

ABOUT DONNA'S SCHOOL VISITS

Donna's school programs, for grades 4 through 12 touch on brainstorming for ideas, using life as writing material, benefits of revision and perseverance, and importance of world building as she takes students through the writing and publishing process. She also shares the 3 Nuggets of Storytelling and incorporates an interactive skit with the students for emphasis. Donna particularly likes to discuss the Four R's of Being A Writer: Read, (W)rite, Research, and Revise. (Approx. time: 50-60 minutes, includes Q/A.) For in-person visits, every school receives a **FREE** copy of *Joshua and the Lightning Road* for your library!

Donna's program has been loaded onto a flash drive and adapted to LCD-projection to accommodate larger groups.

Equipment needs: Table, microphone if larger group (lapel or one on a stand), LCD-projector with cables to connect to Donna's computer, and screen. (if your school has a computer connected to a projector or a smart board, that's even better. Please advise if this is the case.) Also, a bottle of water is nice. 😊

WHAT THIS WILL COST

Because school budgets are tight, Donna tries to keep her fees affordable--yet practical. (Like all small businesses, she has obligations and expenses.) See the fee schedule below. Also, please let her know what your budget is. She really wants to make this work for you! **TIP: Partner with another school for Donna's author visit and stretch your budget dollars!**

FEE SCHEDULE*

\$150 for a single session local visit (morning or afternoon)

\$275 for half day (2 sessions in the morning or afternoon)

\$400 for a full day (4 sessions. Includes lunch visit with the students plus a map poster for your library)

All sessions 50-60 minutes long

* Schools 50 miles over would require adding on any necessary air fare, mileage, car rental or taxi fare, and up to two nights' lodging.

Fees are due the day of the visit. Donna knows that many authors charge two and three times as much but, as a former President of her son's PTO that involved fundraising and school budgets, she understands schools' financial situations. She is confident that once you consider her fee and what she offers, you will agree that it is reasonable and affordable by most schools. (If your funds are severely limited, let her know what your budget is. She has been known to make exceptions and considerations.) She looks forward to making you a hero with your staff and to inspiring your children!

SKYPE VISITS ARE AVAILABLE

A 30-minute Q&A session is free of charge. Please e-mail Donna at donna@donnagalanti.com to arrange a date and time. Note, too, that Donna likes to do a test run prior to a virtual visit just to make sure the equipment is working at both ends.

BOOK ORDERS

All sessions (onsite and Skype) require that students be familiar with Donna's work. Books may be ordered ahead of time for a generous discount through The Doylestown Bookshop. Contact Krisy Paredes at The Doylestown Bookshop at 215-230-7610 or krisyparedes@gmail.com.

SUCCESSFUL AUTHOR VISIT!

The most successful author visits come when the students have been prepared. Take the time to introduce them to Donna's work. Other things you might do in the classroom include:

- Prepare special bulletin boards based on themes in the book.
- Help students prepare questions they might want to ask Donna.
- Conduct a writing contest, with the winners getting to have lunch with Donna if a full day visit or a single winner receiving an 11 x 14 poster of the map of the world in Donna's book.
- Create student-prepared art to accompany Donna's book.

The students are welcome to send follow up letters through the teachers to Donna with additional questions or comments and she will be sure to respond!

Contact Donna Galanti:

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[Book Your Visit Today!](#)

Testimonials

"Ms. Galanti came to visit our middle school's creative writing group, and she was awesome! Not only did she share her new middle grade novel with us, Joshua and the Lightning Road, but she shared her creative process from start to finish. Ms. Galanti is a talented writer and an inspiration, as well. 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

"We invited Ms. Galanti to an assembly for our Middle School (Grade 6-8). Her multi-media presentation was excellent! The assembly was engaging and dynamic, and included student participation. She used humor to connect with the students while also sharing important life lessons. She inspired the students to never give up, even in the face of discouragement. I would highly recommend Ms. Galanti for a school visit!" Kathy Witherspoon, Middle School Coordinator, Academy of the Holy Names, Albany, NY

"Our fourth, fifth and sixth graders loved having Donna visit our school! Her presentation was a great balance of information and fun, keeping the students' attention throughout the assembly. Students and staff both appreciated her message of perseverance. Donna shared personal stories of her experiences, teaching students that research is FUN and revision is GOOD! Students left the assembly eager to write their own stories and to read her books!" –Lisa Weiss, Librarian, Churchville Elementary, Churchville, PA

“Our students were enthralled to participate in Donna Galanti’s interactive presentation and hear firsthand how a published author navigates the writing process. Her connections between the writing and revision process were made clear in a spirited and playful manner that not only engaged students’ personal trials in writing, but inspired them to continue to be creative and self-reflective. The students and teachers were still talking about her days after she left.”—Wayne C. Rush, Librarian, Grover Cleveland Middle School, Caldwell, NJ

“Wow! What an engaging presentation given by Donna Galanti! There was something for all students. From sharing her personal journey of becoming a published author, to providing answers about the process in general, and answering questions, she had the students’ attention from early on. She shared her insights about the writing process and the importance of revision. Her hands-on activity involving character, setting, and dialogue created a truly relevant experience. From glimpses of her early writings, revisions, rejections, and successes the students gained access to valuable perspective.” —Sandra Toti, 8th Grade Teacher, St. Ephrem School, Bensalem, PA

“Donna visited our 4th and 5th grades and shared with them her journey to becoming a published author. Her message stressed how hard work and perseverance are the path to success and that students’ experiences, along with their uninhibited imaginations, are the stuff of great writers! Her vibrant personality and interactive presentation kept students engaged and inspired” Robin Bartley, Librarian, Davis Elementary, Southampton, PA

“Thank you so much for coming to discuss your writing process and background with our fifth and sixth grade students. I knew the afternoon would be enjoyable even before you arrived. As I began sharing the first few chapters of your book with my students they would not let me stop reading and consistently wanted one more chapter! Your manner during the presentation ensured that each student was interested and engaged! Thank you again for being so generous with your time.” —Melanie Jones, Librarian, Kutz Elementary, Doylestown, PA

