

2025-26 Directory of Regional Authors & Illustrators Who Visit Schools

This Directory lists published authors & illustrators in the West-Central New York SCBWI Region
The following information is provided:

- Author name (alphabetical by last name)
- Website
- Email
- Genre of Books: Fiction / Nonfiction; Picture Bk; Chapter Bk; Middle Grade; Young Adult
- Audience Preferences #1 and #2 (Elementary, Middle School, High School)
- Books & Publishers (2-3 books listed. For complete list, visit author websites.)

For descriptions of specific presentations and presentation fees, please consult authors' websites for the most current information.
When you contact authors, be sure to let them know you saw their name in this Directory!
Got Questions? Contact <westcentny-ara@scbwi.org>

Directory of Regional Authors & Illustrators Who Visit Schools & Libraries

Check authors' websites for a full list of their publications; contact author or illustrator for program fees. *This list was compiled by the Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators New York West-Central Region.*

KEY: Genre of Books: F = Fiction, NF = Nonfiction, PB = Picture Book, CB = Chapter Book, MG = Middle Grade, YA = Young Adult
Audience Preference: Elem = Elementary School, MS = Middle School, HS = High School

Author / Illustrator	Website	Email	Genre of Books	Audience Preference #1 and #2	Books & Publishers (Check website for more titles)
Sandra K. Athans	www.sandraathans.com	sandraathans@gmail.com	NF, MG, & soon to be released PB, CB	4th - 7th, MS (can include a program for PreK - Elem, as needed)	Tales from the Top of the World: Climbing Mount Everest with Pete Athans (Millbrook Press); Secrets of the Sky Caves: Danger and Discovery on Nepal's Mustang Cliffs (Millbrook Press)
Kathleen Blasi	www.kmblasi.com	kathy@kmblasi.com	PB	Elementary	Hosea Plays On (Sterling), Milo's Moonlight Mission (Yeahoo Press)
Judy Bradbury	www.judybradbury.com	judy@judybradbury.com	F / PB, CB, MG	Elem, MS	Cayuga Island Kids chapter book series (City of Light Publishing)
D.J. Brandon	www.djbrandonauthor.com	djbrandonwrites@gmail.com	F/CB, MG	Elem, MS	The Midas Trees (2025), Tell Me Why the Jack Pine Grows, Graveyard Gruber Chapter Books (all with West 44 Books)

Susannah Buhrman-Deever	www.susannahbuhrmandeever.com	susannahbdeever@gmail.com	NF PB	Elem	If You Take Away the Otter (Candlewick), Predator and Prey: A Conversation in Verse (Candlewick), Before the Seed (Candlewick/MIT Press, Spring 2024)
Lynda Graham-Barber	www.lyndagrahambarber.com	emerley@together.net	F / PB; NF/PB	K-4	Cookie's Fortune (Gryphon Press); Unicorn on a Unicycle (Peachtree)
Elizabeth Coburn	http://amazon.com/author/elizabethwrites	eecoburn@aol.com	MG	3rd-8th	Javi Takes a Bow (West 44 Books); Milo on Wheels (West 44 Books)
Heather Harris	www.heatherlynnharris.com	heather_harris@me.com	PB	Elementary	Five Hungry Mice (CrissCross AppleSauce 2018) The Monster in My Basement (City of Light Publishing 2020) Cory and the 7th Story (self published 2019)
Sue Heavenrich	https://www.sueheavenrich.com/	sueheaven@frontiernet.net	NF / PB & MG	elem, MS	Thirteen Ways to Eat a Fly (Charlesbridge); The Pie that Molly Grew (Sleeping Bear Press); Funky Fungi (Chicago Review Press, MG nonfic)
Keely Hutton	www.keelyhutton.com	keelyhutton42@gmail.com	MG & YA - Historical Fiction, Memoir	MS, HS	Soldier Boy (FSG/Macmillan), Secret Soldiers (FSG/Macmillan), Don't Look Back (FSG Macmillan)
Alicia Z. Klepeis	https://aliciaklepeis.com	aliciaklepeis@gmail.com	NF/PB, CB, MG	Elem, MS	China (2025); Secrets of the Ocean: 15 Bedtime Stories Inspired By Nature (2024); Taylor Swift: Music Industry Leader (2025)
Mylisa Larsen	http://mylisalarsen.com	mylisalarsen@gmail.com	PB, MG	MS, Elem	MG: Quagmire Tiarello Couldn't Be Better (2024), Playing Through The Turnaround (HarperCollins/Clarion); PB: All Of Those Babies (Simon and Schuster), If I Were A Kangaroo (Penguin Random House) and more
C. Rowen MacCarald	https://www.rowenmaccarald.com/	cmm255@gmail.com	PB, NF	any	How Mom Met Mama (Reycraft Books, 2024), Cows Don't Live in Trees! (Rourke), Getting Smelly to Survive (Kids Core)
Rose O'Keefe	www.rokeefehistory.com	rokeefehistory@gmail.com	NF		Rochester's South Wedge, Revisited; All Rights for All.
Dee Romito	www.deeromito.com	dee@deeromito.com	NF PB, F CB, F MG	elem, MS	Pies From Nowhere (Little Bee Books), The Last Plastic Straw (Holiday House),

					Fort Builders Inc. series (Aladdin/S&S), multiple MG (Aladdin/S&S)
Tina Shepardson	www.tinashepardson.com	k9.akita@yahoo.com	PB, CB	K-6,	Walkout, (Clear Fork Press), Canines Unleashed, The Sorry Seeds (Gnome Road Publishing, 2024)
Jacob Souva	http://www.twofishillustration.com/books	jake@twofishillustration.com	PB	K-6, MS	Flowers are Pretty...Weird! and Butterflies are Pretty... Gross! (Tundra Books/Penguin RH), The Boy with Big, Big Feelings (Beaming Books), Big Bike, Little Bike (Harper Collins, 2025)
Vivian Vande Velde	www.VivianVandeVelde.com	VivianV@Rochester.rr.com	F: CB, MG, YA	any	Twitch the squirrel series (Holiday House), Heir Apparent (Clarion)
Brian Yanish	http://www.BrianYanish.com	brian@brianyanish.com	F: CB, PB, Graphic Novel	K-8	Sweet and Sour (FSG Winter 2024), Shark and Bot series (RH Graphic), Junk Re-Thunk (Holt)