



The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators presents:

Leap into Reading

Authors * Illustrators * Book Signings

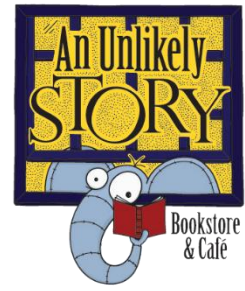
at

An Unlikely Story Bookstore and Café

111 South St.

Plainville, MA 02762

Saturday February 27 from 12:30-3:30 p.m.



On Saturday, February 27, from 12:30-3:30 p.m. An Unlikely Story Bookstore and Café will be partnering with the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators* to present "Leap into Reading," a special event featuring eleven authors and illustrators of children's books.

Young readers and their parents, as well as aspiring writers and illustrators, are invited to meet authors and artists who represent a range of genres from fiction to nonfiction, picture books to young-adult novels. The event will include a scavenger hunt for young readers, and a "Writing for Kids 101" table with information for aspiring children's book writers. Authors' books will be available for purchase and autographing. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact An Unlikely Story at (508) 699-0244.

Linda Crotta Brennan, author and organizer of this event, says, "We're just as thrilled to meet our audience as they are to meet us. As an author, it is so inspiring to watch a kid interact with your book."

*The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (www.scbwi.org) is the professional organization for writers and illustrators of children's literature. Its mission is to support the creation and availability of quality children's books around the world.

Featured Authors/Illustrators:

M.P. Barker www.mpbarker.net Author of two young-adult historical novels: *A Difficult Boy* (winner of awards from PEN New England and the International Reading Association) and *Mending Horses* (a 2015 Massachusetts "Must-Read" Book).

Lisa Rose Bauer www.lisarosebauer.wordpress.com Bauer remembers the childhood joy of the school library and the extra delight of book fairs, holds MA in children's literature from Simmons College in Boston. She lives in Rhode Island near the ocean where searching for shells and seaglass has always been a gift.

Mark Binder <http://transmitjoy.com/> An award-winning performances storyteller and author whose mission is transmitting joy with story.

Linda Crotta Brennan www.lindacrottabrennan.com The award-winning author of over twenty books for young readers, including *When Rivers Burned: The Earth Day Story* which was selected as a Best Science and Best Social Studies Book of the Year by the Children's Book Council.

Joan Duris www.joanduris.com Duris enjoys discovering new places tucked away in the corners of New England. She lives in central Massachusetts, where she chases black bears away from her birdfeeders.

Cathren Housley www.cathrenhousley.com A RISD alumni and award winning artist & writer, escaped to the world of children's books in 2004; their enthusiasm and energy inspired a three-year project funded by the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts and now Cathren is bringing the art of children alive in animated film.

Heather Lang www.heatherlangbooks.com Lang writes picture books about real women who overcame extraordinary obstacles and never gave up on their dreams.

Nancy Tupper Ling www.nancytupperling.com The author of *My Sister, Alicia May* (Pleasant Street Press), *Double Happiness* (Chronicle Books), *The Story I'll Tell* (Lee & Low Books) and several poetry books.

Ammi-Joan Paquette www.ajpaquette.com A senior literary agent with EMLA, as well as the author of *PRINCESS JUNIPER OF THE HOURGLASS* and many other books. She lives with her family in the Boston area.

Nicole Tadgell www.nicoletadgell.com Award-winning illustrator of more than twenty picture books, including *First Peas to the Table*, *In the Garden with Dr. Carver*, and *Lucky Beans*.

Jean Taft www.jeantaft.com A New England writer who loves weather! She grew up in Vermont and now lives in Rhode Island with her family and one very happy dog.