13th Annual
Ohio Kentucky Indiana Children's Literature Conference
Thomas More College
Crestview Hills, KY

Tots, Teens & In beTweens: Booked for Life

Featuring:
Sharon Draper and Jim Gill

Saturday, November 1st, 2008
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Library (L-Classrooms) - Enter the building and walk up the main staircase. Walk down the hallway and follow the signs to the Library. The entrance will be on your left.
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Five local children's authors with different writing styles and working methods will talk about the way they get writing ideas and turn them into published books. *Mary Kay Carson, Ken Jewett, Kaza Kingsley, Barbara Libby, Connie Wooldridge*

B) "Vampires and Werewolves in the Classroom?" Bringing the *Twilight* Series to life in the Language Arts classroom. (grades 7-12) - L316

This presentation will offer a brief overview of the *Twilight* saga along with several different approaches for discussing it in a classroom setting or in a book club setting. It will offer differentiated reading materials that will center on Bella as a potential 21st century heroine and characterization materials on Team Edward versus Team Jacob!

*Christy Petroze, Ed.D., Rhonda Shriver*

C) "Empowering Parents to Engage in Early Literacy Fun" - L315

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*Angie Espelage*
Concurrent Session II

11:00-11:50

A) Jim Gill, Meet the Author—L315

Participants will have the opportunity to meet with Mr. Gill, discuss his work, and ask questions pertaining to his success as author/songwriter.

B) "In Our Royal Opinion: Best Books of 2007-2008" - L316

This presentation looks at the best fiction and nonfiction books reviewed by members of ROYAL. (Reviewers of Young Adults Literature)

Charlotte Decker

C) "Signing with Babies" - L136

In this session the presenter, from Signing Safari, will discuss and teach the participants the advantages of learning early signing.

Jeanne Bloemer

D) Blue Marble—L137

Marilyn will talk about new books for children grades K-8. Hear about books to enhance and enrich your literature program. A hand-out of books presented will be available to participants.

Marilyn Smith

E) Manuscript Critique—L317

This is a session open only to those who submitted manuscripts by mail for critiquing. Linda will make herself available to discuss written critiques and to offer further writing and publishing advice to participants.

Linda Leopold-Strauss
Concurrent Session III

1:00-1:50

A) Sharon Draper, Meet the Author—L315

Participants will have the opportunity to meet with Ms. Draper, discuss her work, and ask questions pertaining to her success as author.

B) “Toddlers and Teens Really Aren’t That Different: Using Brain Research for Fabulous Results in Youth Services” - L136

Are you wondering what to do with all that information you’ve heard about brain development? Learn practical ways to use current research in your library. Two experienced programmers will share current brain research for toddlers and teens and practical ways to use it to improve your programs and practice for young children and teens.
Laura A.B. Dell, M.Ed., Amy Schardein, MLS

C) Blue Marble “What’s New for You?” - L137

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Sharon Draper is a professional educator as well as an accomplished writer. She has been honored as the National Teacher of the Year, is a five-time winner of the Coretta Scot King Literary Award, and is a New York Times bestselling author. She was selected a Ohio's Outstanding High School Language Arts Educator, Ohio Teacher of the Year, and was chosen as a NCNW Excellence in Teaching Award winner. She is a Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award winner, and was the Duncanson Artist-on-Residence for the Taft Museum. She is a UWCA Career Woman of Achievement, and is the recipient of the Dean's Award from Howard University School of Education, the Pepperdine University Distinguished Alumnus Award, the Marva Collins Education Excellence Award, and the Governor's Educational Leadership Award. Last year she was named Ohio Pioneer in Education by the Ohio State Department of Education.

After becoming one of the first teachers in the nation to achieve National Board Certification in English/Language Arts, she was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. She is currently on the Board of the National Commission on Teaching and America's Future. Her award-winning essay on education, "The Touch of a Teacher," was published by the National Governor's Association in What Governors Need to know about Education.

Actively involved in encouraging and motivating all teachers and their students as well, she has worked all over the United States, as well as in Russia, Ghana, Togo, Kenya, Ethiopia, Bermuda, and Guam, spreading the word about the power of accomplished teaching excellence in education. She has been honored at the White House several times and was chosen as one of only four authors in the country to speak at the National Book Festival in Washington, D.C, and to represent the United States in Moscow at their Book Festival.

Keynote: “Booked for Life through Literacy and Laughter”

Sharon M. Draper, award-winning author and educator, will present a delightful mixture of reading, laughter, and inspiration. This presentation will remind us of the power of books and the ability of words to wave a spell.

Ms. Draper's works include Tears of a Tiger, Forged by Fire, Darkness Before dawn, Romiette and Julio, Double Dutch, the Battle of Jericho, Copper Sun, November Blues, Just Another Hero, Rife from the Rock, we Beat the Street, Ziggy and the Black Dinosaurs: The Buried Bones Mystery, Ziggy and the Black Dinosaurs: Lost in the Tunnel of Time, Ziggy and the Black Dinosaurs: Shadows of Caesar's Creek, Ziggy and the Black Dinosaurs: The Space Mission Adventure, Ziggy and the Black Dinosaurs: The Backyard Zoo Adventure, Ziggy and the Black Dinosaurs: Stars and Sparks on Stage, Teaching from the Heart, and Not Quite Burned Out, But Crispy around the Edges.
Jim Gill is an award-winning musician and author. In fact, the American Library Association named his most recent CD, *Jim Gill Sings Moving Rhymes for Modern Times* a 2007 Notable Children's Recording, the association's highest honor for music. His two picture books, *A Soup Opera* and *May There Always Be Sunshine* are used in classrooms and library story times throughout the country. Most importantly, Jim is a child development specialist with a graduate degree from the Erikson Institute of Chicago. He spent 20 years directing music play programs for children with special needs in the Chicago area.

Session/Workshop: Songs to Read! Books to Sing!

You read that correctly! Children's author and musician Jim Gill will offer both songs to read and books to sing in this energizing session. In his humorous and straightforward style, Jim reveals the wonderful connections between music, play and literacy. You'll enjoy the opportunity to take part in reading songs and singing books that you can bring back to your program and integrate into your work with children!

The session will feature a presentation of Jim's newest picture book, *A Soup Opera*. It is a sing-along opera that can be playfully sung.....and actively played....with children.
Laura Dell has an MEd from the University of Cincinnati and a Certificate in Distance Education from Indiana University. She has had a diverse career working with kids of all ages, from babies to teens, in non-traditional educational institutions. She has designed exhibits and programs for children and teens at the Orlando Science Center, Duke Energy Children's Museum at Cincinnati Museum Center, and the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton Co. At these institutions she also mentored and developed training for teen volunteers. She has also taught professional development courses for teachers and designed classroom curriculum through CET, Cincinnati's local PBS station. She currently is an Academic Director in Early Childhood Education at the University of Cincinnati.

Angie Espelage is a graduate from the College of Mount Saint Joseph with a Bachelor's in Fine Arts. She enjoys watching anime and reading manga. Her interest in the subject has lead her to start an anime club at the Miami Township library, to speak and frequently visit the Kenton County's manga club, and the Walton Branch Library in Boone County Kentucky. She has had an article published in VALSA titled "Manga Madness in the Library." Currently she has introduced the Manga Book Club to the anime club at Miami Township.

Betsy Glick, Lisa M. Sensale, Diane Setter The presenters are employed at the Boone County Public Library. Betsy is the Youth Services Coordinator for the system and Lisa and Diane work as Early Literacy Specialists.

Dr. Christy Petroze is a seasoned teacher of adolescent learners. She is presently Staff Developer at Campbell County Middle School. She taught sixth and seventh grade Language Arts for twelve years and holds an Ed.D. in Curriculum and Administration from U. K. Christy also teaches as an adjunct at Thomas More College for both the English and the Education departments.

Amy Schardein is a Children's Librarian & Early Childhood Specialist at the Mary Ann Mongan Branch of the Kenton County Public Libraries. She is also a credentialed trainer in Early Literacy for the Kentucky Training into Practice Project. When she is not working with parents and caregivers she can usually be found designing or implementing research-based programs that are fun for the whole family.

Rhonda Shriver is in her ninth year of teaching and currently teaches sixth and eighth grade Language Arts at Highlands Middle School. She has a B.A. in English from Thomas More College and a Master's of Arts in Education from NKU.

Linda Leopold Straus is the award-winning author of six published books, fiction and non-fiction, for children of all ages. She has also taught writing for children at the College of Mount St. Joseph and the Institute of Children's Literature and has led many workshops on the writing process. Her books include A Fairy Called Hillary, and Really, Truly, Everything's Fine. Her latest picture book is The Princess Gown (Houghton Mifflin 2008).

The Blue Marble is a unique book store, privately owned and situated in Ft. Thomas, Kentucky. The Blue Marble offers an array of children and adolescent literature. The owners, Peter and Tina Moore, have embraced literacy through the establishment of multiple programs for early literacy. Marilyn Smith will talk about new books for children grades K-8. Hear about books to enhance and enrich your literature program. A hand-out of books presented will be available to participants.

Royal (Reviewers of Young Adult Literature) Charlotte Decker is librarian in the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County.
Mary Kay Carson is the author of more than twenty-five nonfiction books for kids, including Exploring the Solar System, The Wright Brothers for Kids, and Alexander Graham Bell: Giving Voice to the World. Her most recent book, Emi and the Rhino Scientist, is the story of endangered species scientist Terri Roth's struggle at the Cincinnati Zoo to help a rare rhino named Emi become a mom and help save her species from extinction. After years of work and a number of breakthrough discoveries, Emi finally gives birth to the first Sumatran rhino calf born in captivity at the zoo in more than a hundred years. The author lives in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Kenneth Jewett grew up in Hilliard, Ohio. He served 30 years in the US Air Force and retired as a Colonel in 2007. He has a BA in History from Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio, a MA in Public Administration from the University of Northern Colorado in Boulder, Colorado, and graduated from the Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. He resides in Rockbridge County, Virginia. To The Valley and Defend the Valley to be released early fall 2008 takes the adolescent reader into history through action adventure with the use of positive role models, while keeping true to the historical period.

Kaza Kingsley is the author of the best selling Erec Rex fantasy series, now coming out across the globe. She has won many awards for her writing, including Foreword Magazine's Book of the Year Award, and the Bill Fisher Award for Best New Author.

Barbara Libby was born in a small community in Bergen County, New Jersey, the area now familiar to viewers of "The Sopranos" as Tony's beat. When Ms. Libby lived there, until high school graduation in 1965, it had a small town feel, with second and third generation Americans of Italian, Scottish, Polish, and Jewish ethnicity who were glad to have a house, a yard, and a tree to call their own. Most of Ms. Libby's work experience has been in book publishing. However, while working at Allyn and Bacon Publishers in Boston, she met a man from the Maine woods who lived in the Midwest. For over thirty years, they have lived in a house surrounded by trees, with three children married, six grandchildren, a Chocolate Lab and a Border Collie/Newfoundland mix who walk woods together here and in Maine.

Marilyn Smith has taught elementary school for 28 years in Jefferson County, Kentucky. After leaving teaching she began working in local bookstores, heading up children's departments. Because of her background in education, she began working with schools to provide books to enhance the curriculum. She has developed professional development sessions for educators and has presented statewide. Since moving back to Ft. Thomas she continues to provide services to schools through the Blue Marble Children's Book Store. She has also taught Children's Literature for Northern Kentucky University.

Connie Nordhielm Wooldridge—it wasn't until she was in her 30s that Connie Nordhielm Wooldridge knew for sure that she was a writer. Before that, she tried her hand at a lot of different things: She spent a college year studying Greek culture and archeology in Athens. She worked as a flight attendant for American Airlines. She taught first grade at an English-speaking school in Seoul, Korea. She received a masters degree in education and library science from the University of Chicago. And she worked as a school librarian.

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Hope to see you next year!