

STARVED ROCK READING COUNCIL PROUDLY PRESENTS

# Young Author Celebration

April 27, 2017

Grizzly Jack's Grand Bear Resort 2643 N. Illinois Rt 178 Utica, IL

## Join us!

Starved Rock Reading Council is honored to have award winning authors Crystal Chan, Kate Hannigan, and Barb Rosenstock 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 profits from the book fair will be used to defray the registration costs to future Young Author Celebrations.

### Session 1:

- 9:00 am: \*Registration
- \*Book Fair
- \*YA Display
- 9:30 am: **Author Presentation**
- 10:30 am: \*Author signing
- \*Book Fair
- \*YA Display
- 10:45 am: Bus loading

### Session 2:

- 12:30 pm: \*Registration
- \*Book Fair
- \*YA Display
- 1:00 pm: **Author Presentation**
- 2:00 am: \*Author signing
- \*Book Fair
- \*YA Display
- 2:15 pm: Bus loading

## CRYSTAL CHAN

Crystal Chan grew up as a mixed-race kid in the middle of the Wisconsin cornfields and has been trying to find her place in the world ever since. When Crystal isn't writing, she's biking along the city streets of Chicago and talking to her pet turtle. Bird is her first novel.



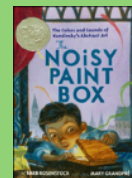
## KATE HANNIGAN

Kate Hannigan writes fiction and non-fiction for young readers. A former newspaper journalist, she loves listening to people's stories and digging deep into research. Her historical fiction debut, "The Detective's Assistant," received the 2016 Golden Kite Award for best middle-grade novel.



## BARB ROSENSTOCK

Barb Rosenstock often pretends to live in the past, although she's thankful for indoor plumbing, the Internet and instant cocoa. She resides outside Chicago with her husband and sons who keep her sane (or insane) depending on the day. Barb loves true stories best and enjoys sharing her passion for writing at school visits.



## General Requirements

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- Open to all students in grades K - 8

### Student manuscripts must be:

- Poem, book, or short story of any length
- Written during the 2016-2017 school year
- Result of class assignments or individual creative writing
- Written at school
- The student's original work
- 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 14, 2017.
- One adult per young author is welcome to attend. Two tickets per author will be issued.
- Manuscripts will be on display for sessions. Please send them with a school representative on the day of the celebration. **Manuscripts will not be returned.** All manuscripts are donated to local hospitals and retirement homes for the enjoyment of others.
- Write name, grade level & school on each manuscript.

## TIMELINE:

1. **ASAP:** Complete the RSVP form by clicking [here](#) or visiting <https://goo.gl/forms/upfl217xoSS1HRxS2>
2. **End of March:** Manuscript entries should be submitted to your school's YA committee.
3. **Beginning of April:** Your committee should meet to select winning manuscripts.
4. **No later than April 14:** Send the completed registration form, fee of \$18 per student, and list of student authors and their grade levels.
5. **The week of the event:** Send home a reminder letter with students, including all pertinent information for the families.

# School-Home Communication

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



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 Resort 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

Dear Parent(s):

Thank you for supporting your child's accomplishment. We are looking forward to a very special Young Author Celebration on Thursday, April 27 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 cooperation 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 April 27, 2017. 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-2 Barb Rosenstock

-3-5 Kate Hannigan

-6-8 Crystal Chan

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 \$18 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](mailto: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.

## Starved Rock Reading Council

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## Young Author Evening Event

Dinner and Presentations by

**Crystal Chan, Kate Hannigan, Barb Rosenstock**

**Thursday, April 27, 2017 - Canal Port, Utica IL**

5:00 p.m. Registration

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

6:30 p.m. Author Presentation

\$30 per SRRC member

\$40 per Non member

Send reservations to Stephanie

[StarvedRockReadingCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:StarvedRockReadingCouncil@gmail.com)