

SCBWI

SOCIETY OF CHILDREN'S BOOK  
WRITERS AND ILLUSTRATORS

# **“I Am Published” Social**

Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
7 pm EST

# Regional Team

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**Team Members**

# Industry Overview

- Stay educated about the market
- Sellers are positive about the market
- 43% increase in books stores 2025
- Children's YA five-year growthcurve. Up %20
- *Sunrise on the Reaping* and a new *Dogman* have boosted the industry.
- Declining sales in school and library markets.
- New distribution centers for industry leads show confidence in the book industry.
- Industry is still confident in championing diversity.
- [Book sales grew slightly in 2025. Up in children's. down in adult.](#)
- Book sales down in libraries.

# Our Chapter

## **Our Chapter page**

[SCBWI New York: Long Island](#)

## **Event Notes**

<https://www.scbwi.org/regions/longislandny/event-notes>

## **SCBWI LI Book Fair Events**

<https://www.scbwi.org/regions/longislandny/scbwi-li-book-fair-events>

# SCBWI Information

[Annual Report](#)

**Membership Benefits**

<https://www.scbwi.org/resources/member-benefits-video-digest>

# Awards & Grants

## Awards & Grants

<https://www.scbwi.org/awards-and-grants>

### **FOR AUTHORS:**

A. Orr Fantasy Grant  
BIPOC Scholarship  
Emerging Voices Award  
Karen Cushman late Bloomer Award  
General Conference Scholarship  
(OMA) Out from the Margins Award  
Volemos Grant  
Work in Progress Award

### **SCBWI Partnered Grant & Awards**

Kate Dopirak Craft & Community Award

### **FOR ILLUSTRATORS:**

Featured Illustrator  
Draw This!  
Portfolio Awards  
Narrative Art Award  
Student Illustrator Scholarship  
Bologna Scholarship  
Don Freeman Grant  
SCBWI Ezra Jack Keats Prize  
(OMA) Out from the Margins  
Award

### **For Translators**

Crystal Kite Member Choice Awards  
General Conference Scholarship  
Golden Kite Awards  
Pitch-Perfect Translation Grant

### **For PAL Published**

Crystal Kite Member Choice Awards  
Golden Kite Awards

### **For Independently Published**

Independent Pre-publication Grant  
Spark Award

### **Community Grants**

Amber Brown Grant  
Disability Fund Application  
Emergency Fund

# SCBWI Media

## **YouTube Videos**

<https://www.youtube.com/@theSCBWI/videos>

## **SCBWI Blog**

<https://scbwi.blogspot.com/>

## **SCBWI Podcast**

<https://www.scbwi.org/podcasts>

# Newsletters

<https://www.scbwi.org/newsletters>

<https://www.scbwi.org/home>

**Insight**

[La Cometa](#)

**The Bulletin**

<https://www.scbwi.org/the-bulletin>

# Industry Overview

**State of the Children's Publishing Market with Deborah Halverson - November 2025**

**DEBORAH HALVERSON**

[DeborahHalverson.com](http://DeborahHalverson.com)

**My resources**

<https://www.scbwi.org/home/resources>

# Publishing Information

## **The Essential Guide to Publishing for Children**

<https://www.scbwi.org/home/resources>

## **How to SELF-PUBLISH a Children's Book By Karen Inglis - An ALLi Resource Guide**

<https://www.scbwi.org/resources/guide-to-self-publishing-a-children-s-book>

# Publishing Information

## **The Indie Author Magazine**

"The Indie Author" is an Alliance of Independent Authors ( ALLi) publication containing resources, market news, and advice to help you become a successful self-publishing author. Published digitally three times a year—April, August, and November—and available to SCBWI Premium Members.

## **Self-Publishing Services Directory**

Anyone who has gone the independent publishing route knows that you can't do it alone. You need a solid team of professionals in your corner. However, it's not always easy to sort the ethical service providers from the scams. As an SCBWI Premium Member, you have an advantage: The Alliance of Independent Authors' (ALLi) annual "Self-Publishing Services Directory." This digital manual is a comprehensive list of editors, designers, copyeditors, publishers, publicity services, and providers of writing tools. Each provider has been thoroughly vetted by ALLi's Watchdog Team for business ethics and quality. This book is a must-have guide for anyone self-publishing or thinking about self-publishing.

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## **Self-Publishing Publishers Ratings Database from ALLi's Watchdog Desk**

SCBWI is an Organizational Member of The Alliance of Independent Authors (ALLI).

Premium Members of SCBWI have access to ALLI's Watchdog Ratings Database with up-to-date information on which self-publishing service providers are worth the money and which are scams. Use this URL to access the Ratings Info:

<https://selfpublishingadvice.org/best-self-publishing-services/>

# Member Discounts

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**IBPA** — 20% discount on membership for SCBWI members. Use this code: SCBWI20ibpa

**Bowker – Author Services** Members receive 15% off select marketing and editorial products and services. Go to the website [HERE](#) and enter SCBWI into the coupon code field upon checkout.

**Publishers Weekly** Special Offer for ALL SCBWI Members- offered twice a year through email.