



## 2018 KSLA Conference Featured Authors

Are you looking for an author to come to your school in 2018? If so, please consider inviting one of the authors who will be featured at the KSLA Conference Oct. 28-31, 2018.

**Kim Briggs** [www.kimbriggswrite.com](http://www.kimbriggswrite.com) [kimbriggswrite@gmail.com](mailto:kimbriggswrite@gmail.com)

Kim is the author of the YA *Starr Fall* series. She offers a variety of workshops suitable for Grades 4 through 12 on topics such as character development, flash fiction, and the nuts and bolts of writing a novel. She also offers hands-on workshops for small groups, as well as teacher in-service training.

**Jennie K. Brown** [www.jenniekbrown.com](http://www.jenniekbrown.com) [jenniekaywrites@gmail.com](mailto:jenniekaywrites@gmail.com)

Jennie is the author of the Nova Kids Series middle grade novels *Poppy Mayberry*, *The Monday*, and *Poppy Mayberry, Return to Power Academy*. Book 3 is set to publish in the fall. Jennie offers a variety of presentations that include story-starting activities, revision, and finding inspiration.

**Jan Cheripko** [www.jancher.wix.com/jancheripko](http://www.jancher.wix.com/jancheripko) [jancher@ptd.net](mailto:jancher@ptd.net)

Jan writes books for children and young adults. His titles include *Imitate the Tiger*, *Rat*, and *Voices of the River: Adventures on the Delaware*. Jan has spoken to students, teachers, and parents on such topics as the writing process, his work with at-risk teens, understanding addiction, addressing bullying, and writing nonfiction.

**Lindsay Barrett George** [www.lindsaybarrettgeorge.com](http://www.lindsaybarrettgeorge.com) [lindsaybarrettgeorge@msn.com](mailto:lindsaybarrettgeorge@msn.com)

Lindsay is the author/illustrator of many books, both narrative and informational, including *Maggie's Ball*, *That Pup!* and *In the Garden: Who's Been Here?* Lindsay says on her website: "I love visiting young readers and book lovers in schools. My PowerPoint presentations are inter-active and FUN -I share where my ideas come from and how I develop them from the initial manuscript into the printed book."

**Linda Oatman High** [www.lindaoatmanhigh.com](http://www.lindaoatmanhigh.com) [lohig@frontiernet.net](mailto:lohig@frontiernet.net)

Linda writes picture books and novels. Her titles include *Beekeepers*, *Barn Savers*, *Maizie*, and *A Heart Like Ringo Starr*. Her school visits are available for any age group, from preschool to college. Linda says: "Books can carry you like magic carpets, to other worlds and into other people's lives."

**Mylisa Larsen** [www.mylisalarsen.com](http://www.mylisalarsen.com) [mylisalarsen@mac.com](mailto:mylisalarsen@mac.com)

Mylisa says she writes stories for kids and the grownups who love them. Her titles include *How to Put Your Parents to Bed* and *If I Were a Kangaroo: A Bedtime Tale* (on the 2017-2018 Keystone to Reading Elementary Book Award Preschool list).

**Kathy Miller** [www.chippychipmunk.com](http://www.chippychipmunk.com) [kathy@chippychipmunk.com](mailto:kathy@chippychipmunk.com)

Kathy is the author of the Chippy Chipmunk series of books. Her most recent title is *Chippy Chipmunk Feels Empathy* which is on the 2018-2019 Keystone to Reading Elementary Book Award Primary list. Kathy offers age appropriate programs for Pre K – 6 that connect to science, art, and language arts.

**Frank Murphy**     [www.frankmurphybooks.com](http://www.frankmurphybooks.com)     [frankmurphy2008@gmail.com](mailto:frankmurphy2008@gmail.com)

Frank has been an elementary school educator for twenty-six years. He started writing children's books because he wanted to make learning about history more fun for young readers. Frank's titles include *George Washington and the General's Dog*, *Take a Hike*, *Teddy Roosevelt!*, and his latest, *Brave Clara Barton*. Frank makes full or half day author visits that can include assemblies, writers' workshops, or classroom coaching.

**Frank is the Wednesday Author Breakfast speaker at the 2018 KSLA Conference.**

**Donna Jo Napoli**     [www.donnajonapoli.com](http://www.donnajonapoli.com)     [donnajonapoli@gmail.com](mailto:donnajonapoli@gmail.com)

Donna Jo writes books for all ages Pre-school through YA. Some of her titles include the picture books *Hands and Hearts*, and *Take Your Time* (co-authored with Eva Furrow and on the 2018-2019 Keystone to Reading Elementary Book Award Primary list), as well as the Sly the Sleuth series for middle grade readers. Donna Jo is happy to do school visits, including presentations, interactive Q&A sessions, and writing workshops.

**Jennifer Hanson Rolli**     [www.jenniferhansonrolli.com](http://www.jenniferhansonrolli.com)     [jenhansen@earthlink.net](mailto:jenhansen@earthlink.net)

Jen is the author/illustrator of *Just One More* and *Claudia and Moth* (on the 2018-2019 Keystone to Reading Elementary Book Award Preschool list). She also illustrated the recently published *How to Trick the Tooth Fairy* by Erin Danielle Russell. Jen is available for school visits. She says on her website: "One of the wonderful benefits of making picture books is spending time with young readers. I have so enjoyed watching their creative energy ignite and hearing how it continues on after my visit."

**Melissa Stewart**     [www.melissa-stewart.com](http://www.melissa-stewart.com)     [melissa@melissa-stewart.com](mailto:melissa@melissa-stewart.com)

Melissa is the award-winning author of more than 180 science books for children, including *Can an Aardvark Bark?*; *No Monkeys, No Chocolate*; and *Feathers: Not Just for Flying*. She is the co-author of *Perfect Pairs: Using Fiction & Nonfiction Picture Books to Teach Life Science, K-2* and *Perfect Pairs: Using Fiction & Nonfiction Picture Books to Teach Life Science, 3-5*. She offers school visit programs in person or via Skype as well as programs for educators that focus on nonfiction writing techniques, using children's books to address curriculum standards, and creative ways to integrate science and language arts.

**Melissa is the Monday Author Breakfast Speaker at the 2018 KSLA Conference.**

**Pamela Tuck**     [www.pamelamtuck.com](http://www.pamelamtuck.com)     [joelnpamela@windstream.net](mailto:joelnpamela@windstream.net)

Pamela is the 2007 Lee & Low Books New Voices Award winner for her children's book, *As Fast As Words Could Fly*. Pam is available for author visits. On her website she says: "I love meeting and engaging with young students to inspire them about writing. Since my jump-start into writing began with my winning my first poetry contest in elementary school, I'd love to share my journey of inspiration, failure, determination, and success." Pam is also the author of the novel *Color Struck*.