

2007 -- 2008

Author Visits

With **Marcia Schonberg**, Author of *The Ohio Reader*, *I is for Idea: An Inventions Alphabet*, *B is for Buckeye: An Ohio Alphabet*; *Cardinal Numbers: An Ohio Counting Book*; *Heinemann State Studies: Uniquely Ohio*, *Ohio History*, *People of Ohio*, *Ohio Native Peoples*, *Ohio Plants and Animals*, *All Around Ohio: Regions and Resources*, *Michigan History*, *People of Michigan*, *Michigan Native Peoples*, and *Michigan Plants & Animals*, *Ohio Travel Smart and Quick Escapes: Cleveland*



Program Planning Guide

Author visits are exciting for children (and adults) of all ages. I frequently visit schools and offer a variety of activities designed to enhance art, math, social studies, science, language and literature curriculums. As a former art teacher, pre-k and kindergarten teacher, I am at home in the classroom and select level-appropriate programs to inspire your students.

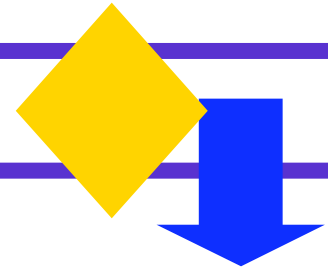
The Ohio Reader, released in July, 2007 by Sleeping Bear Press, lends the background for new and fun-filled interactive writing and social studies programs designed for elementary age students. Postcard sized mini-workshops provide students with words for thought and meld with other state-based programs for writers and readers of all ages.

Presentations

My "Ideas to Inventions" program encourages creativity and sparks problem solving. I'll highlight "child" inventors found in the book and how I chose the inventions for the book. My lively, interactive programs, designed to stimulate "scientific" student thinking and discussion, work best in small groups, but can be modified for large assemblies as well. I work personally with planners to select sessions that

best relate to current units of study and educational goals. Here's an example of one of the light-hearted yet creative activities for older elementary grades:

Invention Pretend-tion - We might not all agree, but in the end we'll discover the purpose for these inventions. This hilarious game accounts for inventions that **didn't** make it into *I is for Idea: an Inventions Alphabet*.



More Program Options

- Other popular presentations include "**Becoming a Real Book**," describing the steps to publication and mini-writing workshops focusing on becoming better writers.
- Student writers learn how I write during my interactive "**Writing like a Pro**" program, consisting of my tips and techniques. I assist in providing help with class writing projects and provide a journalism workshop for older students.
- As a visual artist, when I include an art lesson or activity I most often use a technique of demonstrating the lesson followed by students completing the lesson in their own classes.
- We take a virtual tour around Ohio to visit places seen on the printed pages of *B is for Buckeye: An Ohio Alphabet* and *Cardinal Numbers: An Ohio Counting Book*. This "**Hike Around Ohio**" leads to glacial grooves, towering waterfalls, presidential monuments and homes, back in time and into the future as we think of what lies ahead.
- When I read pages from my books to the primary grades, it's interactive and fun. I also have some easy-to-do activities for the younger grades.
- Q&A time is a favorite part of each session. Students ask just the right questions that most often lead into timely topics and true-life anecdotes. I teach youngest participants how to ask questions the way real journalists do.

"Your visit was exciting and informative for our students. You were the buzz of conversation for days after your visit!"
-- Oak Creek Elementary, Lewis Center, OH

Especially for Florida Readers

Venture around Florida while I take you and your classes on a virtual **Hike Around Florida**. It's a slide presentation to places of historical, cultural and ecological significance in the Sunshine State.

Writing workshops help students learn the **R.O.P.E.S.** of better writing. Students in the midst of their own assignments or projects receive individualized suggestions.

Ideas to Inventions sessions are interactive, playful and encourage creativity and the understanding the invention process.

Teaching Guides

Downloadable teachers' guides are available from my website, www.marciaschonberg.com and www.sleepingbearpress.com for the alphabet books and *The Ohio Reader*. Teachers' guides for the

Heinemann Library state series: Ohio and Michigan are also available. Please request them when you place an order with the distributor or publisher.

"Not only packed with interesting information about inventors and their inventions, but is also beautifully illustrated. Check out *I is for Idea* and you'll learn all kinds of interesting information you can dazzle your family and friends with.

-- Children's Digest

Scheduling and Fees

For the best availability, please try to arrange an author visit as soon as possible. You can schedule with me personally by calling **419-884-3232**, **cell: 419-566-1994** or emailing me at **msviews@aol.com** or **marcia@marciaschonberg.com**. You can also arrange a visit by contacting Rich Robinson at Sleeping Bear Press, 800-487-2323 x 8813 or **rich.robinson@thomson.com**.

Fees: \$1100.00 for traditional program* (expected the day of the visit unless other arrangements are made), plus travel, lodging and meal expenses.

*Each day consists of three or four presentations. Please allow 45 minutes with 15 minutes between for each session.

Often I am asked to provide an evening program. I am glad to schedule additional events, but there is a \$250 fee.

I reside in Ohio and Florida and travel throughout the US for visits.

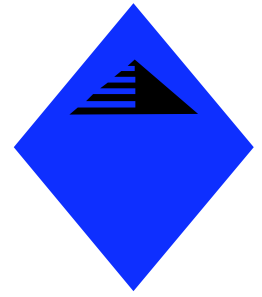
The best author visits entail planning ahead and preparing students for the special day by reading my books and doing related activities before I arrive. I am glad to help out with ideas – just ask if you'd like some suggestions.

Equipment Needs and Requests

- **Microphone, lapel type preferred**
- **Slide screen in a room that can be darkened**
- **Overhead projector and/or equipment for PowerPoint**
- **Tall audio-visual table or something similar for a slide projector (I bring mine as a back up)**
- **Display table**

"One day I hope I can see the different places in Ohio, just like you. I think about being a writer when I get older and now you've inspired me even more."

-- Aidan, Grade 4



Award Winning Author Shares Writing, Creativity in Presentations

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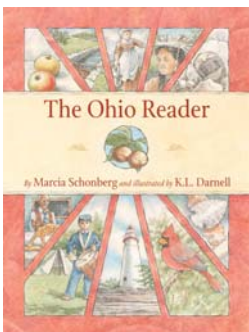
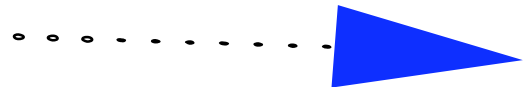
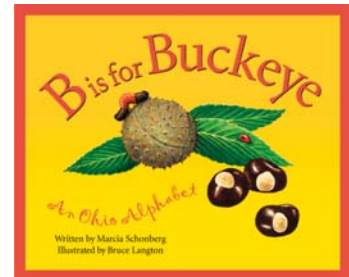
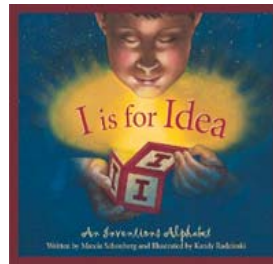
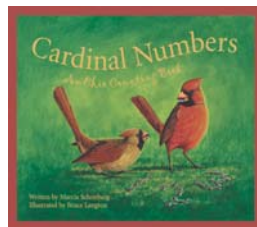
Marcia Schonberg, author of more than a dozen nonfiction children's titles and several adult travel guides, shares her in-depth knowledge of Ohio and Florida when she presents workshops in either state.

Through her engaging presentations, she leads students and adults on guided visual hikes, offers an insider's view of the writing world and encourages creativity and inventiveness based on her award-winning *I is for Idea: An*

Inventions Alphabet.

She is available for **school presentations, writing workshops, professional conferences, teacher-in-services** and **author-in-residency programs**.

School programs meet educational standards in social studies, language arts and other areas. Presentations are individualized to meet academic interests and school projects.



Announcing a new title
by Marcia Schonberg!