

2009 Author Fest:

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Sunday, October 4, 2009 3:00 - 5:00 PM

Meet the Authors...Have Authors Sign their Books...Line up an Author Visit for your School

Mark Binder <http://www.markbinder.com>

Mark Binder has the unique ability to reach out and grab all ages. His work regularly appears in *Cricket Magazine*. In the past year, he's had four new books released. *The Bed Time Story Book* collection is a multigenerational masterpiece now in its seventh edition. *A Hanukkah Present* was the finalist for the National Jewish Book Award for Family Literature. His first novel, *The Brothers Schlemiel* was published in a beautifully illustrated hardback edition. His latest book is *It Ate My Sister*. Take this opportunity meet Mark before he begins his 2010 international tour.



Rob Bolster <http://robbolster.com>

The importance of education and life-long learning is woven through lessons about art, children's books, and everyday life in class presentations by Rob Bolster. Rob has worked as an advertising artist for major corporations but joins us showcasing the many books he has illustrated for author Jerry Pallotta. Inspired by his childhood in a Rhode Island fishing village his first children's book was *Going Lobstering*. Today his illustrations of Hershey Bars, Twizzlers and Reese's Pieces adorn math picture books while lifelike airplanes, jets and other vehicles appear in Pallotta's alphabet books.



Kathleen Benner Duple <http://www.kathleenduble.com>

Kathleen had sixteen car accidents before she was twenty-one! Being an at-home writer keeps her from hitting the road (or anyone else). She is the author of seven books for children, including *The Sacrifice*, a Jefferson Cup Noteworthy Book, *Hearts of Iron*, an IRA Teacher's Choice, *Bravo Zulu, Samantha!* an Agatha Award nominee and a Massachusetts Book Award Honor Book and *The Story of the Samson*, a NCSS Notable Trade Book. Kathleen loves digging for great historical stories, although, despite her picture, she does not actually dig in graveyards. She loves presenting to students and lovers of books about anything to do with writing, encouraging them all to look for the very best stories right in their own backyard!



Louis Garafalo

Lou a native of southeastern Massachusetts where he resides with his wife and two sons. He is a thirty year veteran of the health insurance industry who enjoys creative writing as a hobby. Lou is the author of three books: *The Sassamon Circle*, a historical novel centering on a Wompanoag Indian named John Sassamon during the time of the King Philip's War in 1675; *Equation Nineteen*, a medical suspense novel set in Boston; *The Road To Phrygia*, a work of religious fiction.



Stephen Krensky <http://www.stephenkrensky.com>

Stephen has had over one hundred books published, everything from picture books to novels, fantasy to realism, fiction to nonfiction. "Being able to try so many different kinds of books has helped me stay enthusiastic about every book I write," he explains. In his recent book, *Sisters of Scituate Light*, he has brought to life the true story of how two resourceful sisters--daughters of the lighthouse keeper in Scituate, became heroes by saving their New England town during the War of 1812. *How Santa Got His Job* was a 1999 American Library Association Notable Book.



Maryellen Maguire-Eisen, RN, MSN

Maryellen is executive director of the Children's Melanoma Prevention Foundation (Hingham, MA). In March, she was awarded the American Academy of Dermatology's prestigious Gold Triangle Award for *Pretty Prom: Your Skin is Pretty Too* and *Lake Vacation*. The two books were written to empower adolescents with up to date and reliable information about the dangers of overexposure to ultraviolet radiation and to offer positive, easy action steps for sun protection.



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Ralph Masiello <http://www.ickybugman.com>

A graduate of Rhode Island School of Design, Ralph acquired his nickname the “ickybugman” from author Jerry Pallotta after illustrating his book, *The Icky Bug Alphabet*. Since 1987, he has been traveling all across the country, visiting thousands of schools to speak to children and teachers about his job and what goes into creating an illustrated book. In addition to illustrating for Jerry Pallotta, he also did *The Flag We Love* with Pam Munoz Ryan. Ralph also has his own series of Drawing Books for kids including, *The Bug Drawing Book*, *The Dinosaur Drawing Book*, *The Dragon Drawing Books* and his newest addition, *The Ancient Egypt Drawing Book*.



Deborah Noyes <http://www.deborahnoyes.com>

Author, editor/anthologist, and photographer, Deborah has published a dozen books — from children’s picture books to adult novels — *Sideshow: Ten Original Stories of Freaks, Illusionists, and Other Matters Odd and Magical*; *African Acrostics: A Word in Edgeways, Prudence and Moxie*; *Encyclopedia of the End: Mysterious Death in Fact, Fancy, Folklore, and More*. Honors and awards include: ALA Best Books for Young Adults, ASPCA/Henry Bergh Award, NYPL Books for the Teen Age, Kirkus Editors’ Choice, Parents’ Choice, a Notable Social Studies Trade Book for Young People. In 2007, Deb was honored as one of the Boston Public Library’s “Literary Lights for Children.” Her second adult novel, *Captivity*, will be published in Spring 2010.



Jerry Pallotta <http://jerryallotta.com>

Jerry Pallotta is called the alphabet man because he’s written more than 20 nature and science alphabet books. *The Icky Bug Alphabet Book* has sold more than 1 million copies and his third book, *The Bird Alphabet Book* was voted one of the best books of the year by *Birders World Magazine*. Some additional published credits include *Hersheys Milk Chocolate Fractions Book*, *Who Will Haunt My House on Halloween*, *The Bee: Friend of the Flowers*, *Who Will Help Santa This Year?*. His goal has always been to write interesting, fact-filled, fun to read, beautifully illustrated, color children's books. He now visits more than 150 schools per year. At the Author Fest, meet some of Jerry Pallotta’s illustrators: Ralph Masiello, Rob Bolster, and David Biedrzycki.



Ruth Sanderson <http://www.ruthsanderson.com>

Cinderella, *Papa Gatto*, *The Crystal Mountain*, *Saints Lives and Illuminations* are a few of the books Ruth has written or retold and illustrated. She also illustrated 18 covers for the Nancy Drew series and now illustrates the *Horse Diaries*. After being introduced to a children’s book editor by Jane Yolen, Ruth was hired by Little, Brown for her own retelling of *The Twelve Dancing Princesses*. Her most recent book *Mother Goose and Friends* uses Jane Yolen as the model for Mother goose flying high on the cover. Watch for her newest book, a version of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.



Tui Sutherland <http://www.tuibooks.com>

Tui is the author of more than 30 books for children and teens, ranging from easy-to-reads to middle-grade and YA novels. Her newest project is a series about dogs for ages 8-13 called *Pet Trouble*. Her books for teens include *This Must Be Love* (a retelling of Shakespeare’s *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*) and the supernatural/post-apocalyptic *Avatars* trilogy. Among her pseudonymous books are, the Disney Pirate series, *Legends of the Brethren Court* (using the pen name Rob Kidd), and the Little House spin-off *Nellie Oleson Meets Laura Ingalls* (under the pseudonym Heather Williams). She is also one of four authors working on the best-selling *Warriors and Seekers* books under the name Erin Hunter.

Surviving and Thriving: Tips We Share **Self Checkout**

Have the patron checkout computer face outwards on the circulation desk, with a rolodex on the desk beside the computer. There is a section for each grade and one for STAFF and the cards are alphabetized by last name. Every student and staff member has a card with a barcode number on it. Check out is easy: type in your barcode number, scan the barcode, press enter, put date due card in book pocket. We teach everyone to do it. They can check them back in, too.

~Submitted by Judith Powers, LMS, Nantucket Elementary School

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"The Write Sisters" <http://www.thewritesisters.com>

A group of 7 women, they are related only through their shared passion -- writing for kids. Collectively, they have authored over 125 books. Appearing at our authorfest will be Muriel Dubois, Diane Mayr, Kathy Deady.

The Write Sisters are (back, l to r)

Muriel Dubois, Barbara Turner, Kathleen Deady, and Andrea Murphy, (front) Diane Mayr, Janet Buell and Sally Wilkins.



Kathy Deady <http://www.kathleendeady.com>

Kathy Deady is the author of over 40 books for children. Her titles include *The New Hampshire Colony, It's Time!* and, *All Year Long*, a CBC/IRA Children's Choice selection for 2005. Her work has also appeared in several children's magazines. Kathy's passion for writing began in college with picture books, but along the way she discovered a love of nonfiction as well. She enjoys visiting schools and libraries to share that love of both with children.



Muriel Dubois <http://www.murieldubois.com>

Muriel L. Dubois is the award-winning author of more than 35 books for children including *New Hampshire Facts and Symbols*, *To My Countrywomen: The Life of Sarah Josepha Hale*, and *Abenaki Captive*. She enjoys speaking to children and adults about writing and publishing. Muriel writes from her home in Bedford, New Hampshire where she also spends part of the day letting her two dogs in and out of the back yard.



Diane Mayr <http://www.dianemayr.com>

Diane Mayr says, "I may not have been born a writer, but I'll surely die as one!" A former school library volunteer and children's librarian, she is now the adult services librarian/assistant director in Windham, NH. Her published works for children include the picture books, *Littlebat's Halloween Story*, and *Run, Turkey, Run!*, *The Everything Kids' Money Book*, and articles, activities, poems, stories in magazines such as *Spider*. Her articles on writing have appeared in *The Writer*.

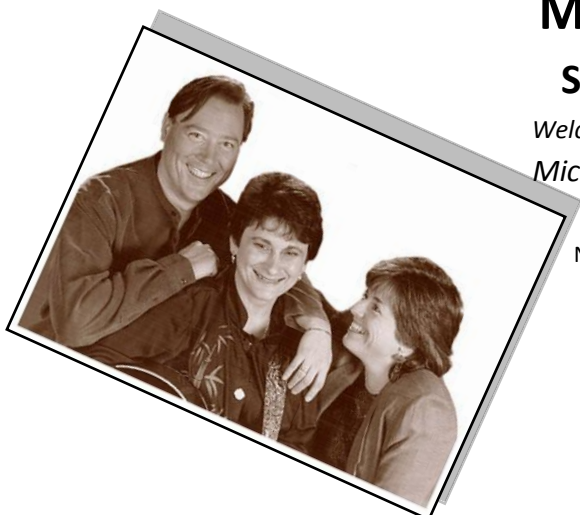


MSLA BLOCK PARTY

SUNDAY 3:00-5:00 PM

Welcoming back our own MSLA members,
Michelle Tanguay and Linda Picceri
with "City of Roses"

Note: We need to make Steve Gilligan
an Honorary MSLA Member (!)



City of Roses:

<http://www.cityofroses.net>

