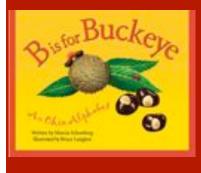
# **Author Visits...**





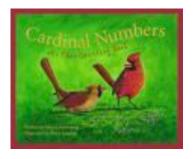




2013 - 2014

with Marcia Schonberg, author of Little Ohio, 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 Ideas



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.

- 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.
- 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.

Through her engaging presentations, Marcia Schonberg 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*. School programs meet educational standards in social studies, language arts and other areas. Presentations are individualized to meet academic interests and school projects.

- 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.
- 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.
- Other workshops, including photography and book making, are also available.

# Teaching Guides

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

### Scheduling and Fees

For the best availability, please try to arrange an author visit as soon as possible. I schedule visits in Ohio schools in the fall and spring. You can reach me by calling **419-566-1994** or emailing me at **msviews@gmail.com** or **marcia@marciaschonberg.com.** I reside in Ohio and Florida and travel throughout the US for visits.

#### **Fees**



My honorarium is \$1200.00 per day, plus travel and lodging expenses. A typical single day program consists of three or four presentations. Please allow 45 minutes with 15 minutes between for each session.

Payment is expected the day of the visit unless other arrangements are made. Travel mileage is the IRS reimbursement rate, which is currently set at \$ .565 per mile. Travel expenses are often shared when consecutive booking are coordinated in the same geographical area.

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

### **Equipment Needs**



- Microphone, lapel type preferred
- A presentation room that can be darkened
- \*Digital projector, setup and connection for my Mac.
- \*Display table

### **Quips and Quotes**



"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

"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

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