Creative Expression

Through Language, Literature, & Literacy
with a focus on Reader’s Theater

Featuring ~

Award-Winning Author & Illustrator

Paul Brett Johnson
8:00-8:30  Registration, book sales, breakfast. Located in the hallway between the Library and Science Lecture Hall.
8:30-8:45  Welcome & opening remarks. Located in the Science Lecture Hall

Workshop Sessions

9:00-10:00 AM & 10:15-11:15 AM
Each workshop session will be repeated with the exception of the Book Reviews in Session A.

A) In Our ROYAL Opinion: Best Young Adult Books of 2008-2009
   Room L136 (9:00-10:00)
ROYAL (Reviewers of Young Adult Literature) is a Greater Cincinnati book review group comprised of school and public librarians who meet regularly to read and review newly published fiction and non-fiction young adult books for publishers. Valerie Davis will be sharing the best new books for middle and High School students for 2009.

   Room L136 (10:15-11:15)
Marilyn Smith will be book talking the newest and best books at the elementary level with an emphasis on the arts and humanities.

B) Appalachian Voices: Reader’s Theater for Intermediate Students
   Room L137
Denise Newbolt will share how she has introduced traditional Appalachian stories and literature through Reader’s Theater and taught students drama concepts from Kentucky’s core content.

C) Creating a Character-Creating a Story: The Fun and Importance of Puppets in Literacy!
   Room L317
Learn as you create your own story. Come and learn a simple lesson for creating stories and understanding characters. Karie Gipson will teach you the basic skills of puppet building and the importance of puppet involvement in a Theater experience. Supplies are provided for creating your own puppet to use in telling your story. Basic puppet manipulation and voices will be an added learning experience for you to take home with your.

D) The Story Quilt
   Room L316
Russ and Barb Childers use a Story Quilt created from sample quilt block designs as a tool to share stories, music, and games from America’s past. The artists use fiddle, banjo, dulcimer, and other traditional artifacts to enable audiences to have a hands-on discovery of family stories, proverbs and word play, folk beliefs and folkways.

E) Vampires, Werewolves, and Fairies??? Moving Beyond the Twilight Saga
   Room S417
Are vampires invading your school or library? Join Christy Petrose and Rhonda Shriver who will assist teachers and librarians in introducing a new fictional series by Melissa Marr to older students. Teaching materials that integrate elements of fiction and the humanities curriculum into your library or classroom will be provided.

F) To Read or Not to Read: That’s NOT the Question
   Room L315
Discover ideas for incorporating and using Readers Theater and other Theater techniques with Kindergarten through 12th grade students to enhance literacy. Daryl Harris will lead the program.

11:30-12:30  Keynote Presentation. Book Sales & Autographing following Keynote.
2009 Executive Committee and Planners

The OKI Conference is a collaborative effort of a large group of professionals and organizations. Without the dedicated effort of all, we would not have the quality conference we are enjoying today.

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Book Sales by the Blue Marble Children’s Book Store, Ft. Thomas, KY
- Books purchased at the conference are discounted 10%
- 10% of all book sales will be donated to the OKI Children’s Literature Conference

Continental Breakfast by Aramark
Refreshment Services
Keynote Speaker

Paul Brett Johnson

Science Lecture Hall
11:30-12:30

Award-winning author and illustrator Paul Brett Johnson has published over twenty books for children including: *On Top of Spaghetti, Little Bunny Foo Foo, Bearhide and Crow*. Recently, Paul has ventured into a new type of writing for children—Reader’s Theater Scripts. During his Keynote Address, Paul will discuss the crafting of his Appalachian Reader’s Theater scripts which are based on his own books and stories, as well as traditional Appalachian tales. He will also offer presentation tips for teachers and librarians. Be sure to visit his Reader’s Theater resource web site: http://www.pbjscripts.com.

The Old Woman and the Magic Catfish, written by Paul Brett Johnson, will be performed by the Super Sassy Sasquatch Players and the Front Porch Music Makers from the Mary Ann Mongan Branch of the Kenton County Public Library in Covington, KY. These elementary student performers are under the direction of Sara P. Howrey, Youth Librarian/KCPL, and Anna Bonham-White, music instructor for the NKU preparatory program.

Workshop Presenters

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<th>Russ and Barb Childers have been singing and playing music together as Bear Foot since the early 1980s. Together Russ and Barb have conducted children’s workshops in games, dance, and song; have led school programs on Appalachian music and dance; have created community storytelling programs and workshops; and have taught clog dancing workshops.</th>
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<td>Daryl Harris is a faculty member in the Northern Kentucky University Department of Theater and Dance. His emphasis is ethnic and applied Theater.</td>
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<td>Christy Petroze is a newly appointed assistant professor at Thomas More College in the Education Department. She taught sixth and seventh grade Language Arts for twelve years at Highlands Middle School, and she has just completed a year at Campbell County Middle School as a Staff Developer.</td>
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<td>Rhonda Shriver is in her tenth year of teaching and currently teaches eighth grade Language Arts as Highlands Middle School, Fort Thomas, KY.</td>
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<td>Denise Newbolt is the Library Media Specialist at Kenton Elementary School in Independence, Ky. She has used the drama portion of the Kentucky Core Content, particularly with intermediate students, and coached Kenton's Drama Club. In 2006, she was selected as the Kentucky School Media Association’s Media Specialist of the Year.</td>
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<td>Karie Gispon graduated from Wilmington College with her BA in Theater. She worked for Madcap Productions Puppet Theater for nine years before starting Gigglebox Theater Experience. Gigglebox emphasizes the importance of children’s understanding of the entire Theater process. Karie teaches workshops, holds camps, writes shows, and encourages the love of theater in children across the Tristate.</td>
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<td>Marilyn Smith taught at the elementary level in Louisville, Kentucky, for over twenty years. Upon retirement, she began working in bookstores and presenting literature based workshops that connect Children’s Literature with the school curriculum. She currently works at the Blue Marble Children’s Book Store.</td>
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<td>Valerie Davis is a Teen Librarian at the Newport Branch of the Campbell County Public Library and is a member of the Reviewers of Young Adult Literature (ROYAL).</td>
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