

Calling all teachers, school librarians and public librarians!

Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award Conference

FRIDAY, May 1, 2009

8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee, VT

Morning Speaker

David Macaulay

David Macaulay is the author of the books, *Cathedral, Castle, Pyramid, The Way Things Work* and the Caldecott-winning *Black and White*. His newest book is *The Way We Work*.

Afternoon Speaker

Beth Kanell

Beth Kanell is a poet, editor and author of the book *Darkness Under the Water*, set in Waterford, VT in 1930.

The afternoon speaker is sponsored by the Vermont School Library Association

Cost is \$90 per person, \$70 for members of VLA, VT-NEA or Friends of DCF

Co-sponsors for this conference include the Friends of DCF, the Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award Committee, Vermont Department of Libraries, Vermont School Library Association, Vermont-NEA, and Vermont Library Association.

BOOK GIVEAWAYS and DOOR PRIZES

2009-2010 DCF nominees and books by David Macaulay, Beth Kanell and Kate Messner will be for sale at a 20% DISCOUNT!

****Certificate of attendance provided****

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Morning Workshops

Workshop Leader/s

- 1. Introducing the New DCF List** **The DCF Committee**
Come hear about the books on the 2009-2010 DCF list from committee members. Find out what the book review handout **doesn't** cover!
- 2. Conversation with David Macaulay** **David Macaulay**
Here is your chance to talk to our keynote speaker in a small group setting.
- 3. Writing (and Reading) the 1930s** **Beth Kanell**
It's history so close that your parents or grandparents lived then -- but it is worlds different from today. Set in Waterford, Vermont, Beth Kanell's book *The Darkness Under the Water* unfolds in 1930. How did she research, verify and bring the details to life? And how do new reading and learning patterns interact with this kind of historical fiction?
- 4. Using Fun Technology to Promote Student Engagement** **Pamela Burke**
Through the use of blogs, wikis and comic creation software, students can take part in a participatory culture of learning, develop 21st century literacy skills and have fun! We'll look at examples of how these tools were used to engage students with the DCF titles this year and have a practical discussion about how to integrate technology into the library curriculum. Pamela Burke is the librarian and technology instructor at the Marlboro Elementary School.
- 5. Reader's Theater** **Mary Catherine Jones and kids**
Get into character without memorizing lines! Learn to use DCF books in dramatic readings with students. Have fun while interpreting plot and characters in the 2009-2010 DCF books. Mary Catherine Jones is a children's performer and Director/Advisor for the Children's Literacy Foundation.
- 6. Boys and Books – Getting Middle Schoolers Interested in Reading** **Angelika Mahoney**
Angelika Mahoney, librarian at Colchester Middle School, will share a variety of strategies she has used successfully to get boys to read. You will take away a list of suggested reading materials, book titles, and genres, a sampling of which will be on display at the workshop.

Afternoon Workshops

Workshop Leader/s

- 7. Introducing the New DCF List** **The DCF Committee**
Repeat of Workshop # 1.
- 8. Words in Action: Playwriting to Develop Empathy, Perspective, and Comprehension** **Kat Redniss**
Participants will explore the ways playwriting and creative drama can help readers find their way into a text. Interactive writing exercises will explore character, perspective, conflict, and theme. Kat is the YA librarian at Brownell Library.
- 9. Kids in Action: Literature Circles** **Patty Thomas and kids**
Using the Brownington Central School model for literature circles, sixth graders from that school will discuss Beth Kanell's *The Darkness Under the Water*. Students will demonstrate their opportunity to talk about their reading and the dynamics that lead to an increased understanding of the book. Patty Thomas, a former school librarian, is secretary at the Brownington School.
- 10. Celebrating 400 Years on Lake Champlain.** **Kate Messner**
Author and English teacher Kate Messner discusses her two historical novels set on Lake Champlain as well as her upcoming book, *The Brilliant Fall of Gianna Z* (Walker, Fall '09), a contemporary novel about a Vermont girl. Kate will share her research and writing process as well as strategies for using her books in the classroom to help celebrate the history and natural landscape of Vermont.
- 11. So You Want to Write for Children?** **Leda Schubert**
Leda will provide a brief overview of the field, including info on resources, trends, agents, submissions, etc. There will be a lot of Q&A. Leda teaches at Vermont College of Fine Arts and is the author of 7 (or maybe 8) published and forthcoming picture books.
- 12. Bibliophiles, Book Battles, and Booktalks** **Susan O'Connell, Anne Gallivan, & Vicky Palmer**
Librarians from three schools will talk about how they promote the DCF program to their students. Their talks will include ways to help struggling readers enjoy DCF books, a district wide annual DCF battle of the books and students booktalking books to their peers.
- 13. Soda Can Characters and Story Mobiles** **Tina Logan**
Using wire and recycled materials, create a storybook character, mobile or stabile based on books on the new DCF list. Tina Logan is the art teacher at the Albert D. Lawson Middle School in Essex Junction.

Registration Form

Name _____ School/Library _____

Address: _____

Zip _____

(Check One Home Address School Address)

Email: _____ Phone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Teacher School Librarian Public Librarian Other (please specify) _____

Please sign up for your choice of **morning** and **afternoon** workshops – **ranked in order of preference.**

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Morning Workshop

Afternoon Workshop

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\$90 Regular Registration

\$70 Membership Registration (one or more)

✓ Please check your membership(s): **VT-NEA** **VLA** **Friends of DCF**

Conference registration fee includes coffee, buffet lunch, materials, and door prizes!

Schedule

8:30 Registration and coffee

11:30 Lunch

9:00 Welcome and keynote speaker (David Macaulay)

12:45 Afternoon workshop

10:15 Morning workshop

2:00 Endnote speaker (Beth Kanell)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE – April 10, 2009

Space is limited. Confirmation will be mailed.

For questions or further information, contact Grace Greene at grace.greene@mail.dol.state.vt.us or call (802) 828-6954.

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