

DONNA GALANTI

AUTHOR VISITS

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“Ms. Galanti came to visit our middle school’s creative writing group, and she was awesome! She shared her creative process from start to finish and is a talented writer and an inspiration. By the end of her engaging presentation, the students felt as though they, too, were capable of achieving their goals of writing a book and becoming published authors. We can’t wait to have her back!”

- Erica Cranden, English Teacher, William Annin Middle School, NJ

DONNA'S AUTHOR VISIT PROMISES TO:

Motivate students to express themselves through writing * Inspire the creative process *
Help students to approach revisions with a positive attitude * Demonstrate the rewards of
perseverance * Allow students to experience the fun of meeting an author

➤ **ASSEMBLY PROGRAM** (Approx. time: 50-60 minutes)

“The Three Nuggets of Story Telling”: This dynamic assembly program emphasizes the importance of brainstorming, motivation to write, creativity, imagination, and determination, and includes an interactive theater-story with the audience. (grades 4-8)

Assembly Program Elements

Donna's dynamic presentations are aimed at helping children tap into their own creativity and are geared for fourth through eighth grades. She can work with small or large audiences, and will tailor programs to fit your needs. Donna’s program offers:

- **A humorous introduction** that will engage the students and get them laughing.
- **A peek at the writing journey!** Inspire students to believe that they are just as qualified to be a writer as any adult (even more so!). Students will get a snapshot of Donna’s **writer’s journey** from her first story as a child to the publication of her first children’s book and why she writes fantasy.
- **Brainstorming!** Why brainstorming is important to story development (while also giving you permission to write!). She will share how she gets unstuck from “writer’s block” and read samples of her own brainstorm activity.

- **Three nuggets of storytelling** that include character, setting, and conflict. Plus enjoy an audience-engaged on-stage activity for students to create their own story! This can flow into a follow-up writing exercise in the classroom.
- **The importance of not giving up** with emphasis on **REVISION** and **PERSEVERANCE**. Students will hear about the agony of rejection letters as Donna reads excerpts from some of her own and shares how revision helped her book get published.
- **Questions and Answers.**



MORE INFORMATION

YOUR SCHOOL LIBRARY WILL RECEIVE A FREE COPY OF JOSHUA AND THE LIGHTNING ROAD.

BOOK ORDERS

Books may be ordered ahead of time through The Doylestown Bookshop. Contact Krisy Paredes at 215-230-7610 or krisyparedes@gmail.com.

FEES / HONORARIUM**

\$250 for local visits, single session (morning or afternoon)

\$150 for each additional session (same day, same school, up to 4 sessions)

There may be travel expenses, which are dependent on location.

*****Donna believes that no children should miss the opportunity to experience an author visit. If your school has economic concerns, please contact her to discuss your budget.***

ABOUT DONNA:

Donna Galanti is the author of the middle grade fantasy adventure series *Joshua and The Lightning Road*. She attended an English school housed in a magical castle, where her wild imagination was held back only by her itchy uniform (bowler hat and tie included!). She's lived in other exotic locations, including Hawaii where she served as a U.S. Navy photographer. She now lives with her family and two crazy cats in an old farmhouse, and dreams of returning one day to a castle. Visit her at

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