Fantastic Journeys Through Literature

Featuring Ingrid Law & Keiko Kasza

November 5, 2011
Thomas More College
Crestview Hills, KY
Ingrid Law

"Born in northern New York in 1970, my first home was a stone's throw from the waters of Lake Champlain and its legendary prehistoric sea monster. From the very start, life was steeped in the lure of the fantastic, of tall tales and big ideas."

Law's book Savvy was a Newbery Honor Book in 2009. It also received a Boston Globe-Horn Book Honor Award, an ALA Notable Book for Children 2009, New York Public Library's "100 Best Books for Reading and Sharing", and Oprah's Reading List Pick. It was nominated for many state reading lists awards. In 2010 her book Scumble, a companion to Savvy, was a New York Times bestseller.

Keiko Kasza

Keiko was born on a small island in the Inland Sea of Japan. She grew up in a typical Japanese extended family with her parents, brothers, and grandparents. She came to the United States in 1973 to continue her education. The Wolf's Chicken Stew, a 1987 ALA notable book and the winner of the 1989 Kentucky Bluegrass Award, was her first work to be published in the United States. She has now published 18 books, and her work is translated into 14 languages.

Conference Schedule

8:00-8:30  Registration, Breakfast, & Book Sales
           (Steigerwald Hall, Holbrook Student Center)

8:30-8:45  Welcome
           (Steigerwald Hall, Holbrook Student Center)

8:45-9:45  Ingrid Law Keynote Address
           (Steigerwald Hall, Holbrook Student Center)

10:00-10:45  Session 1 (Library)

11:00-11:45  Session 2 (Library)

12:00-1:00  Lunch (Seiler Commons)
           Book Sales & Signings
           (Steigerwald Hall, Holbrook Student Center)

1:15-2:15  Keiko Kasza Keynote Address
           (Steigerwald Hall, Holbrook Student Center)

2:30-3:15  Session 3 (Library)

3:15-4:00  Book Signings
           (Steigerwald Hall, Holbrook Student Center)

Book Sales by
Blue Marble Book Store
Ft. Thomas, KY

- 10% discount on books purchased at the conference
- 10% of all book sales donated to the OKI Children's Literature Conference
SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Drop Everything and Write!
Presented by Linda Leopold Strauss, author, and Connie Nordhiem Wooldridge, author
This workshop (based on Linda’s new book, DROP EVERYTHING AND WRITE! An Easy, Breezy Guide for Kids Who Want to Write a Story) will show you how to encourage kids to write. Participants will do some of the exercises from the book (creating characters, conflict and obstacles, and ultimately bringing the story to a climax and conclusion) and also learn from Connie how fiction techniques can be applied to writing engaging and energetic non-fiction. Workshop participants will be given examples of good writing in a wide range of children’s literature to pique student interest.

Fantastic Flannel Boards
Presented by Theresa Goedde and Arlene Wilson, Erlanger Branch, Kenton County Public Library
Spice up story time presentations for preschool and early elementary age children. Included will be flannel boards which tell stories, involve audience participation, and help kids identify colors, numbers, and animals. Information will be provided on how to make your own flannel boards.

From Booktalks to Booktrailers: Intermediate and Young Adult Literature as Mixed Media Presentations
Presented by Christie Petroze, faculty, Thomas More College, and Rhonda Shriner, educator, Highlands Middle School
This presentation is intended to reach K-12 teachers and librarians. We will create a packet that will include internet sites, lesson plans, and an abstract for each multimedia project. This approach to technology-based literacy is guided by the E/LA Common Core Standards. Student objectives developed directly from these standards.

In Our ROYAL Opinion: Best Young Adult Books of 2010-2011
Presented by Valerie Davis, Youth Librarian, Campbell County Public Library
Teens’ favorite books change as often as their fashions. Discover the new hot series, themes, and authors in young adult literature.

Journeying Through Content Picture Books for Middle School
Presented by Dr. Mary Jo Freshc & Dr. Peggy Harkins, Ohio State University - Dublin
This interactive session addresses diverse adolescent literacy needs by sparking student interest with literature that offers rich language, powerful illustrations, and updated material on a range of topics. This session presents a variety of picture books suitable for middle school students, with related text sets and activities that are sure to engage learners.
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Literature Across the Curriculum
Presented by Annette DiGirolamo, educator, Rothenberg Elementary, Cincinnati Public Schools
This workshop will show how reading, writing, math, science, and social studies can be integrated around specific titles in the elementary classroom. Attendees will come away with concrete ideas of how literature can be used creatively in the classroom.

Mock Caldecott/Newbery Awards
Presented by Dave Richardson, The Blue Marble Children’s Bookstore
This session will look at possible contenders for the 2012 Newbery and Caldecott awards. Ideas will be presented for organizing a mock awards program and involving students in the selection process.

Paving the Way to Publication with Partnerships
Presented by Rebecca Mitchell Turney, author, & Pam Dixon, illustrator
Kentucky children’s book author Rebecca Mitchell Turney and illustrator Pam Dixon walk you down a road less travelled to getting a manuscript published. They’ll detail—one step at a time—partnering possibilities to explore in a time of shrinking publishing outlets and an uncertain bookselling economy. Learn of artist cooperatives, how to build an audience before you publish, uncover free marketing support and boost a book’s success with classroom activities and school visits.

Using Books As Bibliotherapy
Presented by Amanda Hopper, MLS, Youth Services Manager, Boone County Public Library
This workshop provides ways to connect children, parents and teachers to great books that address social and emotional issues and help children solve problems.

What’s New For You? Notable Picture Books of 2010-2011
Presented by Marilyn Smith, The Blue Marble Children’s Bookstore
Catch up on the best reads and wonderful artwork from picture books published in 2010-2011.

Writing for the School Library and Educational Market
Presented by Emma Bernay, writer
Emma Bernay specializes in work-for-hire and has ghostwritten commercial fiction, with a focus on YA romance and thrillers. She will share with the audience her experiences working with the teen packager Alloy Entertainment, MTV Books, Scholastic, and Sterling Publishing.
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Session 1 10:00-10:45
- Meet the Author
  - Ingrid Law (Steigerwald Hall, Holbrook Student Center)
- What's New for You? Best Children's Literature of 2011
  - Marilyn Smith (Library, Room L136)
- Fantastic Flannel Boards
  - Theresa Goedde & Arlene Wilson (Library, Room L137)
- Using Books as Bibliotherapy
  - Amanda Hopper (Library, Room L315)
- Journeying through Content Picture Books for Middle School
  - Dr. Mary Jo Fresch & Dr. Peggy Harkins (Library, Room L316)
- Writing for the School Library & Educational Market
  - Emma Bernay (Room 3321, down the hall from the Library)
- Manuscript Critique—Only for Previous Submissions
  - Linda Leopold Strauss (Library, L317)

Session 2 11:00-11:45
- Drop Everything and Write!
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- From Booktalks to Booktrailers: Intermediate and Young Adult Literature as Mixed Media Presentations
  - Christie Petroze & Rhonda Shriver (Room 3321, down the hall from the Library)
- Paving the Way to Publication with Partnerships
  - Rebecca Mitchell Turney & Pam Dixon (Library, L137)
- Literature across the Curriculum
  - Annette DiGirolamo (Library, L316)
- Mock Caldecott or Newbery Awards in your Library or Classroom
  - Dave Richardson (Library, L136)
- In our ROYAL Opinion: Best Young Adult Books of 2011
  - Valerie Davis (Library, L315)

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