

STARVED ROCK READING COUNCIL PROUDLY PRESENTS

Young Author Celebration

May 7, 2015

GRIZZLY JACK'S GRAND BEAR RESORT 2643 N. ILLINOIS RT 178 UTICA, IL 61373

Session 1:

- 9:00 am -Registration
- Book Fair
- Young Author Display

9:30 am - **Author**

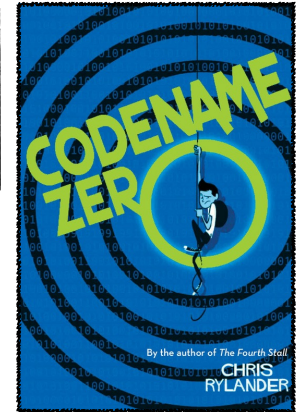
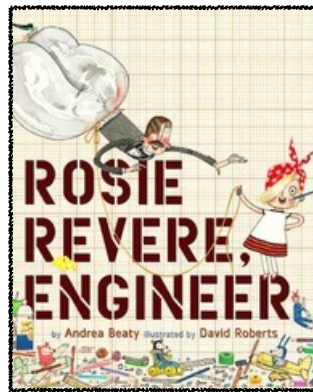
Presentations

- 10:30 am -Author signing
 - Book Fair
 - Young Author Display
- 10:45 am -Bus loading

Session 2:

- 12:30 pm -Registration
 - Book Fair
 - Young Author Display
- 1:00 pm - **Author**
- #### **Presentations**
- 2:00 pm -Author signing
 - Book Fair
 - Young Author Display
- 2:15 pm -Bus loading

Featured Authors



Andrea Beaty is the author of many books, such as Doctor Ted; Rosie Revere, Engineer; When Giants Come to Play; and Iggy Peck, Architect. As a kid, she spent her days being a detective, world explorer, movie star, and spy. Now, as a children's author, she spends her days pretty much the same way!

Chris Rylander is the author of the Fourth Stall Saga and Codename Zero. He lives in Chicago with his wife, a cool girl name Amanda, one dog and one cat. He is a fan of half-eaten candy canes, earnest failures, and Yahtzee.

Andrea Beaty will be our featured author for grades K-3 and **Chris Rylander** for grades 4-8.

Join us!

Starved Rock Reading Council is honored to have award winning authors **Andrea Beaty** and **Chris Rylander** present at this year's Young Author Celebration! We invite your school's outstanding authors to join us and celebrate wonderful writing. All selected young authors invited to attend will receive an autographed copy of their featured author's book, certificate of participation, bookmark, and a pencil to continue their writing adventures. Young authors will also have an opportunity to purchase books at our book fair.

**All profit earned from the book fair will be used to defray the registration cost to future Young Author Celebrations.

General Requirements:

- Open to all students in grades K-8

Student manuscripts must be:

- Poem, book, or short story of any length
- Written during the 2014-2015 school year
- Result of class assignments or individual creative writing
- Written at school
- The student's original work
- Composed by hand or on a computer (Illustrations are allowed.)
- Composed by an individual, or by 2 authors only- Please note that co-authored work counts as two of the district's allotted entries.

Eligibility:

- Each building may send 6 authors OR 1 author for every 30 students enrolled, whichever is greater. (Example: A school of 100 students is eligible to send 6 authors; a school with 300 students enrolled is eligible to send 10 authors.
- Each district may determine the manner in which manuscripts are selected. Refer to the timeline for recommended guidelines, as well as important dates.
- The district is responsible for notifying its eligible participants and informing them of registration procedures for the session. A completed registration form and the registration fee must be submitted for each participant by April 22, 2015.

- One adult per young author is welcome to attend. Two tickets per author will be issued.
- Photocopies must be made of every student's manuscript to be collected at the registration desk the day of the celebration. Manuscripts will be on display for both sessions as well as the evening meeting of the SRRC. **DO NOT SUBMIT ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPTS - THEY WILL NOT BE RETURNED.** All manuscripts are donated to local hospitals and retirement homes for the enjoyment of others. Please prepare manuscripts to be as durable as possible (Laminating and using a binding machine have proven successful in past years.)
- Write name, grade level & school on each manuscript.

Timeline:

1. **ASAP:** Contact Stephanie

Benson with your session preference:

StarvedRockReadingCouncil@gmail.com

-or-

815.245.6560

2. **End of March:** Manuscript

entries should be submitted to

your school's Young Author Committee.

3. **Beginning of April:** Your

committee should meet to select winning manuscripts.

4. **No later than April 22, send:**

-completed registration form,

-fee of \$15 per student author

-a list of your student authors and their grade levels

5. **The week of the event:** Send home reminder letter with students, including all pertinent information for the families.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Please communicate with parents by sending an informational note home. A sample has been included on page three.

No sack lunches allowed at Grand Bear. However, if needed, plan on eating on the bus or picnic at Starved Rock or Matthiessen State Parks.

On each manuscript: include student's name, grade level and school name.

Displayed manuscripts will not be returned.

Keep your precious originals.

Registration fee is \$15 per student. Fees are used to defer expenses of the program and autographed books given to the young authors.

Grand Bear Resort is not responsible for accidents. Chaperones need to know where all student authors are at all times.

School-Home Communication

The following are suggestions for your use in communicating with parents.

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1. **After choosing your student authors**, send a note home to parents that includes necessary general information. (*see sample below)
2. **Several days before the event**, send home a reminder letter explaining registration procedures (**see sample right)
3. Include the address and phone number of the Grand Bear Lodge in your communication.
4. Give a copy of any parent communication to your school secretary and principal in case they are in the position of fielding questions from parents.
5. We will not give packets to parents not accompanied by a

** SAMPLE REMINDER LETTER

Dear Parent(s):

Thank you for supporting your child's accomplishment. We are looking forward to a very special Young Author Celebration on Thursday, May 7 at the Grand Bear Resort in Utica.

To be compliant with the fire code of the Grand Bear Resort, we need to limit the number of people accompanying each child to one adult. At Registration, authors will be given 2 tickets. Those 2 tickets will be collected at the door upon entering author's session

To allow for the authors and organizers to prepare for the event, the doors will not be opened before registration time (9:00 am-Session 1 and 12:30 pm Session 2). Thank you for your consideration with this.

If you have any questions or if you or someone else are unable to accompany your child, please let us know so that arrangements can be made for your child to attend.

child. If you are bringing students on a bus, we will either hand out all packets to a supervising teacher, or to the child when he/she/meets up with the parent after exiting the bus.

THANK YOU for your attention and extra efforts in communicating between the school and home.

*Sample Parent Letter (adjust times accordingly)

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to inform you that your child _____ has been chosen to represent our school at the Grand Bear Resort (2643 N. Illinois Rt. 178, Utica, IL 61373 815.667.3866) for the Young Author Celebration on May 7, 2015. Here is a schedule for the morning/afternoon.

9:00/12:30 Registration & Book Fair

9:30/1:00 Author presentations (the Book Fair is closed during presentations - no exceptions)

-K-3 Andrea Beaty

-4-8 Chris Rylander

10:30/2:00 Author Signing (your child will receive an autographed book, but can have it personalized by the author.)
Book Fair

10:45/2:15 Bus Loading

If you plan to attend, you will need to pick up your child at _____ in the school office and accompany him/her to the event. If you or someone else are unable to accompany your child, please call the school office so arrangements can be made for your child to attend. Please call the school office if you have any questions.

Registration Form

Name & Number of School District: _____

Young Author Contact Person: _____

Name of School: _____

School Address: _____

School Phone: _____

Home/Cell Phone: _____

Number of students attending: _____ (x \$15 per student) = \$ _____

1. Send this completed form and your check to:

(Make checks payable to: Starved Rock Reading Council)

Stephanie Benson
c/o GCSEC
725 School Street
Morris, IL 60450

Check here if you are picking up all author packets for your school. We will have them boxed and ready for you to pick up and distribute.

2. E-mail your list of students attending (including school/grade level) to:

StarvedRockReadingCouncil@gmail.com

3. Any questions? Call Stephanie Benson at 815.245.6560

Notes: Do not send display manuscripts with your registration. Bring them with you to the event. There will be special tables on which they will be displayed for the day session and that evening's SRRC program.

Starved Rock Reading Council

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Young Author Evening Event

Dinner and Presentations by

Andrea Beaty and Chris Rylander

Thursday, May 7, 2015 - Canal Port, Utica IL

5:00 p.m. Book Fair

5:30 p.m. Dinner & SRRC Spring Meeting

6:30 p.m. Author Presentation

\$25 per SRRC member

\$30 per Non member

Send reservations to Stephanie

StarvedRockReadingCouncil@gmail.com