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

The David R. Collins Children’s Literature Festival

Tuesday, October 8, 2019
8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
RiverCenter, Davenport

Free books for all schools that attend!

The David R. Collins Children’s Literature Festival, founded in 1979, 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 Speaker

John Coy

John Coy is the author of young adult novels (middle grade books) and fiction and non-fiction picture books. Several of his books have been produced for children’s theatre throughout the United States.

John enjoys meeting with young people, talking to them and hearing the reasons why they do and do not read. He writes books he would have liked reading as a young person. For example, John’s popular 4 for four series includes “Top of the Order” (baseball), “Eyes on the Goal” (soccer), “Love the Game” (football), and “Take Your Best Shot” (a hoops story) that concludes the series.

He has received numerous awards and honors including Best Books of the Year, Books for a Global Society, and the American Library Association’s “Notable Books”. Some of his books have also been selected for the Junior Literacy Guild.

John lives in Minneapolis and visits with schools around the world as a speaker, author and educator.

Additional Presenters

Ryan Collins is Executive Director of MWC, an English Instructor at St. Ambrose University, and author of A New American Field Guide and Songbook. His sessions engage students in writing poetry and improvisation.
**Description of Events**

All students in grades 3-6 are invited to share in the excitement at the David R. Collins Children’s Literature Festival at the Davenport RiverCenter on October 8, 2019. You may bring an unlimited number of students but you must have one adult supervisor for every ten students. Registration is $5 for each student and accompanying chaperones. 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. If you are bringing a large group of children, be advised your group will be divided into different sessions.

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 to support future Festivals.

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**Registration Form**

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Total Students Attending _______
Grand Total Attending _______ x $5 each
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*Remember: 1 adult required for every 10 students