DONNA GALANTI
AUTHOR VISITS

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"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

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: 45-75 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 3-8)*

Assembly Program Elements:

Donna's dynamic presentations are aimed at helping children tap into their own creativity and are geared for 3rd through 8th 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.
- **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.**
- **Classroom visits** include a condensed version of the assembly program and a fun story writing exercise that can be extended in the classroom!

MORE INFORMATION

Your school library will receive a free copy of *Loon Cove Summer!*

BOOK ORDERS

A pre-order form is sent to each school. Books may be ordered 3-5 weeks ahead of time. All students receive a 10% discount!

FEES / HONORARIUM**

$350 for local visits/single session, $650 half day (two sessions), $900 three sessions, $1,200 full day (3 assembly sessions, 1 classroom writing exercise or a combo of assemblies and classroom, and lunch with Donna). Travel expenses depend on location and may include mileage, airfare, and hotel. ***Donna believes that no child should miss experiencing an author visit. If your school has economic concerns, contact her to discuss your budget.***

ABOUT DONNA:

Donna Galanti is the children's book author of the *Unicorn Island* series, *Joshua and the Lightning Road* series, *Loon Cove Summer*, and *The Secret Winners Club*. 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. 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

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