DONNA GALANTI
AUTHOR VISITS

"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) Donna's talk will include topics like:**

***"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 3-7)*

Assembly Program Elements

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

- **Humorous tales** 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. Also, a day in the life of an author and how life is writing material!
- **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.
- **Worldbuilding!** How this can help your story world. Including research and map creation.
- **Three nuggets of storytelling** that include character, setting, and conflict. Plus enjoy an audience-engaged 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.
- **Q&A with you!** Be sure to have 1-2 questions ahead of time. 😊
- **Classroom visits** include a writing exercise.
- **Bookmarks!**

There are many ways to support an author. This includes purchasing books to read and posting honest online reviews (they help others find Donna's books!) 😊. See more about Donna's books:

UNICORN ISLAND SERIES: Beyond the mist lies a magical secret waiting to be discovered. Unicorn Island is a middle-grade illustrated novel series about a young girl who discovers a mysterious island full of mythical beasts and darker dangers!

JOSHUA AND THE LIGHTNING ROAD SERIES: Twelve-year-old Joshua Cooper learns the hard way that lightning never strikes by chance when a bolt strikes his house and whisks away his best friend—possibly forever. Armed with only luck and his grandfather's mysterious crystal, Joshua must save his friend by traveling the Lightning Road to a dark world and his mission quickly becomes the battle of his life.

LOON COVE SUMMER (Out 5/6/25!): Thirteen-year-old Sarah Richardson is determined that her life will finally get unstuck this summer. Her to-do list? Brave the lake again. Save the loons. Stop missing Mom. But with the looming reality of losing her dad, her home, *and* the loons, Sarah makes a reckless choice in the wild that just might claim her life.

ABOUT DONNA:
Donna Galanti is the children's book author of the *Unicorn Island* series and the *Joshua and the Lightning Road* series. She has lived in fun locations including England, her family-owned campground in New Hampshire, and in Hawaii where she served as a U.S. Navy photographer. Donna volunteers for the Old-Growth Forest Network and with the National Audubon Society. When Donna's not wandering the woods seeking magic and wonder, you can usually find her biking or kayaking. For details on her books, events, and school programs, visit www.donnagalanti.com