### **It List Author**

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### **CLUB TOME IT LIST AUTHOR:**

**Amanda Foody** 

#### How to Write a Magical Adventure (Grades 2-5 Sessions)

Students will learn the foundational elements of story-telling by following along in Amanda's journey of writing Wilderlore: The Accidental Apprentice. These elements include character, plot, and setting, as well as in-depth look at protagonist goals, conflict, mood, and more. The presentation includes a "Create Your Own Adventure" interactive activity, in which students can design their own "Beast" and build a story of their own.

## Co-Writing & Storytelling: How to Write a Book with your Best Friend (Grades 6-12 Sessions)

This presentation explores the topics of theme, genre, and tropes through a unique lens: collaboration. Amanda will walk through the process of writing All of Us Villains with C. L. Herman, from idea to finished novel, discussing the ways in which story-telling can be both intentional and fun.

## **CLUB TOME IT LIST AUTHOR:**



**Celesta Rimington** 

#### Your Author Superpower:

#### How I turned a zoo job and research into story-generating magic

Celesta Rimington worked at an AZA accredited zoo as a teenager and discovered her love and fascination for elephants. She'll share how she used personal experience, fears, interests, and research to build and shape her story idea until it became a book, how she's done this to write more books, and how you can use these same techniques as your own idea generators.

#### **CLUB TOME IT LIST AUTHOR:**



**Kate Albus** 

### **Stories Are Everywhere**

Stories are all around us. They're on the radio and in newspapers. They're on the other end of a phone line, when a friend calls to tell you about something remarkable. They're in magazines and on TV. And, of course, they're in books. In this presentation, we'll talk about finding bookish inspiration in the real world. Kate will discuss researching and building stories around historical events and family lore, from England's World War II evacuations to the theme parks of Coney Island.

## 23-24 CLUB TOME IT **LIST AUTHOR:**



McCall Hoyle

#### Dogs, and Books, and Reading, Oh My!

Please join best-selling author McCall Hoyle for a trick dog demonstration and a discussion of how dogs and pets inspire her writing and can inspire yours too and learn more about two of the super star dogs in her heartwarming dog books--STELLA and JUST GUS.

The session will conclude with a question-and-answer session about all things dogs, reading, and writing. Attendees will have the opportunity to win free books, posters, and more before they leave.

### JUNIOR TOME IT LIST **AUTHOR:**



**Amy Makechnie** 

#### **Using Real Life to Write Blockbuster Fiction**

How to use real life and ordinary events to write better fictional stories.

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Virtual Session CLUB
TOME IT LIST
AUTHOR:



Karla Arenas Valenti

VIRTUAL: "Loteria" Author Question & Answer

ONE SESSION ONLY

Arts & Technology, Rm. 2001 12:15pm

# **It List Author Sessions Title & Description It List Author Virtual Session** JUNIOR TOME IT LIST VIRTUAL: "Real" Author Question & Answer Session **AUTHOR:** This session will share the writing process between the co-authors of the book "Real". Session will conclude with author questions from the audience. ONE SESSION ONLY Arts & Technology, Rm. 2001 3:15 pm Carol Cujec & Peyton Goddard **Virtual Session VIRTUAL: The Shocking Truth About Writer's Block** JUNIOR TOME IT LIST Eli Brown, author of Oddity, will share the surprisingly easy tricks to avoiding writers' block. **AUTHOR:** Participants will generate a magical story in minutes. Session will conclude with author questions from the audience. **ONE SESSION ONLY** Arts & Technology, Rm. 2001 2:15 PM **Virtual Session TOME** IT LIST AUTHOR: VIRTUAL: "Deeplight" Author Question & Answer ONE SESSION ONLY Arts & Technology, Rm. 2203 11:15 AM **Frances Hardinge Virtual Session TOME** IT LIST AUTHOR: VIRTUAL: "On the Hook" Author Question & Answer **ONE SESSION ONLY** Arts & Technology, Rm. 2001 10:15 AM Francisco X. Stork **Virtual Session TOME** IT LIST AUTHOR:



**Catherine Ryan Hyde** 

VIRTUAL: "Stay" Author Question & Answer

ONE SESSION ONLY Arts & Technology, Rm. 2203 3:15 PM

## **It List Author Sessions Title & Description It List Author Virtual Session TOME** IT LIST AUTHOR: VIRTUAL: "We Were Kings" and "The June Boys" Author Question & Answer WE WERE ONE SESSION ONLY KINGS Arts & Technology, Rm. 2001 11:15 AM **Court Stevens** Virtual Session: TOME IT LIST AUTHOR: VIRTUAL: "Small Favors" Author Question & Answer **ONE SESSION ONLY** Arts & Technology, Rm. 2001 9:15 AM Erin A. Craig **Choose to Shine: Theme & Story** Amanda Foody, Celesta Rimington, and Kate Albus together answer audience questions. **Club Tome Author Panel** ONE SESSION ONLY Health Sciences, Rm. 101 Lanier 12:15 PM **Choose to Shine: Theme & Story** Dusti Bowling, Jenni Walsh, Amy Makechnie, April Henry, and Rosaria Munda together answer audience questions. Middle/High Tome **Author Panel** ONE SESSION ONLY

Author	Author Session Title & Description
Dr. Douglas Young  FOREST	The Power of Ideas and Censorship Ideas are the engines of history and we have seen a massive increase in the censorship of controversial ideas in recent years.
Jedwin Smith FATAL TREASURE	Don't ever let go of your dreams because success might be just around the corner. In "Fatal Treasure", Pulitzer Prize nominated journalist Jedwin Smith tells the true untold story of the Fisher family's relentless pursuit of the Atocha's treasures- and of the men and women who helped Fisher realize his dreams. Smith takes you behind the scenes of the longest and most successful treasure hunt in history.

Performing Arts, Rm. 108 Auditorium 3:15 PM

# **Author Author Session Title & Description** Joey Weiser **How To Create A Graphic Novel** Georgia Book Award-winning cartoonist Joey Weiser uses examples from his graphic novels Dragon Racer, Ghost Hog, and Mermin to illustrate how to write and draw your very own comics! Lola M. Schaefer Use Voice in All Your Writing Lola will show and explain strategies that students can use to add voice to their writing. Whether it's fiction, nonfiction, or poetry, a reader needs to connect to the author and VOICE is that bridge. With voice comes emotion. With emotion, reader and writer share an experience. With that shared experience, a reader experiences total engagement and meets the author in the words. **Shanda McCloskey** Words + Illustration = MAGIC! When words and illustrations combine in picture books and graphic novels it's MAGICAL! Shanda will prove that illustration is a powerful story telling tool, just like words, and you'll get to draw with her too! (Bring paper/pencil for draw-along.) **Donna Barron** The Man Who Carved Stone Mountain The Biography and Legacy of Roy Faulkner, Chief Carver of the Stone Mountain Confederate Carving on the side of Stone Mountain HIGH SCHOOL ONLY SESSION: Grace and Disgrace - Dixie Mafia and Billy Sunday Birt Have you ever heard of Billy Sunday Birt? This man lived in Winder, Georgia, and Birt became a moonshine runner and contract killer who obliterated dozens of lives as a leader of the Dixie Mafia. In **Phil Hudgins** 1974, he went to prison for the rest of his life. His former wife, Ruby Nell Birt, tells about her life of fear, faith and forgiveness in a new book titled Grace and Disgrace: Living with Faith and the Leader of the Dixie Mafia. She tells her story through Phil Hudgins, retired journalist and author who spent more than three years interviewing her and family members, along with dozens of others. ONE SESSION ONLY Health Sciences, Room 300

Presenter	Session Title & Description
Christina and Kyle Cocita	Youth Fitness: Reach New Limits  Why activity is critical for youth, best nutrition practices, how to have community in your workouts, and exercise allows you to reach new limits. Goal setting and believing in yourself
Clark Leonard	Journalism & Public Relations  Learn from a UNG public relations professional and former newspaper editor about what careers in journalism and public relations entail.
Nisewonger NISEWONGER Audio Visual Center	Shake it off: Lu Interactive Playground - GYM  Drop in: Take a brain break with the Lu Interactive Playground presented by Nisewonger AV.

11:15 AM

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Matthew Teutsch	How to Read Comics and Graphic Novels  In this session, you will learn how to read comics and graphic novels. We will have some time during the session to take what you learn and apply it to specific texts.
Kathy Church	Superb Snakes Shining Through!  Join Kathy Church of Ga's Department of Natural Resources, and her live reptilian friends, to discover how native snakes help other living things, including humans, shine in their ecosystem and everyday lives.
Georgia Association of the Supernatural and Paranormal (GASP)	Ghost Hunting  An accurate portrayal of how paranormal research and investigations are conducted in real life situations. If you love a good ghost story book, this session is for you!
Haley Hobson	How to Start a Blog  If you're an avid reader, there's a good chance you're a great writer, too. And what better way to write about your passions and find your writer's voice than by creating your own blog? In this session, discover the basics of blogging for beginners, which includes brainstorming blog topics and names, setting up your own blog domain, tips for internet safety and how to use your creative skills for not only writing, but designing a blog.
Hall County Public Library	Trapped in a Tome!  You are trapped at TomeCon! Work with a team and use clues from this year's It List to solve puzzles and see if you can escape the box!
Cast your Vote!	Club Tome - Cast Your Vote!  What's your favorite 22-23 Club Tome It List Book? Come cast your vote and discuss your favorites from this school year's list. Will your favorite be the ultimate winner?  ONE SESSION ONLY  Health Sciences, Room 300  12:15 PM
Make & Take: Book Art	Make & Take: Book Art  Drop in to learn how to make your own art from book pages.
Make & Take: Bookmarks	Make & Take: Watercolor Bookmarks  Drop in to create your own watercolor bookmark masterpiece.
Make & Take: Write it Out!	Make & Take: Write it Out!  Drop in to create the beginning of your newest story inspired by one of our writing prompts.
Make & Take: Color your World!	Make & Take: Color your World!  Drop in to create your own original piece of coloring art.
Minute to Win It!	Minute to Win It!  Come Test Your Skills! Participants attempt to see who can finish a challenge first or who can complete a task the most times in under a minute.
Bedford Falls Book Fair  BEDFORD FALLS  BEDFORD FALLS	<b>Bedford Falls Book Fair - GYM</b> Drop in to shop Tome Society It List Book selections and also a wide variety of other books!



