

BELINDA HOLBROOK learned to play a string game called Cat's Cradle from her grandmother. Now a teacher, she shares string figures with her students at Davenport's Harrison Elementary School. She is the author of *String Stories: A Creative, Hands-On Approach for Engaging Children in Literature*.

DUFFY DE FRANCE is retired Children's Librarian of Muscatine's Musser Public Library. She also is a member of the Iowa Storytellers Roundtable, Puppeteers of America, and Riverbend Storytelling Guild.

ERIC TUCKER, formerly an artist at the *Quad-City Times*, is presently employed at the Ad Group. Eric is the illustrator for *Times'* columnist Bill Wundrum's *Finnius* books.

CHRIS TURNIPSEED is a long-time teacher-librarian at Davenport's Adams School and a gifted storyteller.

You are also invited to meet 8-year-old author **ANNA SHAMMAS**. Anna attends Riverdale Heights Elementary School and will be answering questions about her five published books which will be available for purchase and autographing.



THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

The Board of Directors of the Children's Literature Festival would like to thank the following for their generous financial support of this year's event:

The Riverboat Development Authority

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We also wish to thank the **Midwest Writing Center** and the **Davenport Public Library** for all the time and effort they have donated to make the Festival a success!

THE DAVID R. COLLINS
CHILDREN'S LITERATURE
FESTIVAL
Tue., Oct. 27, 2009
Davenport River Center
Davenport, Iowa

The David R. Collins Children's Literature Festival

Tuesday, October 27, 2009
8:30 A.M.—1:30 P.M.
River Center, Davenport



The David R. Collins Children's Literature is named after its eponymous founder, a beloved author and teacher who passed away in 2001. David founded the Children's Literature Festival in 1978 and guided its subsequent growth. Now, the Festival continues in his memory—dedicated to his goal of encouraging future generations of readers and writers.

REGISTRATION FORM

Feel free to make copies for your friends.

Questions? Call Georgia Miller @ 309-781-3382 or Rochelle Murray 563-322-3611 or email Georgia @ rgmillerranch@yahoo.com

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Make out check (\$5 per person) and mail with completed registration form by October 15 to Georgia Miller; ATTN: Children's Literature Festival; 5509 227th St. Ct. N; Port Byron, IL 61275. Make check payable to "Midwest Writing Center", and in the "For" block, indicate "CLF." If you do not receive a confirmation letter by Oct. 23, call Georgia Miller @ 309-781-3382 or Rochelle Murray at 563-322-3611 or email Georgia @ rgmillerranch@yahoo.com

**We will have a limited number of scholarships available. For more information, contact Georgia Miller.

FYI

Each elementary school in the Mississippi Valley community is invited to share in the excitement at the David R. Collins Children Literature Festival at the Davenport River Center on October 27, 2009. [Home-schooled children also are encouraged to participate.]

Each adult supervisor may bring four students from Grades 3, 4, 5, and 6. The cost for an adult supervisor and four students is \$25.

Festival authors and illustrators will meet with assigned groups to discuss their work, share ideas, and answer questions. Books and artwork by these authors and illustrators will be available for purchase and autographing. Proceeds from these sales will be used for future festivals.

Check-in on Tuesday, October 27 is from 8:00—9:00 A.M. Children, with their supervisor, will be provided an assigned schedule and packet of materials.

Students should bring a box lunch.

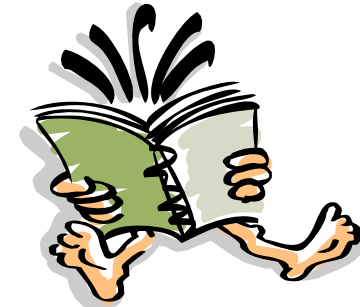
After lunch, magician "RICK EUGENE" will entertain us with his spell-binding sleight-of-hand.



Our illustrious cast of presenters includes:

CAROL GORMAN is an award-winning author from Cedar Rapids. A former teacher, Carol's novels for middle-school readers include the popular "Dork" series and the "Lizard Flanagan" books.

JILL ESBAUM writes her award-winning picture books from a farm near Dixon, Iowa. Her most recent titles include *Stanza*, *Apples for Everyone*, and *Seed, Sprout, Pumpkin Pie*. You can find out more about Jill and her books at www.jillesbaum.com



GARY METIVIER is an award-winning journalist and KWQC TV-6 news anchor. He also is the author of the popular "Willie's Wagon" series of juvenile books. Check out all things Willie at www.willieswagon.com

MIKE MICKLE spent almost two decades as a local news reporter and anchor. He now publishes, along with his wife Karen, *QC Family Focus* magazine. Due to popular demand, Mike's debut children's book, *Growing Up with Fussy-Pants CrankyShirt*, will be the first of a series.