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Long Island Authors & Illustrators 2012

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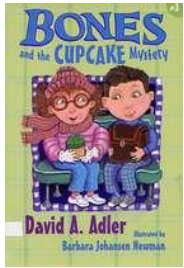
Local authors and illustrators are valuable assets to the book community of public libraries, schools, bookstores, and professional associations. And Long Island is fortunate to have numerous creators of books for young people residing in our communities.

This updated list of local authors and illustrators is intended as a reference aide, to help locate authors for participation in special events, and to assist in selecting program speakers. It is essentially a listing of Nassau and Suffolk residents who have appeared on past lists and indicated an interest in doing appearances on Long Island.

This does not necessarily imply endorsement by the Nassau Library System. All program & financial arrangements are the sole responsibility of the hiring library and author and/or illustrator.

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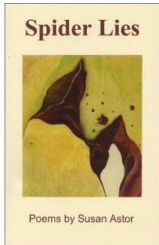
Renee McGrath
Manager of Youth Services
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 Author

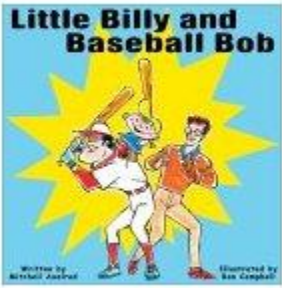
Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	
Most Recent Publications	Most Recent Appearances
Cam Jansen and the Wedding Cake Mystery (Viking)	Commack Branch Smithtown Library
Frederick Douglass: a noble life (Holiday House)	Sawmill Intermediate School, Commack
Don't Talk To Me About The War (Penguin)	Rolling Hills Primary School, Commack



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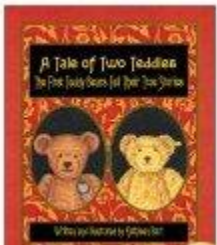
Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	Yes
Most Recent Publications	Most Recent Appearances
Spider Lies: A Collection of Poems (Tumble Press)	Meadow Drive Elementary School, Mineola
	Stratford Ave. & Stewart Ave. Elementary School, Garden City
	(Susan Astor Poetry Workshops)



Mitchell Axelrod

32 Park Drive, Old Bethpage, NY 11804
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 Author
 Honorarium: \$225/45 minute presentation

Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	No
Most Recent Publications	Most Recent Appearances
Little Billy and Baseball Bob (Wynn)	Lynwood Avenue Elementary School, Farmingville
	Parliament Place Elementary School, North Babylon
	Cleary School for the Deaf, Nesconset



Kathleen Bart

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 Author/Illustrator
 Honorarium: \$250

Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	No
Most Recent Publications	Most Recent Appearances
A Tale of Two Teddies (Portfolio)	Sachem Public Library
Global Gourmet: A Multicultural Cookbook (Reverie)	Middle Country Public Library
Town Teddy & Country Bear: A Classic Aesop's Fable Retold (Reverie)	Rockville Centre Public Library



Matt Blackstone

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Author

Honorarium: \$200

Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	Yes
Most Recent Publications	Most Recent Appearances
A Scary Scene in a Scary Movie	East Meadow Public Library
	J. Taylor Finley School
	Huntington Public Library



Caroline Bock

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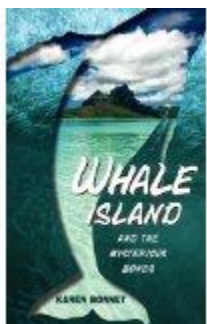
E-Mail: caroline@carolinebock.com

Website: www.carolinebock.com

Author

Honorarium: \$250-750

Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	Yes
Most Recent Publications	Most Recent Appearances
Lie (St. Martin's Press)	Plainview-Old Bethpage PL (Oct. 15, 2011)



Karen L. Bonnet

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Author

Honorarium: \$100

Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	Yes
Most Recent Publications	Most Recent Appearances
Whale Island and the Mysterious Bones (Legwork Team)	Merrick Lakeside Elementary School
	Oceanside School #5
	Oceanside Library



Marcia Byalick

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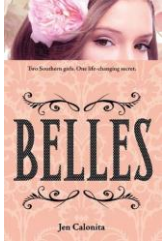
(516) 621-1757

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Author

Honorarium: Negotiable

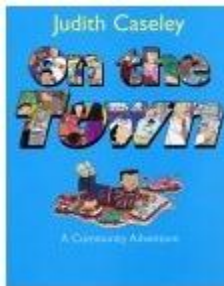
Author Appearances	Skype
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Most Recent Publications	Most Recent Appearances
Quit It (Random House)	Greenvale School
A Matter of Trust (Harcourt)	Roslyn Middle School
	Shelter Rock Elementary School, Manhasset
	Middle School, Syosset



Jen Calonita

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 Honorarium: Negotiable

Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	Yes
Most Recent Publications	Most Recent Appearances
Secrets of My Hollywood Life series: On Location; Family Affairs; There's No Place Like Home (Little Brown)	Nassau Library System
Sleepaway Girls series (2009) (Little, Brown)	Westbury Public Library
Reality Check (Little, Brown 2010)	Merrick Public Library
Belles (Little, Brown, new series 2012)	



Judith Caseley

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 Author
 Honorarium: \$650/\$1200 half day/full day –Library rate negotiable

Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	No
Most Recent Publications	Most Recent Appearances
In Style with Grandma Antoinette (Tanglewood)	Stokes Elementary, Island Trees
Sisters (HarperCollins/Greenwillow)	St. James Elementary
On the Town: A Community Adventure (HarperCollins)	Farmingdale Public Library



Selene Castrovilla

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 Author
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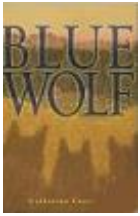
Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	Yes
Most Recent Publications	Most Recent Appearances
The Girl Next Door (WestSide Books)	Hampton Bays Public Library
Saved By the Music (WestSide Books)	Southold Public Library
Upon Secrecy (Boyd's Mills Press)	Floral Park High School
Melt (WestSide Books) (YA)	



Leighton H. Coleman, III

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 Author/Illustrator
 Honorarium: \$300 (Suffolk) \$350 (Nassau)

Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	No
Most Recent Publications	Most Recent Appearances
Polar the Titanic Bear (Little, Brown)	Thomas S. Leahy Elementary School
	Head-Royce School, Oakland, CA
	Mills Pond Elementary School, Smithtown
	Guest Speaker, NCLA-CSD, 2009



Catherine Creedon

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Author
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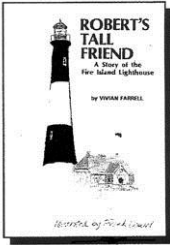
Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	No
Most Recent Publications	Most Recent Appearances
Blue Wolf (HarperCollins)	The Ross School East Hampton
	The Hampton Day School Bridgehampton
	Rogers Memorial Library Southampton



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Honorarium: None

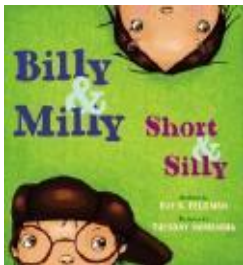
Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	No
Most Recent Publications	Most Recent Appearances
(Kiss a Me Teacher Creature Stories Series) Kiss a Me: A Little Whale Watching, Amazing Grace,	Buckley Country Day School
Blue Wise, Falcon Eddie, Oscaropus, and various other titles (Kiss A Me Productions)	Ronald McDonald House, New Hyde Park
	St. Mary's Elementary School, Manhasset



Vivian Farrell

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 Author/Storyteller/Actress
 Honorarium: \$350-\$400

Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	No
Most Recent Publications	Most Recent Appearances
Robert's Tall Friend: A Story of the Fire Island Lighthouse (Suffolk County Official Book)	Deauville Gardens Elementary School, Copiague
Vivian Farrell, "the Musical Storyteller" (Self-Published)	Queens Theatre in the Park, Corona Park, NY
	Forest Park Elementary School, Dix Hills



Eve B. Feldman

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 Author
 Honorarium: \$950/full day

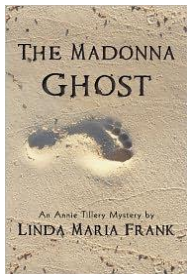
Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	Yes
Most Recent Publications	Most Recent Appearances
Billy & Milly, Short & Silly (Putnam)	South Bay Elementary, West Babylon
I Fooled You (Short story in anthology) (Candlewick Press)	Rockville Centre Public Library
	Long Island Early Literacy Project - Suffolk
	St. Martin de Porres Marianist School - Uniondale



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 Author
 Honorarium: \$500-\$750

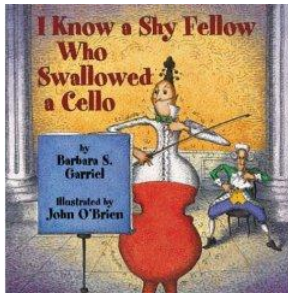
Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	Yes
Most Recent Publications	Most Recent Appearances
Feathers: a Jewish Tale from Eastern Europe (August House)	NCLA Children’s Services Division Annual Breakfast
Wonder Tales From Around the World (August House)	
The Contest Between the Sun and the Wind (August House)	
The Little Red Hen (August House)	



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 Author
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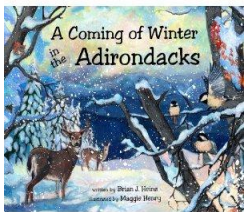
Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	No
Most Recent Publications	Most Recent Appearances
The Madonna Ghost (iUniverse) (1/10)	Seaford High School (March 2010)
Girl With Pencil, Drawing (iUniverse) (1/11)	Massapequa Public Library (May 2010)



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 Author/Presenter/Singer-Songwriter

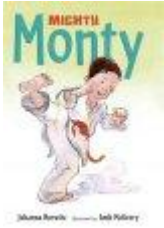
Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	Yes
Most Recent Publications	Most Recent Appearances
I Know a Shy Fellow Who Swallowed a Cello (Boyd's Mill Press)	Wenonah Elementary (Sachem)
Wolves and Their Ways (Saner-Bloser)	Heights School (Roslyn)
Endangered Sea Life (Zaner-Bloser)	Center Street School (Herricks)
Underwater Cities – The Coral Reefs (Zaner-Bloser)	West Babylon Jr. High School, W. Babylon
The Underwater Life of Rivers (Zaner-Bloser)	George Washington Elementary, Lakeland



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 Author/Illustrator
 Honorarium: \$650-\$1200 half day/full day

Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	No
Most Recent Publications	Most Recent Appearances
Cheyenne Medicine Hat (Creative Creations)	Riverside School, Rockville Centre
Nathan of Yesteryear & Michael of Today (Millbrook Press)	Manhasset Schools (Shelter Rock & Munsey Park)
Red Fox at McCloskey's Farm (Creative Editions)	Ogden School, Valley Stream
A Coming of Winter in the Adirondacks (North Country Books) (Spring 2011)	Sawmill School, Commack



Johanna Hurwitz

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Author

Honorarium: Library and conference rate negotiable/\$1,800/3 talks in school

Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	Yes
Most Recent Publications	Most Recent Appearances
The Unsigned Valentine (HarperCollins)	Covert School, Rockville Centre
I Fooled You (Candlewick)	A.P. Willets School, Syosset
Mighty Monty (Candlewick)	Peninsula Public Library, Lawrence
Squirrel World (Chronicle)	



M.E. Kerr

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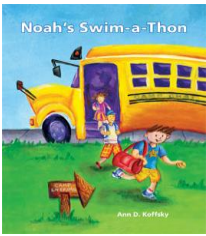
E-mail: mekerr13@aol.com

Website: www.MeKerr.com

Author

Honorarium: \$1000 for live appearances/no charge for others

Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	Yes
Most Recent Publications (all HarperCollins)	Most Recent Appearances
Snakes Don't Miss Their Mothers	Molloy College, Long Island
What Became of Her	Southampton College, Southampton
Slap Your Sides	Pace University, Pleasantville, NY
Your Eyes in Stars	
Someone Like Summer	



Ann D. Koffsky

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 Author/Illustrator
 Honorarium Starting at \$250

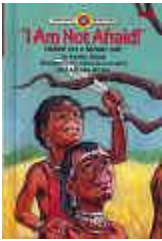
Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	Yes
Most Recent Publications	Most Recent Appearances
Noah's Swim-a-Thon (URJ Press)	St. Thomas Apostle School
The Sun's Special Blessing (Pitspopany Press)	HANC
Beyond Turkey : A Thanksgiving Feast of Fun, Facts, and Activities (Let's Celebrate series) (Barron's)	Robert Carbonara Public School



Sandy Lanton

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 Author
 Honorarium: Negotiable

Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	Yes
Most Recent Publications	Most Recent Appearances
Lots of Latkes (KarBen Publishing)	Signal Hill Elementary School, Dix Hills
Daddy's Chair (KarBen Publishing)	Dix Hills Jewish Center Nursery School
Making Pancakes (Uni Books)	Southampton Elementary, Southampton
Still A Family: A Young Child's Story About Divorce (Lantern Press)	Tuckaho School, Southampton
	Palmer School, CW Post, Brookville



Kenny Mann

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Author

Honorarium: \$250 -\$500 appearance + workshop/\$50 per hour online

Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	Yes
Most Recent Publications	Most Recent Appearances
Isabel, Ferdinand & 15 th Century Spain (Benchmark)	Southampton Public Schools
The Ancient Hebrews (Benchmark)	East Hampton Public Schools
African Kingdoms of the Past (6 books in series) (Simon & Schuster)	Pierson High School, Sag Harbor



Josephine Nobisso

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Author/Writing Consultant/Publisher/Illustrator

Honorarium: \$500 per session, when there are at least two sessions, back to back

Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	Yes
Most Recent Publications (Gingerbread House)	Most Recent Appearances
Show; Don't Tell!: Secrets of Writing	Leo F. Gyblin School, Freeport
In English, Of Course & En Engles por Supuesto	Sacred Hearts, Southampton
The Numbers Dance: A Counting Comedy	PARP Conference Presentation, Meville



Gae Polisner

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Author

Honorarium: No charge

Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	Yes
Most Recent Publications	Most Recent Appearances
The Pull of Gravity (Frances Foster Books/FSG)	Harborfields Library
	Glen Cove High School
	Harborfields High School



Orel Protopopescu

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Author

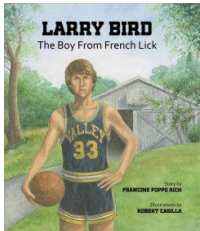
Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	Yes
A Thousand Peaks: Poems From China (Pacific View Press)	Sachem Public Library, Holbrook
Two Sticks (FSG)	Northern Parkway School, Uniondale
Thelonious Mouse (FSG) (2011)	JFK Middle School, Bethpage



Tricia Rayburn

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 Author
 Honorarium: \$500 half day/\$1000 full day

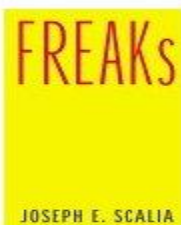
Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	No
Siren (EgmontUSA)	
Ruby's Slippers (Simon & Schuster)	
Maggie Bean Stays Afloat (Simon & Schuster)	
Maggie Bean Stays Afloat (Simon & Schuster)	
Maggie Bean in Love (Simon & Schuster)	



Francine Poppo Rich

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 Website: www.francinepopporich.com
 Author/Publisher
 Honorarium: \$100/hour

Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	Yes
Most Recent Publications (Blue Marlin Publications)	Most Recent Appearances
Small, Not Tall	Birch Elementary School, Merrick
Mama, Can Armadillos Swim?	Indiana Library Federation
Larry Bird: The Boy From French Lick	Trinity Regional School, East Northport



Joseph Scalia

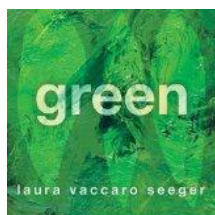
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E-mail: jemscalia@aol.com

Author

Honorarium: \$250

Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	Yes
Most Recent Publications	Most Recent Appearances
Freaks (Xlibris Corporation)	Dusquense University, Pittsburgh
Pearl (Xlibris Corporation)	Farmingdale Public Library
No Strings Attached (Publish America)	Levittown Public Library
Brooklyn Family Scenes (Tawny Girl Press)	
Scalia vs. the Universe or My Life in Hard Times: A Collection of Humor (Tawny Girl Press)	



Laura Vaccaro Seeger

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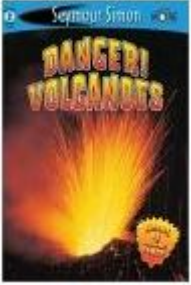
E-mail: Kate Kubert Puls, Booking Agent, kate@studiolvs.com

Website: www.studiolvs.com for program description

Author/Artist

Honorarium: \$2200

Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	Yes
Most Recent Publications	Most Recent Appearances
First the Egg (Roaring Brook Press)	2010 ALA
Dog and Bear (Roaring Brook Press)	2010 EBA
One Boy (Roaring Brook Press)	
What If (Roaring Brook Press)	
Green (Roaring Brook Press) (March 27, 2012)	



Seymour Simon

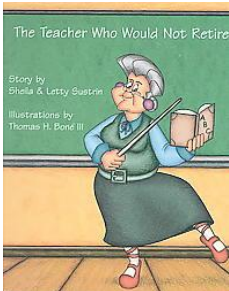
Website: www.harpercollinschildrens.com

Website: www.seymoursimon.com

Author

Honorarium: \$2,500/day

Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	Yes
Most Recent Publications	Most Recent Appearances
Danger! Volcanoes (Sea Star Books)	Shelter Rock/Munsey Park
Killer Whales (Sea Star Books)	Elementary & Middle Schools, Texas
Eyes & Ears (HarperCollins)	Rutgers University
Seymour Simon's Book of Trucks (HarperCollins)	Ohio Schools
Why Do Puppies Do That?	
Silly Dinosaur Riddles	



Sheila and Letty Sustrin

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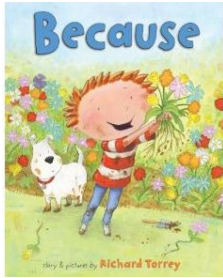
E-mail: twinniesls@optonline.net

Website: www.sustrinbooks.com

Authors

Honorarium: \$100 just for book reading/\$600 full day presentation (negotiable to \$400 if permitted to sell books)

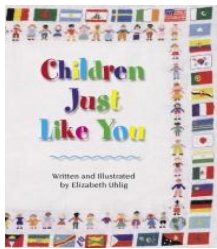
Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	No
Most Recent Publications	Most Recent Appearances
The Teacher Who Would Not Retire (Blue Marlin Publications of West Bay Shore)	May Moore Primary School, Deer Park
The Teacher Who Would Not Retire Goes to Camp	John F. Kennedy School, West Babylon
The Teacher Who Would Not Retire Discovers a New Planet	North Elementary School, Brentwood
	Tamarac Elementary School, Holtsville



Richard Torrey

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 Author/Illustrator
 Honorarium: \$200-\$300

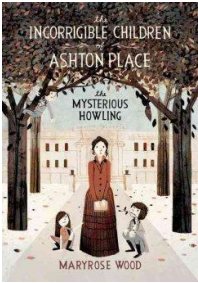
Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	Yes
Unearthing Garden Mysteries: Experiments for Kids	Riley Avenue School, Calverton, NY
Almost (HarperCollins)	
Because (HarperCollins)	



Elizabeth G. Uhlig

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Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	No
Most Recent Publications (Marble House Editions)	Most Recent Appearances
I Want to Be	
Before We Met	
Memoir Writing and Illustrating for Children	
Children Just Like You	



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 212-675-5556
 E-mail: maryrosewood@gmail.com
 Website: www.maryrosewood.com
 Author

Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	Yes
Most Recent Publications	Most Recent Appearances
The Incurable Children of Ashton Place Book 1 The Mysterious Howling (Blazer +Bray)	North Shore Public Library
The Poison Diaries (Blazer + Bray)	



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 Author/Illustrator
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Author Appearances	Skype
Yes	Yes
Most Recent Publications	Most Recent Appearances
Brenda Berman, Wedding Expert (Clarion)	West Babylon Middle School, West Babylon
Baby Shower (Roaring Brook Press)	Cooper Hewitt Museum, NYC
Four Seasons: a novel Random House (2011)	Elementary School, Scarsdale, NY
Janson, the Budding Artist (Roaring Brook Press - 2012)	Rockville Centre Public Library (Mother/Daughter Discussion)