

September 2012

Dear Teachers/Administrators:

You are cordially invited to attend as special guests of the *Ohio Educational Library Media Association* (OELMA) and its 500 members a unique author event at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in Sandusky, Ohio on Thursday evening, October 18, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Please join us for **Authorpalooza!** Here you will meet award-winning and bestselling authors of children's, young adult and adult books. **Authorpalooza** is a roundtable where you can meet and talk with the authors in an informal, casual environment. They are delighted to talk to you about their books, potential school visits as well as sign copies of their books for you or your school. Bring your own copies or purchase copies of their books at the Conference's bookstore. **Authorpalooza** is **free** and open to the public with a reservation. **Reservation information follows the list of authors.**

Authorpalooza is sponsored by the *Ohio Educational Library Media Association* as part of its annual statewide conference, which is being held at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center on October 17-19. The *Ohio Educational Library Media Association* is Ohio's preeminent professional association for highly effective school librarians and libraries (<http://www.oelma.org>) whose mission it is to provide exceptional professional development to help Ohio's K-12 learners achieve.

Authorpalooza - Thursday, October 18, 2012 6:00 to 7:15 p.m.

You may also want to consider staying for a delicious dinner and enjoy guest speaker and author **Tim Green**. Tim is *New York Times* bestselling author, writer of young adult and adult books, former Atlanta Falcons NFL defensive player and lawyer. This event costs \$55.00. The dinner is from **7:15- 9:00 p.m.**

Meet fantastic authors at Authorpalooza:

Frank Baker, media literacy expert and author: *Media Literacy in the K-12 Classroom*

Susan Campbell Bartoletti, author of *They Called Themselves the KKK: The Birth of an American Terrorist Group*; *Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow*, *Black Potatoes: The Story of the Great Irish Famine, 1845-1850*, *Kids on Strike!*, *Growing Up in Coal Country*, *The Boy Who Dared* and others. *Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow* is a Newbery Honor book.

Nic Bishop, author and photographer of nature books for children: *Kakapo Rescue: Saving the World's Strangest Parrot*, *Quest for the Tree Kangaroo* and others.

Nicki Donley, author of *Cool Conduct: 100 Ways to Make a Positive Impression*

Kristin Fontichiaro, longtime teacher-turned-librarian and now professor of library studies at the University of Michigan. Author of *Growing Schools: Librarians as Professional Developers*; *21st Century Learning in School Libraries*; *Podcasting at School* and others.

Tim Green, see above

Keiko Kasza, author/illustrator of *The Dog Who Cried Wolf*, *Badger's Fancy Meal* and numerous other books for young children. Her artwork is on display in the Exhibit Hall – Mazza Collection.

Sean Paul McCartney, author and teacher: *The Treasure Hunters Club* series

Mike Mullin, author of *Ashfall* and *Ashen Winter*

Lauren Oliver author of young adult books: *Before I Fall*, *Delirium*, *Pandemonium*, *Liesl & Po* and others.

Rick Sowash, author and composer: *Heroes of Ohio*, *Critters*, *Flitters & Spitters*, *Ripsnorting Whoppers*

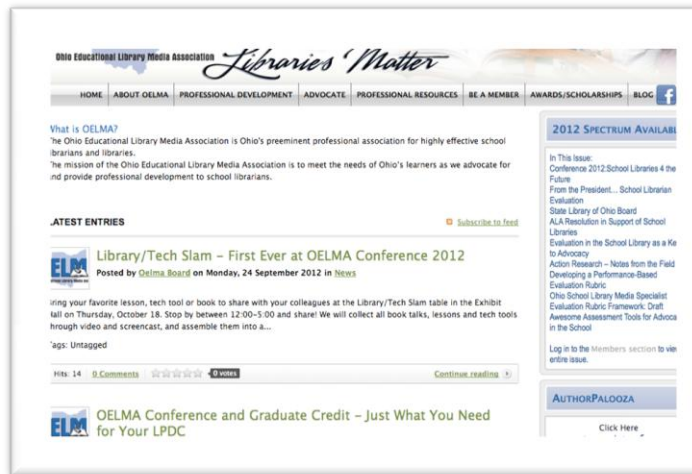
Tricia Springstubb, author of the *Fox Street* series

Megan Whalen Turner, author *The Queen's Thief* series; *The Thief* is a Newbery Honor book.

Registering for AuthorPalooza

Go to <http://www.oelma.org>

On the right-hand side of the homepage see AuthorPalooza



Click on the link – “Click here to register for AuthorPalooza”

Complete the form and submit – it’s easy!

A registration form for AuthorPalooza. It includes a text input field at the top. Below it, the text reads "would like to register for the following event". There are three radio button options: "AuthorPalooza Only - Free", "AuthorPalooza and Dinner at the OELMA member rate of \$35.00", and "AuthorPalooza and Dinner at the NON member rate of \$55.00". At the bottom of the form is a "Submit Registration" button.

Registration closes on Monday, October 15 at 10:00 a.m.

Helpful links:

- Author Flyer: http://www.oelma.org/images/Conference/2012/Authors_flyer.pdf
- OELMA Conference Website: <http://www.oelma.org/events/conference>

Please forward this email to other educators you feel may be interested!

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