vivian Vande Velde- \$1000/3 presentations per day. Contact Vivian directly to schedule. <mailto:vivianv@rochester.rr.com>

2. Susan Wojciechowski- now resides in Rochester; \$1250/day for 3 presentations; partial day: 1 presentation \$550; 2 presentations \$950 plus; mileage and expenses; target audience grades 1-8; adult and evening presentations available. Visit Susan's website at <http://www.susanwoj.com>. Contact Susan directly at <mailto:susan@susanwoj.com> or call 315-531-1920 for bookings.

3. Stuart Smith- Pittsford School district teacher and local author; \$950/day for 3 presentations; after school/evening events available; K-6 target audience; titles include *Dinosaur Hide & Seek*, *Goldilocks & the Three Martians*; *My School's A Zoo*. Visit Stu's website at <http://stusmith.com>. Contact Stu directly at <mailto:Stusmithbooks@aol.com> to schedule.

4. Robin Pulver- \$1000/day for 3 presentations; grades K-4; contact Robin directly to schedule at <mailto:robinpulver@rochester.rr.com>; visit her website at <http://www.robinpulver.com>

5. Cynthia DeFelice- \$1900/day for 3 sessions & \$2300 for 4 sessions; contact Cynthia directly to schedule at <mailto:cyndefelice@yahoo.com> or 315-789-5665.

6. Marsha Hayles- \$275.00 per presentation with a maximum of four presentations per day for a total of \$1,100. Visit Marsha's website at <http://www.marshahayles.com>. Contact Marsha directly to schedule at <mailto:mhayles@rochester.rr.com>

7. Rafe Martin- \$800 per 45 minute performance & book signing; \$1400 for two; \$1800 for three; 200 students max per session; Rafe's programs can include: author/storyteller presentation, writing workshop, storytelling workshops and staff development; Visit Rafe's website at <http://www.rafemartin.com>. Contact him directly to schedule at <mailto:rafestoryteller@aol.com>

8. Ellen Stoll Walsh- \$1000/day for 3 presentations; contact Ellen at <mailto:ellensw@aol.com> to schedule.

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