Join us for our 2007 Summer Conference!

“INFORMATION, INSPIRATION, AND NOT A WASTED MINUTE”

July 7-8, 2007
(Saturday & Sunday)

Decker Center
McDaniel College
2 College Hill
Westminster, MD 21157

www2.mcdaniel.edu/scbwi

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Come to a terrific writing conference!

- Hear outstanding editors, authors, illustrators, and agents.
- Learn how to submit your manuscripts for publication.
- Get your manuscript or art portfolio critiqued by an expert.
- Bring the first page of your story and enter it in a critique lottery.
- Buy books and get them autographed.
- Bring your business cards and network; set up critique groups.
- Get to know the friendly members of the SCBWI MD/DE/WV regional chapter.
- Make friends and enjoy a weekend on one of the loveliest campuses in the U.S.

Book Sales

Faculty books will be on sale and may be autographed throughout the conference. Attendees who wish to sell their own books will have an assigned table and will be responsible for their own sales and change.

Manuscript and Portfolio Critiques

To get your manuscript critiqued by one of our expert faculty, submit (1) up to 10 double-spaced pages of one manuscript, (2) a check for $45 payable to MD/DE/WV SCBWI, and (3) your email address to: Paula Zeller 16737 Gooseneck Terrace Olney, MD 20832

The deadline is June 20. Prior to the conference, you will be assigned a 10-minute time to meet one-on-one with the reviewer. Questions? Contact Paula at Paulazeller@comcast.net or 301-570-0034.

To request an art portfolio critique, do NOT send original artwork in the mail. Instead, along with your conference registration, include the $45 fee for the art critique. Send an email to:
susandetwiler@comcast.net so Susan Detwiler can arrange your critique time.

First Page Critique Lottery

Bring the first page of one of your manuscripts (without your name) and submit it for the Saturday afternoon critique lottery session. Maximum length is 200 words.

Scholarships

In memory of longtime volunteer Jack Reid, two summer conference scholarships are available to a writer and illustrator who might not otherwise be able to attend. Recipients may be asked to help at the conference. Writers wishing to apply should send up to 10 pages of a work for children. Illustrators should send 3 or more photocopied selections of their work. A cover letter should accompany all entries, addressed to Shelley Sykes, P.O. Box 70, Arendtsville, PA 17303. Entries should be postmarked by June 1.
Saturday, July 7, 2007

8:30 – 8:55 a.m.  Registration, Continental Breakfast & Networking
8:55 – 9:00 a.m.  Introductions
9:00 – 9:45 a.m.  How the Art and Editing Departments Work Together
Laurent Linn and Robin Tordini, Art Director and Editor at Henry Holt
9:45 – 10:30  Working with an Editor and Researching Your Book
Panel includes Jennifer Emmett, National Geographic Society editor
10:40 – 11:25  Breakout Sessions (Open Choice at the Conference)
   ○ Writing the Story Only You Can Tell: Judy K. Morris
   ○ Illustrating Picture Books: Laurent Linn
   ○ Tips for Building a Historical World: Edie Hemingway
   ○ Don't Hold Back: Writing YA Fiction with Passion: Laura Wiess
11:30 – 12:15  Keynote Address: WRITING FROM THE BASEMENT: Nancy Werlin
12:15 – 1:00  Lunch and Networking
1:05 – 2:00  After You Get Your Agent: Jennie Dunham
2:10 – 3:00  Breakout Sessions
   ○ A Kid's World and All That's In It: National Geographic and the World of Children's Nonfiction: Jennifer Emmett
   ○ Writing the Story Only You Can Tell: Judy K. Morris
   ○ Back in the Saddle Again: Shelley Sykes
3:00 – 3:15  Cookie Break, Book Sales, and Networking
3:15 – 4:00  First Page Critique Lottery
4:00 – 4:30  Your Questions Answered: Faculty Panel
4:30 – 5:00  Farewells and Raffles

Sunday, July 8, 2007

8:30 – 8:55 a.m.  Registration, Continental Breakfast and Networking
8:55 – 9:00 a.m.  Introductions
9:00 – 9:45 a.m.  Falling Into Toilets: Plunging Your Life for Picture Book Ideas: Linda Oatman High
10:00 – 10:45  Breakout Sessions
   ○ For Not Yet Published Writers: Lois Szymanski
   ○ We Don't Need No Stinking Muses! Melissa Wyatt
   ○ Flash Forward: Books Unbound: A Groundbreaking Look at a New Genre of Literature for Children: Jean Graley
   ○ Pre-enrollment required. Making a Pitch: Elements of Story: Jennie Dunham
   (Participants must be at least 80% completed with manuscript.)
11:05 – 12:00  Keynote Address: FINDING YOUR CAREER: GARRET FREYMANN-WEYR DISCUSS BOTH WRITING AND PUBLISHING
12:00 – 12:45  Lunch and Networking
12:50 – 1:30  How to Break into Novelty Books: Alexis Barad, HarperFestival editor
1:35 – 2:15  Breakout Sessions
   ○ Plot or Get off the Pot: What to Do When You're Stranded: Laura Bowers
   ○ Slush Hour: Lisa Graff, Farrar, Straus & Giroux Editor
   ○ A Review of the Year's Best Books: Annette Bailey
2:15 – 2:30  Cookie Break, Book Sales, and Networking
2:30 – 3:00  Your Questions Answered: Faculty Panel
3:00 – 3:30  Farewells and Raffles

Our Faculty
Additional biographical information will be in conference packets.

ANNETTE BAILEY is a school librarian who has written some 40 nonfiction articles for children, lesson plans for school library media specialists and freelance pieces for adults.

ALEXIS BARAD is an editor at HarperFestival. She concentrates on licensed properties as well as developing and acquiring new formats appropriate for the mass market.

LAURA BOWERS' first young adult novel, BEAUTY SHOP FOR RENT, will be published by Harcourt, Inc. in May 2007. See http://laurabowers.net.

JENNIE DUNHAM has been a literary agent in New York City since May 1992. She established Dunham Literary, Inc. in August 2000. See http://dunhamlit.com/.

JENNIFER EMMETT is a children's book editor at the National Geographic Society. She has edited more than 50 books for children, including FREEDOM RIDERS, which won a Siebert Honor Award from the American Library Association.

GARRET FREYMANN-WEYR, our Sunday keynote speaker, has written four books for young adults. MY HEARTBEAT won a 2003 Printz Honor Award. Her work has been sold to countries including the Netherlands, Germany, Japan, and China. See http://www.freymann-weyr.com/.


JEAN GRALEY has received the Ezra Jack Keats fellowship, the Don Freeman award for book illustration and was the Staff Artist of Cricket Magazine for fourteen years. See http://www.jeangralley.com.

EDIE HEMINGWAY is co-author of BROKEN DRUM, which has been licensed by Scholastic Book Fairs under the new title DRUMS OF WAR. See http://ediehemingway.com.

LAURENT LINN, associate art director for Henry Holt Books, collaborates with noted editors, authors, and illustrators on picture books, middle-grade books, and teen novels. See http://www.laurentlinn.com.

JUDY K. MORRIS writes novels for children of elementary school age. Her book, WRITING FICTION FOR CHILDREN: STORIES ONLY YOU CAN TELL, was published by the University of Illinois Press.

SHELLEY SYKES is the author of FOR MIKE, which was an honor book in the Delacorte Contest and was nominated for an Edgar Award. She and Lois Szymanski co-author the Gettysburg Ghost series.

LOIS SZYMANSKI is the author of 16 books for children, most recently the Charming Ponies series with HarperCollins. She is the MD/DE/WV SCBWI assistant regional advisor. See http://www.loisszymanski.com.

ROBIN TORDINI is an associate editor at Henry Holt and Company. She works closely with 2 senior editors on projects ranging from picture books to young adult novels.

NANCY WERLIN, our Saturday keynote speaker, is an award-winning author of novels for teens. Her most recent, THE RULES OF SURVIVAL, is a 2006 National Book Award nominee, an ALA Top Ten Best Book, and a nominee for the L.A. Times Best Book Prize. See http://www.nancywerlin.com.


Directions to McDaniel College

McDaniel is 30 miles northwest of Baltimore, 24 miles south of Gettysburg, and 60 miles north from Washington, D.C. Expect some construction on campus so plan to arrive early. See the McDaniel College website for:

- Getting to McDaniel: http://www.mcdaniel.edu/239.htm#From_the_North
- Campus Map: http://www.mcdaniel.edu/graduate/maps/campus_map.shtml

To get to Decker Center: Coming from Main Street and going north on Pennsylvania Avenue, turn left into the entrance across from Lechron Service Station. Go up the hill and bear left at the fork. Park in lot. You’ll see the Decker Center glass doors in the middle building. Follow the SCBWI signs.

Phone Numbers: Main Line 410-876-2055
Campus Safety 410-857-2202

Lodging

Best Western (adjacent to McDaniel College campus), 410-857-1900, 1-800-528-1234
Boston Inn, Westminster, 410-848-9095, 1-800-634-0846
Days Inn, Westminster, 410-857-0500, 1-800-329-7466
New Windsor Conference Center, 410-635-8700, 410-876-2263, ext. 700, 1-800-766-1553
Roop’s Mill Bed and Breakfast, Westminster, 410-857-6353
Westminster Inn, 410-876-2893, 410-857-4445
Yellow Turtle Inn, New Windsor, 410-635-3000

Questions?

- http://www/2.mcdaniel.edu/scbwi
- Dorita Dorm 410-386-4652; ddorm@mcdaniel.edu
- Mona Kerby 410-857-2507; rkerby@mcdaniel.edu
Registration Form

Today's Date ___________________ Email Address ___________________

Last Name ___________________ First Name ___________________

Home Address ____________________________________________

City _____________________________________________________

State ___________________ Zip ______________________________

Phone ______________________________

☐ Yes, I want to participate in the Sunday 10:00 a.m. session with the agent. I have a story that is 80% completed. **LIMITED TO THE FIRST 20 PEOPLE TO REGISTER. NO ADDITIONAL COST. NO NEED TO BRING YOUR MANUSCRIPT.**

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☐ Art Portfolio Critique is $45. Email Susan Detwiler at susandetwiler@comcast.net. Bring art to conference. See page 2 for manuscript critique instructions.

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Walk-in registration is an additional $10 per day, provided there is room.

No confirmations will be sent.

Make checks payable to MD/DE/WV SCBWI. Mail conference registration and check to:

Ms. Dorita Dorm  
Graduate and Professional Studies (SCBWI)  
McDaniel College  
2 College Hill  
Westminster, MD 21157-4390

SAVE YOURSELF A SPOT. REGISTER EARLY!