OHIO KENTUCKY INDIANA
Children's Literature Conference

Culture to Culture
BOOKS BRIDGE THE WORLD

Featuring Keynote Speakers
Patricia Reilly Giff George Ella Lyon
Author Author

and the
TriState Authors & Illustrators
of Children's Books Showcase
Elaine Alphin, H. J. Arrington,
Brandon Marie Miller, Ann W. Olson

Saturday, November 7, 1998
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Thomas More College
Crestview Hills, Kentucky
Welcome to Culture to Culture: Books Bridge the World. The third annual OKI Children's Literature Conference brings you a wonderful opportunity to share information and ideas about linking children, books, and reading. In addition to our keynote speakers, there will be a variety of workshops. You will have time to meet with authors and illustrators from the TriState area and others who share your love of children and reading.

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**Workshops**

**Workshop I 10:00 - 11:00**
- George Ella Lyon & Ann W. Olson: Author/Photographer
- H. J. Arrington: Showcase Author
- Brandon Marie Miller: Showcase Author
- Charlotte Decker: YA Literature for Middle School
- Sue Eades: Multicultural Literature
- Darwin Henderson: Caribbean Children's Literature

**Workshop II 11:15 - 12:15**
- Elaine Alphin: Showcase Author
- Brandon Marie Miller: Showcase Author
- Charlotte Decker: YA Literature for Middle School
- Sue Eades: Continuation of Workshop I
- Tina Moore: Planning Author Visits
- Linda Leopold Strauss: Children's Writers' Workshop

**Workshop III 1:15 - 2:15**
- Elaine Alphin: Showcase Author
- H. J. Arrington: Showcase Author
- Ann W. Olson: Photographer
- Darwin Henderson: Caribbean Children's Literature
- Miriam McKenney: Infant/Toddler Programming
- Fred Shaw: Native American Storyteller

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**OKI Children's Literature Conference 1998 Registration**

**Writers' Workshop and Manuscript Critiquing Services**

For the first time, the OKI conference will include a writers' workshop (limited to 15 participants), conducted by local author Linda Leopold Strauss. Ms. Strauss is offering written manuscript critiques to participants. Do not send a manuscript until your registration is confirmed. From manuscripts submitted, 2-3 will be selected as the basis for discussion at the workshop. Manuscripts must be received by October 13; word limit is 2000. The workshop will focus on writing techniques, the difference between a magazine story and a picture book, and qualities that make for a marketable manuscript. Workshop participants may continue discussion with Ms. Strauss informally over box lunches.

Ms. Strauss is the author of three published books and many magazine stories. Her fourth book, a fantasy novel for ages 7-11, is due out from Holiday House in Spring 1999. Ms. Strauss has also taught children's writing as an adjunct at the College of Mount St. Joseph and is currently an instructor for the Institute of Children's Literature.

**Conference Registration Information**

- Conference fee is $35.00. This fee includes continental breakfast, box lunch (indicate below if vegetarian lunch is preferred), information packet, and directory of TriState Authors & Illustrators of Children's Books.
- Registration deadline is November 2, 1998 and is limited to 250 people. To participate in the Writers' Critique, return this form by September 25.
- Confirmation and maps will be mailed to participants. Notification to send a manuscript for the Writers' Critique will be sent at this time.
- Please make checks payable to GCLC and mail with registration form to: GCLC, 3333 Vine St., Suite 605, Cincinnati, OH 45220-2214.
- For additional information contact GCLC (Greater Cincinnati Library Consortium).
  Telephone: (513) 751-4422, Fax: (513) 751-0463, E-mail: gclc@one.net
  Updates can also be found on the GCLC web site at http://www.libraries.uc.edu/gclc/oki

The first 200 to arrive at the conference will receive a poster from Counting on the Woods, autographed by George Ella Lyon and Ann W. Olson.

**OKI Registration Form**

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This program is supported in part by Library Services and Technology Act funds, granted through the State Library of Ohio.
Keynote Speakers

George Ella Lyon

Born and raised in the mountains of Kentucky, George Ella Lyon grew up with a love of poetry and music. She has published two collections of poems, Mountain and Catalpa, and seventeen picture books, including Come a Tide, featured on Reading Rainbow; Who Came Down That Road?, a Publishers’ Weekly Best Book of the Year; and Basket, winner of the Kentucky Bluegrass Award. She has also published three novels for young readers, Borrowed Children, winner of the Golden Kite Award; A Wordful Child, an autobiography; and Choices, a book of stories for adult new readers. Her work is featured in the PBS series, “The United States of Poetry;” and her adult novel With a Hammer for My Heart, was featured in Borders Bookstores “Original Voices” series.

A graduate of Centre College (B.A. in English), University of Arkansas (M.A. in English), and Indiana University (Ph.D. in English), Ms. Lyon has extensive experience as a teacher, workshop presenter and writer-in-residence. Married to musician Steve Lyon, she has two sons. She works as a free-lance writer and teacher in Lexington, KY.

Patricia Reilly Giff

Reading and writing have always been an important part of Patricia Reilly Giff’s life. As a reading teacher for 20 years, the educational consultant for Dell Yearling books, an advisor and instructor to aspiring writers, and the author of more than 60 books for children, Patricia Reilly Giff has spent her entire life surrounded by books.

In discussing her reasons for writing for children, Ms. Giff explains, “I want the children to bubble up with laughter, or to cry over my books. I want to picture them under a cherry tree, or at the library with my book in their hands. But more, I want to see them reading in the classroom. I want to see children in solitude at their desks, reading, absorbing, lost in a book.”

Patricia Reilly Giff and her husband live in Weston, Connecticut. They have three children and five grandchildren. In 1990, Ms. Giff combined her two greatest loves—children’s books and her family—and, with her husband and children opened “The Dinosaur’s Paw,” a children’s bookstore named after one of her “Kids of the Polk Street School” novels.

Ms. Giff’s novel, Lily’s Crossing, was a 1998 Newbery Honor book.

I’ve written about friendship before, but in a lighthearted way...this time, I wanted to explore what happens to people as they forge a relationship in a more serious way. I wanted to tell my readers that even though the times are different now, people have always worried about the same things...loss and separation, the future, and sometimes war. I want readers to know that love and friendship make a difference.

Patricia Reilly Giff

From “Dear Readers” following text of Lily’s Crossing ©1997. Reprinted with permission from Delacorte Press.
"Ten trees whose innumerable leaves clean the air for everything that breathes."

George Ella Lyon
(Counting on the Wood, 1998)