

Joan Sandin ***

Specializing in historical fiction for young readers.

Programs Joan's grade 2 - 4 presentations connect with the curriculum, illustrating immigration and Arizona history through the lives of real people, especially children.

Titles Coyote School News; Long Way immigration series. Complete list at website.

Awards 2006 Bluebonnet Award nominee

2005 Arizona Governor's Choice Award

2004 Judy Goddard Award

2004 Tomas Rivera Award Finalist

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Amanda Shepherd **

Programs Students discover their wildly creative side during visits with illustrator Amanda Shepherd, while she demonstrates how words create imagery and how illustrators bring words to life.

Titles Who Loves Me, by Patricia MacLachlan;

Rules of the Wild, by Bridget Levin.

Complete list at: www.paintdog.com

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Janni Lee Simmer #,

Programs Explore story, character, and writing; sessions are designed for small groups (1-2 classes) with plenty of opportunity for questions and student interaction.

Titles Secret of the Three Treasures; Short stories in Gothic! Ten Original Dark Tales and Half Human.

Complete list at: www.simmer.com

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Conrad J. Storad *,

Fun non-fiction books about science and nature for readers ages 4 – 94.

Titles Life in the Slow Lane -A Desert Tortoise Tale; Desert Night Shift -A Pack Rat Story

Awards 2005 Arizona Governor's Choice Award;

2005 Arizona Young Readers' Honor Book; 2001

Judy Goddard Award; 1999 Benjamin Franklin

Honor Book

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Jennifer J. Stewart

Jennifer J. Stewart writes seriously funny books for children.

Programs Jennifer discusses inspiration, the journey to complete a novel and how writing can take you places you never imagined.

Titles Close Encounters of a Third-World Kind; If That Breathes Fire, We're Toast!; The Bean King's Daughter

Awards 2007 Grand Canyon Reader Award nomination; Sequoyah Award Honor Book; Teddy Children's Award Honor Book; VOYA Best Fantasy List; among others.

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Karen Taha *,

Programs Karen's presentations involve the students in a lively game of "Battle of the Books," have them guessing answers to riddles, learning the how-tos and why-nots of creating stories, and following the publication process with real drafts. Emphasis is on the most important part of writing - - rewriting.

Titles Hotdog on TV; A Gift for Tia Rosa, a

Reading Rainbow Review Book.

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Jennifer Ward *

Programs Rollicking, rhythmic, riotous fun!

Jennifer's school visits inspire, educate and most importantly – get students eager to write.

Titles The Seed and the Giant Saguaro; There

Was a Coyote Who Swallowed a Flea; Forest

Bright; Forest Night

Awards Arizona Young Readers' Award Honor books (2000; 2006); Teachers' Choice Award

for Best Children's Book; Parents' Choice Award

winner; National Science Teachers Association

Recommendation; 2006 AZ Governor's Choice

Award, among others. Complete list at:

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*picture book author

#mid-grade author

##young adult author

**illustrator

***author and illustrator

Guy Porfirio **

Guy Porfirio's award-winning illustrations have become recognized over the past 20 years for their realistic detail, dynamic technique and use of color. Guy has illustrated numerous books for children, including [Grandpa's Little One](#), by Billy Crystal.

Titles [Grandpa's Little One](#); [The Littlest Angel](#)

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Charline Profiri *

"I'm sure we'll see improvement in our students' scores as a result of your presentations." –

Douglas Price, Principal, Cottonwood Elementary.

Programs "Ace AIMS Writing," based on five years experience scoring student writing assessments; other presentations listed on website.

Titles [Counting Little Geckos](#) (board book)

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Janette Rallison

Janette writes young adult romantic comedy, because there's already enough angst in real life.

Titles [It's a Mall World After All](#); [Fame](#); [Glory](#) and [Other Things on My To Do List](#)

Awards [All's Fair in Love, War and High School](#)

YALSA Popular Paperback; [Playing the Field](#)

International Best Book Award; Honor Book 2002

by the Society of School Librarians

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Michelle Parker-Rock *, #,

Programs Author and photographer, Michelle takes audiences on a witty multimedia "behind the scenes" journey through her writing process and the creation of a nonfiction book. Multicultural and other high-spirited interactive programs available.

Titles [R. L. Stine: Creator of Scary and Spooky](#)

[Stories - \(Authors Teens Love Series\)](#); [Bruce](#)

[Coville](#); [Jack Gantos](#); [Bruce Hale](#); [\(Authors Kids](#)

[Love Series\)](#). Complete list at:

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Monica Brown *

Author of multicultural and bilingual books for children. Inspired by her Peruvian-American heritage, Monica is happy to do her presentations in English, Spanish, or both.

Programs Monica's lively and colorful sessions

inspire students to get as excited about reading,

writing and the creative process as she is.

Awards Americas Award; Pura Belpre Honor Award

Titles [My Name is Celia](#); [Me llamo Celia](#); [Butterflies](#)

on Carmen Street. Complete list at:

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Monica Hay Cook *

Arizona history and cowboy fun! Activity books

where children "learn to play" and "play to learn."

Programs Hands-on activities for teachers and

students.

Titles [Idea A Day Calendar: 366 Activities for Young](#)

[Children](#); [Kickin' Up Some Cowboy Fun: 130](#)

[Activities for Cowboys and Cowgirls](#)

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Jennie Spray Doering *

Poetry and writing workshops for kids – so much fun, they won't know they're learning!

Programs Literary techniques and six-traits

skills with hands-on activities (experience

with grades prek-6).

Titles [Beach Riddles](#)

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Terri Fields *, #,

Author of over 15 books for students, Terri has won awards as an author, teacher and presenter.

Titles [Danger in the Desert](#); [Burro's Tortillas](#); [After](#)

[the Death of Anna Gonzales](#); [Hold Up](#)

Awards Maud Hard Lovelace; Georgia Children's

Choice Award; Texas Library Association Reading

List; Notable Trade Book NCSS, HBO movie

adaptation from [Bug Off!](#)

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C.S. Adler #,

Author of 43 books for middle grade and young adults which promise kids the light at the end of their dark tunnels.

Titles [Magic of the Gifts](#), her first book, won

The Golden Kite Award and the William Allen

White Award; [Ghost Brother](#) is her most popular

book.

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Roni Capin Rivera-Ashford *

30 years of education experience helps

me tailor the workshop to the age of the

audience, Pre-K to adults. I provide a total

sensory experience with tea-tasting and fresh

herb bouquet keepsakes. Discussion celebrates

family traditions and rekindles memories

through literacy. All in English, Spanish or both.

Titles [My Nana's Remedies/Los remedios de mi](#)

[nana](#); [Hip, Hip, Hooray. It's Monsoon Day!](#)

[¡Ajúa, ya llegó el chubasco!](#)

Awards Finalist, 2002 Foreword Magazine

"Book of the Year

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LeeAnn Blankenship *

Programs [Mr. Tuggle's Troubles](#) teaches

children in a fun and humorous way that it's

important to keep things in order. During school

visits, LeeAnn encourages students to identify

their own special passions and to follow their

dreams.

Titles [Mr. Tuggle's Troubles](#)

Awards IRA Notable Children's Book; New

Hampshire Ladybug Award nominee

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Juanita Havill *,

"Havill's books are characterized by a superb understanding of the inner lives of young children..." Susie Wilde, [childrenslit.com](#)

Programs Havill discusses the writing process

from start to finish with emphasis on idea

generation, characters, plot and revision. She

responds to questions about writing and books

and relates incidents in her life that influenced

her desire to write. All grade levels.

Titles [I Heard It From Alice Zucchini](#) (poetry

collection); [Jamaica's Find](#) (series)

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www.WritersRegister.com

Marianne Mitchell *,

"Marianne has the ability to connect with

students of ALL ages about her LOVE of

writing." – Tom Lindsay, Principal, Queen Creek,

AZ.

Titles [Joe Cinders](#); [Finding Zola](#).

Awards Storytelling World Award; Southwest

Books of the Year; Highlights Fiction Contest;

Bank Street College Award

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Marge Pellegrino *

"Marge's enthusiasm was contagious." –Linda

Lamb, Benson Schools

Programs Marge's programs encourage

students to feel the fun and power behind their

own writing and thinking.

Titles [My Grandma's the Mayor](#); [Too Nice](#)

Awards Arizona Commission of the Arts artist

roster; 2002 Storyteller Award

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