



Manitoba School Library Association

## Canadian Authors: Empowering Young Minds

Chief Peguis Junior High, 1400 Rothesay St.

### PROGRAM

**8:00–9:00 a.m.**

Registration

**9:00–10:00 a.m.**

Keynote Address: Deborah Ellis

**10:00–10:30 a.m.**

Coffee Break and Publishers' Displays

**10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.**

Morning sessions  
No registration required. First come first serve.

**12:00–1:30 p.m.**

Lunch on site  
Publishers' displays  
Author autograph signing: Martha Brooks, Rae Bridgman and Robert Freynet

**1:30–3:00 p.m.**

Afternoon sessions  
No registration required. First come first serve.

**3:15–3:45 p.m.**

Author autograph signing:  
Deborah Ellis, David Alexander Robertson and Colleen Sydor

### 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Morning Sessions

Please note there will be no pre-registration. All sessions are first come first serve.

### KEYNOTE

#### Raising Our Children to Reach for Something Better Deborah Ellis

We have to dream it before we can create it—but we so often end up repeating the same mistakes that folks made in the past. How do we move beyond the world that we have into a world where peace and dignity are the natural state for all people, not qualities of life only enjoyed by the few? And how do we inspire our children to think beyond what they have been given to create a whole new way of being in the world and healing its conflicts? Through examples from the people she's met around the world, Deborah Ellis will attempt to answer these questions.

Deborah Ellis is the author of over 20 books for young people. Her books deal with real-life situations of children seeking justice throughout the world. She writes both novels and books of interviews, where young people tell their own stories of survival and hope in a world still battered by war. Read more about Deborah Ellis at [www.anansi.ca/gw\\_authors.cfm?author\\_id=193](http://www.anansi.ca/gw_authors.cfm?author_id=193).



#### AM1 Developing a Curriculum for a World Without War Deborah Ellis

If we were to live in a world without war, what would it look like? What actions and changes in attitude would it take to get us there?

How do we build these new steps into the everyday work of the classroom? Join Deborah Ellis as she discusses these questions.

**Code:** AM1



#### AM2 Martha Brooks

*"All serious daring starts from within."*

—Eudora Welty

In a free-wheeling session inspired by her almost 30 year career as a Canadian author, Martha Brooks shares with you the terrible and awesome magic of creating, within the written word, something that feels like life.

Novelist, short fiction writer, lyricist and jazz singer, Brooks has been published in Spain, Italy, Germany, Japan,



Denmark and the UK as well as in Canada and the United States. She is a three time winner of the Canadian Library Association Young Adult Book of the Year, as well as the Ruth Schwartz Award, the Mr. Christie's Book Award, the Governor General's Award and the Vicky Metcalf Award for her body of work. Her novel, *Queen of Hearts*, is one of the Manitoba Young Readers' Choice Award (MYRCA) nominees for 2012.

**Code:** AM2

### AM3

#### David Alexander Robertson

This session will take an in-depth look at how the graphic novel can be used in the classroom and why it is such an excellent tool for educators. The session will use Robertson's own graphic novels (*7 Generations* and *The Life of Helen Betty Osborne*), which are used in classrooms in several schools, as a case study. The session will also explain how Robertson came to write graphic novels for this purpose—Robertson himself an Aboriginal man who grew up disconnected from his culture.

David Alexander Robertson is the author of *The Life of Helen Betty Osborne* and the four part graphic novel series entitled *7 Generations*. Find out more at [www.darobertson.ca](http://www.darobertson.ca).

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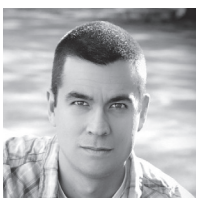
### AM4

#### In the Land of MiddleGate

##### Rae St. Clair Bridgman

A secret magical city in Winnipeg's Exchange District and Manitoba's own snakes of Narcisse have inspired Bridgman's MiddleGate fantasy books for kids. Come learn about literary tourism, inspiration and imagination, fantasy behind-the-scenes and playing with words!

Rae St. Clair Bridgman is the author



and illustrator of kids' fantasy-adventure books set right here in Manitoba, including *The Serpent's Spell*, *Amber Ambrosia*, *Fish & Sphinx* and *Kingdom of Trolls*. She is a Professor in the Department of City Planning, in the Faculty of Architecture at the University of Manitoba and has published extensively in her field. Read more about Rae Bridgman at [www.raebbridgman.ca](http://www.raebbridgman.ca).

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### AM5 Comic Art Workshop

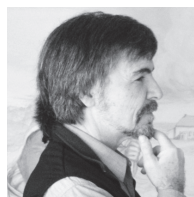
#### Artist Robert Freynet

The comic art form is not only entertainment but also a valuable learning tool which combines images and written words in an integral fashion. The creation of comic art also offers an outlet for personal expression and the creative process is simplified in this workshop.

This hands-on workshop explores the fascinating world of comic book art. By practicing on paper, the participants learn to draw word balloons, framing shots, page layout, facial expressions, body poses, speed lines, sound effects and vocabulary.

Robert Freynet has worked as a professional freelance artist and illustrator for various publishers, film and new media since 1975. He has authored two historical graphic novels, and is now working on a third album relating an important chapter in Canadian history, the life of Louis Riel. Find out more about Robert Freynet at <http://robertfreynet.com>.

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### AM6

#### Colleen Sydor

Join Colleen Sydor as she shares her experiences on the long road to getting her books published. She will also discuss the writing process from her personal perspective, providing the audience with insight



into her works.

Colleen is an author of children's and young adult literature. Her book *The McGillicuddy Book of Personal Records* is one of the Manitoba Young Readers' Choice Award (MYRCA) nominees for 2012. She has had eight picture books and two young adult novels published and lives in Winnipeg with her family. To read more about Colleen, go to [www.mbwriter.mb.ca/mapindex/s\\_profiles/sydor\\_c.html](http://www.mbwriter.mb.ca/mapindex/s_profiles/sydor_c.html).

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### AM7 A for Effort

#### Dawn Knight & Steve Holbrow

Anyone who has ever seen them perform will understand why Dawn Knight and Steve Holbrow are eternally grateful for their day jobs as teachers at Fort Richmond



Collegiate. Their educational-folk-rock-parody duo, A for Effort, has been lowering musical standards since 2007, when they embarked upon an endless pursuit to prove that "Just because you can't doesn't mean you shouldn't." This is your backstage pass to see behind the smoke and mirrors of an A for Effort concert. With sincere apologies to all attendees with any musical talent or training, Dawn and Steve will share their creative methods and madness. Topics will include introductory songwriting, parody, and spoken word poetry. Attendees will leave the session with a variety of engaging, practical and fun ideas to share with their students and colleagues.

**Code:** AM7

### AM8

#### Information Book Awards

##### Linda Prystupa-Cyr

Each year the Information Book Award is presented to a Canadian book that arouses interest, stimulates curiosity, captures the imagination and fosters

concern for the world around us. You can have a say in which book wins the award this year. Participants will have the chance to learn about the award and its criteria, and then to view and discuss this year's nominees. Finally, participants will have the chance to vote for their favourite book. These votes will help to determine this year's winner.  
**Code:** AM8

**AM9 Book Blitz: A fast-paced look at local books**  
**The Association of Manitoba Book Publishers**

Looking for a quick and fun way to select new and upcoming local titles? We've put local publishers on the clock to pitch their best titles. Guaranteed not to lag, the fast pace will provide loads of laughs and plenty of practical information about books of all genres. Designed to appeal to reader advisory groups and all librarians, by the end of our presentation, every librarian will have a great selection of titles that she/he can recommend to patrons and will have a good overview of the key books being locally produced. A listing of the session's titles and hand-outs with information will be given ahead of time, so sit back and enjoy. For more information on the Association of Manitoba Book Publishers go to [www.bookpublishers.mb.ca](http://www.bookpublishers.mb.ca).  
**Code:** AM9

**1:30–3:00 p.m.**  
**Afternoon Sessions**

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**PM1**  
**Deborah Ellis**  
 Repeat of morning session AM1.  
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**PM2**  
**Martha Brooks**  
 Repeat of morning session AM2.  
**Code:** PM2

**PM3**  
**David Alexander Robertson**  
 Repeat of morning session AM3.  
**Code:** PM3

**PM4**  
**Rae Bridgman**  
 Repeat of morning session AM4.  
**Code:** PM4

**PM5 L'Atelier En Bande Dessinée**  
**L'Auteur Et L'Illustrateur**  
**Robert Freynet**

Outil pédagogique par excellence, qui mérite d'être enseigné à l'école, la bande dessinée allie le dessin et le mot écrit, offrant un moyen concret de créativité et d'expression personnelle. Les divers éléments de la bande dessinée sont examinés, tels les bulles, les expressions, le corps en mouvement, les plans, la mise-en-page. La BD telle qu'enseignée par cet artiste engageant est aussi un outil puissant de création personnelle. On explore les éléments de la bande dessinée et on apprend à créer sa propre BD en dessinant et en s'amusant. Dans cet atelier, on pose crayon sur papier afin d'explorer le monde de la bande dessinée avec l'artiste Robert Freynet.



L'auteur de la bande dessinée « La Vérendrye, explorateur de l'Ouest canadien », enseigne l'art de la b.d. depuis 30 ans et sait démystifier ce neuvième art.  
**Code:** PM5

**PM6**  
**Colleen Sydor**  
 Repeat of morning session AM6.  
**Code:** PM6

**PM7 A for Effort**  
**Dawn Knight & Steve Holbrow**  
 Repeat of morning session AM7.  
**Code:** PM7

**PM8 Book Blitz: A fast-paced look at local books**  
 Repeat of morning session AM9.  
**Code:** PM8

**A note about parking**  
 Parking is available in the school parking lot behind the school building. DO NOT park along the walls of the school. Please abide by the signs as the Chief Peguis Fitness Facility will tow cars that are parked in its spaces. Additional parking is also available in the River East Arena parking lot adjacent to the school as well as on residential streets. The front parking lot is RESERVED for presenters and organizers. Registrations postmarked after October 7, 2011 will be charged an additional \$5.00 late registration fee.

**REGISTRATION**

<p><b>Location</b>          Chief Peguis Junior High School          1400 Rothesay Street</p>	<p><b>Half Day–Lunch included</b>  <b>MSLA Member.....\$30</b>  <b>Non-member.....\$50</b></p>
<p><b>SAGE Membership Fees</b>  <b>Full.....\$30</b>  <b>Full-Time Student.....\$10</b></p>	<p><b>Contact</b>          Please make cheques payable to:          MSLA          Send your registration and fees to          C. Klausen          Box 13, Group 366, RR 3          Winnipeg, Manitoba          R3C 2E7          1-204-757-2398          cklausen@retsd.mb.ca.</p>
<p><b>SAGE Conference Fees</b>  <b>Full Day–Lunch included</b>  <b>MSLA Member.....\$45</b>  <b>MSLA Student Member.....\$25</b>  <b>Non-member.....\$80</b></p>	