

The Arizona State Library Presents

**What's New in Children's Literature
And Strategies for Using It in Your Program, (Grades PreK-6)**

An All-Day Workshop for School and Public Librarians

Presented by Judy Freeman

at the

**Tucson Public Library, 101 N. Stone St. (Thursday, February 12, 2015)
Carnegie Center, 1101 West Washington, Phoenix (Friday, February 13 and
repeated on Saturday, February 14, 2015)**

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

TITLE:

What's New in Children's Literature and Strategies for Using It in Your Program, (Grades PreK-6)

DESCRIPTION:

How do you raise a reader? What's new in children's literature? What's so important about kids reading books in this on-line age? Worried about the Common Core? In this fast-paced show-and-tell workshop, get a handle on scores of the best children's books published in 2014. Children's literature specialist, Judy Freeman, will share her latest favorites in children's books, an eclectic and indispensable assortment of compelling read-alouds for children. She will demonstrate a variety of motivational, practical techniques to link literature with storytelling, booktalking, reading aloud, creative drama, music, poetry, writing and illustrating, comprehension and higher level thinking skills, and other across-the-curriculum activities that bring children to books (and tie in to the new Common Core standards).

She will share ways to use these titles for curricular connections, thematic tie-ins, literature-based learning, reading aloud, and just plain fun! This fast-paced full-day show-and-tell workshop is a quick literature blast for teachers and librarians who want:

- Lively, concise, honest evaluations of new books every librarian should know
- A host of kid-tested literature-based learning activities, techniques, and ideas to hear today and use tomorrow with children in school and public library programs,
- A fast tour through the school curriculum of recent fabulous books that will get kids reading, writing, and responding to literature
- A comprehensive annotated bibliography and handout that incorporates a wide range of ideas for using children's literature
- Ways to enhance students' presentation and public speaking skills and get them reading with comprehension, expression, fluency, and joy
- Irresistible new titles perfect for read-alouds, read-alones, Guided Reading, Literature Circles, and Book Clubs

- Practical tips on developing meaty, meaningful follow-ups for books you share aloud that tie in with Common Core goals (or whatever goals your state is touting right now)
- The role a good library plays in raising readers
- Unlimited reasons to fall in love with children's literature all over again

Along the way, we'll share anecdotes and data about trends, triumphs, problems, controversies in education, and the ongoing quest for literacy. Best of all, we'll look at ways to have a ball with books and the children who love them.

OUR SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

9:00 -10:30 LANGUAGE ARTS:

Books about Books / School Stories / Reading & Writing

10:30-10:45 BREAK (& BOOK LOOK)

10:45-12:15 MORE LANGUAGE ARTS:

Writing & Reading / Writing Prompts / Poetry

12:15 -1:15 LUNCH (& BOOK LOOK)

1:15 - 2:30 BOOKS ACROSS THE CURRICULUM:

Reader's Theater / Arts / Math / Science

2:30 - 2:45 BREAK (& BOOK LOOK)

2:45 - 4:00 BOOKS ACROSS THE CURRICULUM: Science, cont. / Social Studies

ONCE UPON A TIME: BOOKS INSPIRED BY FOLK AND FAIRY TALES

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP PRESENTER:

JUDY FREEMAN (www.JudyReadsBooks.com) is a well-known consultant, writer, and speaker on children's literature, and the author of *Books Kids Will Sit Still For 3* (Libraries Unlimited, 2006); *Once Upon a Time!: Using Storytelling, Creative Drama, and Reader's Theater with Children in Grades K-6* (Libraries Unlimited, 2007), winner of the 2009 Anne IZARD Storytellers' Choice Award; and the forthcoming *The Handbook for Storytellers* and *The Handbook for Storytime Programs* (both American Library Association, 2015). A former school librarian, she gives conferences, workshops, speeches, and performances throughout the U.S. and the world for teachers, librarians, parents, and children, and has been a national seminar presenter for BER (Bureau of Education and Research) since 1995. Judy is a visiting lecturer at Pratt Institute's School of Information, and Library Science in New York City, teaching graduate courses in storytelling and children's literature. Look for her quarterly online book review column, "Desperate Librarians" for the online database, NoveList. She also helped to launch author James Patterson's spectacular website for parents, teachers, librarians, and kids—www.ReadKiddoRead.com—and contributed more than 400 children's book reviews, articles, annotated booklists, and other content to the site. It was named one of ALA's Great Web Sites for Kids for 2009, and won the first annual Innovations in Reading Prize from the National Book Foundation in 2009. Judy served as a member of the 2000 Newbery Committee and the 2008 Sibert Committee, and was thrilled to be a member of the 2014 Caldecott Committee.