

AUTHORS

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What Is Authors In April?

(From AIA, Inc. Sponsorship Application)

Authors In April, Inc. was founded in 1983 by a small-dedicated group of local community leaders. In the early years, three authors were invited to visit elementary school students. The program was later expanded to include middle schools, and the authors' stay was lengthened from three to five days.

The goal of the Authors In April, Inc. is to encourage students to read, as well as to appreciate a variety of literature, and to utilize this literature as a basis for good quality writing. Through this literature, we hope students will be motivated to aspire to improve their own creative writing ability.

Local public and non-public schools, the Rochester PTA Council, and the Rochester Hills Public Library sponsor Authors In April. The program is financed through participating schools' PTAs who purchase the program, as well as donations from civic and community sources.

A thirteen-member executive board administers the program. Four of the board members are appointed by the sponsoring organizations: the Rochester Community Schools, local non-public schools, the Rochester PTA Council, and the Rochester Hills Public Library. Members-at-large representing the community hold the remaining nine positions.

Authors In April Inc. is a community weeklong event. The Rochester Hills Public Library hosts an autograph party where the public is invited to meet the authors. A benefit dinner is held each year where adults can support the program, meet the authors, have books autographed, enjoy dinner, and listen to a lively presentation by the authors. *Each day, authors visit schools, giving presentations to students and signing books. Each elementary school author visits three different elementary schools every day, and spends about 1-½ hours at each school. The middle school author visits one school each day, giving three presentations (one each to 6th, 7th, & 8th graders) at that school. In all the authors speak to well over 10,000 students during their visit.*

Books written and/or illustrated by the authors are available for purchase at all participating schools, and at the Friends' Library Store. *Books are sold at 20% off of publishers' list, plus sales tax.*

This unique enrichment program provides a link between the public and parochial schools and the community. Authors In April, Inc. is proud to introduce children to quality authors, illustrators, and their literature.

1984 --- Lorna Balian, Judy Delton, Avi
1985 --- George Shannon, Sid Fleischman, Thomas Dygard
1986 --- Robert Quackenbush, Byrd Baylor, James Lincoln Collier,
1987 --- Trinka Hakes Noble, Mary Blount Christian, E.L. Konigsburg
1988 --- Denys Cazet, Seymour Simon, Lynn Hall
1989 --- David Small, Eve Merriam, Phyllis Reynolds Naylor, Cynthia Voigt
1990 --- Jose Aruego, Ashley Bryan, Dean Hughes, Paula Danziger
1991 --- Tomie DePaola, Arthur Dorros, Claudia Mills, Grace Chetwin
1992 --- Joanne Ryder, George Ancona, Candy Dawson Boyd, Bruce Brooks,
1993 --- Denys Cazet, Ashley Bryan, Phyllis Reynolds Naylor, Paula Danziger
1994 --- Tony Ross, Robert San Souci, Dean Hughes, Theresa Nelson
1995 --- Chris Raschka, Jan Reynolds, Ivy Ruckman, Gordon Korman
1996 --- Megan McDonald, Deborah Nourse Lattimore, Jean Little, William Sleator
1997 --- Peter Catalanotto, Betsy Duffey, Vicki Cobb, Theresa Nelson
1998 --- Jim Aylesworth, Rafe Martin, Joseph Bruchac, Tim Wynne-Jones
1999 --- James Ransome, Natalie Kinsey-Warnock, Elvira Woodruff, Donna Jo Napoli
2000 --- Peter Catalanotto, Betsy Duffey, Vicki Cobb, Theresa Nelson
2001 --- Judith Caseley, Cheryl Harness, David Wisniewski, David Almond
2002 --- Floyd Cooper, Nina Laden, Cynthia DeFelice, Neal Shusterman
2003 --- Denise Fleming, Eric Kimmel, Wendelin Van Draanen, Kimberly Willis Holt
2004 --- Eileen Christelow, Stephanie Greene, Bruce Coville, Ben Mikaelson
2005 --- Denys Cazet, Megan McDonald, Ashley Bryan, Neal Shusterman
2006 --- Judith Bryon Schachner, Robert San Souci, Anna Myers, Suzanne Fisher Staples
2007 --- Chris Raschka, Barbara Joosse, Jack Gantos, Adrian Fogelin
2008 --- Lisa Wheeler, Laurie Keller, Gary D. Schmidt, Christopher Paul Curtis
2009 --- Jim LaMarche, Sara Pennypacker, Jim Murphy, K. M. Grant
2010 --- Brian Lies, Tony Abbott, Mark Crilley, David Lubar
2011 --- Loren Long, Matthew McElligott, Gennifer Choldenko, Sara Holbrook
2012 --- Maryann Cocca-Leffler, Mary Casanova, Barbara O'Connor, Shelley Pearsall
2013 --- John Rocco, Betty G. Birney, Sarah Weeks, Jordan Sonnenblick
2014 --- Laurie Keller, Brian Floca, Lisa Graff, Adrian Fogelin
2015 --- Daniel Kirk, Lynne Jonell, Chris Grabenstein, Nora Raleigh Baskin
2016 --- David LaRochelle, Sara Pennypacker, Kate Messner, Margi Preus
2017 --- Mike Wohnoutka, Lenore Look, Cynthia Lord, Neal Schusterman
2018 --- Lita Judge, Jason Chin, Jewell Parker Rhodes, Jennifer A. Nielsen