

The Midwest Writing Center,
the Davenport Public Library, and
the Bi-State Literacy Council
Present:

The David R. Collins Children's Literature Festival

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

8:30 a.m. — 1:45 p.m.

RiverCenter, Davenport

**Free registration and
books for all schools
that attend!**

The David R. Collins Children's Literature Festival is named after its eponymous founder, a beloved author and teacher who passed away in 2001. It continues in his memory, dedicated to his goal of encouraging future generations of readers and writers.

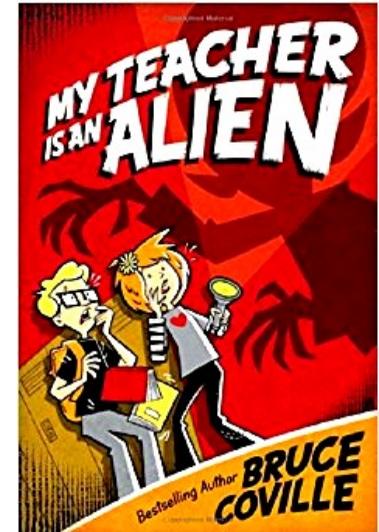


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FEATURED SPEAKERS

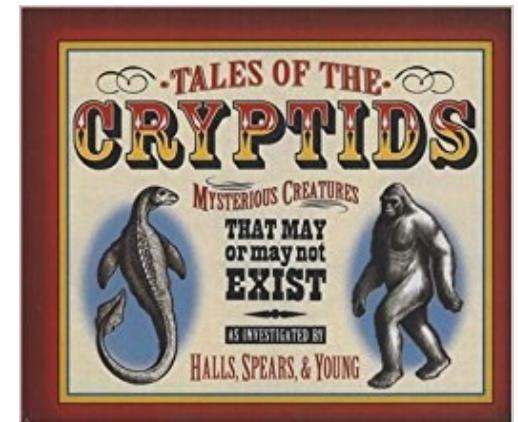
BRUCE COVILLE

Mr. Coville is an author of over 100 books for children and young adults, delighting readers with his irreverent wit and imagination. Among his most popular titles are *My Teacher is an Alien*, *Into the Land of the Unicorns*, and *The Monster's Ring*. Students attending his sessions will learn about the author's journey from discovering his love for writing as a high school student through this decision and dedication to be a full-time, best-selling author of books for children and young adults.



KELLY MILNER HALLS

Kelly Milner Halls is an internationally acclaimed author of children's nonfiction, and has written over 30 books. Ms. Milner Halls' writing appeals to youngsters because she instinctively selects topics of interest such as mummies, animals, science and history. She delights audiences with her humor and unique perspective on research. She describes herself as "the weird kid who asked too many questions." Her curiosity for the unusual leads her to write many interesting books including *Tales of the Cryptids*, *Albino Animals*, and *Alien Investigation*.



ADDITIONAL PRESENTERS

Gary Metivier is an long-time news anchor at KWQC with over 20 years of experience. Metivier has reported on a variety of topics ranging from politics to economics to crime. In fact, it was his coverage of the departures and homecomings of soldiers that inspired him to write books about how families were affected by this conflict, including *Saluting Grandpa, Until Daddy Comes Home,* and *Cody and Grandpa's Christmas Tradition.*

Belinda Holbrook is a media specialist at in Davenport, but if you see her at the Children's Literature Festival, you know she loves string stories. Belinda makes cradles and shapes with her hands as she weaves long tales.

Ryan Collins is Executive Director of MWC, a St. Ambrose University English instructor, and author of *A New American Field Guide & Song Book.* His sessions engage students in writing poetry.

Mary Meinking Chambers has written articles in children's magazines as well as written over 30 non-fiction children's books. They include arts and crafts, animals, pop stars, travel and history. One of her latest books is on origami.

B.J. Schwartz tells tales of his beloved malamutes, Li'l Maxx and Bear, in his *Plumery Tails* series. His several books document the growing years of his seven dogs and their animal and human friends. Mr. Schwartz weaves knowledge of nature, animals, and relationships into his stories.

Connie Heckert is a published author, teacher, and mentor. One of her most popular children's works is *Miss Rochelle and the Lost Bells.*

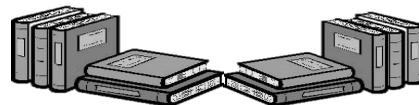
Description of Events

All students grades 3-6 are invited to share in the excitement during the Children's Literature Festival at the Davenport RiverCenter on October 3, 2017.

You may bring an unlimited number of students, **but you must have one adult supervisor for every ten students.** Children, with their supervisor, will be provided an assigned schedule they need to follow. Each group will see both nationally and regionally acclaimed authors. **Students should bring snacks, a sack lunch, and any money they wish to spend at the book sale.**

Notice of Filming and Photography

The 2017 Children's Literature Festival (CLF) will be professionally photographed and recorded on video for future educational and promotional purposes. By attending CLF, teachers, parents, chaperones, and students acknowledge that they have been informed that they may be photographed and recorded as part of future CLF and Midwest Writing Center promotional activities, and/or in private educational use by Quad City area schools, and they grant permission for their likeness and voice to be included therein without compensation, credit, or other consideration. No students or children will be interviewed or identified on camera without parental consent.



There will be an opportunity to purchase the speakers' books during lunch, as well as between presentations. Books range from \$3-\$25. Proceeds from these sales will be used for future Festivals. **Each school will receive a bag of free books for their library or classroom!**

To Register:

Thanks to generous sponsors, we are able to offer free registration. Fill out the registration page of this brochure and mail it by September 18th to:

ATTN: Children's Literature Festival

Suzanne Johnson
2717 Olympia Drive
Bettendorf, IA 52722

OR

E-mail Suzanne Johnson at sjohnson2831@gmail.com to reserve your place. If you have any questions about registration, email or call (563)-449-4886 (cell)

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Contact Name

Phone Number

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School Name

School Address

School City, State, Zip Code

Number of Participants

Please calculate the total number of participants below.

Grade Level	Number of participants
3rd grade	
4th grade	
5th grade	
6th grade	
Adults	
TOTAL	