

## 2006 ALAN Workshop:

“Young Adult Literature: Key to Open Minds”

Nashville, Tennessee, November 20 & 21, 2006, Monday, 8-5:30; Tuesday, 8-4

The 2006 ALAN Workshop, held as part of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) annual conference, will have the theme “Young Adult Literature: Key to Open Minds.” You will want to stay for the entire two day program, as the concluding presentations on Tuesday will be as exciting and important as those taking place earlier! As part of your workshop registration, you will receive a year’s membership or renewal to ALAN, plus a large cloth book bag filled with donated books from our generous participating publishers. You will also receive an invitation to the ALAN Reception—a delightful “wine and cheese” gathering—the Sunday evening before the workshop begins, also given by our wonderful publishers.

During the workshop presentations and breakout sessions, we’ll be discovering ways to connect teens and reading through YA books, ways to expand horizons and experience new perspectives via YA literature, and ways to think about the issues of intellectual freedom in using, recommending, and providing YA literature in our work with teens. To get us started, our keynote speaker will be the inspiring and insightful editor of *Voice of Youth Advocates* (VOYA) magazine, Cathi Dunn MacRae.

You will be hearing from a wide array of YA authors who will speak out about their contributions to the literature, how they create it, and how they connect with teens through it. There will be many new and upcoming YA authors represented who are enriching and expanding the literature, as well as

those who have already contributed many fine works that have become YA classics. With that in mind, here is a preview of the authors who will be in Nashville for individual talks, breakout sessions, and/or panel presentations:

Peter Abrahams  
Courtesy of HarperCollins

Edward Bloor  
Courtesy of Random House

Coe Booth  
Courtesy of Scholastic

Michael Cart  
Courtesy of Random House and HarperCollins

Cecil Castellucci  
Courtesy of Candlewick

Judith Ortiz Cofer  
Courtesy of Scholastic

Sneed Collard  
Courtesy of Peachtree

Penny Coleman  
Courtesy of Holt

Chris Crutcher  
Courtesy of HarperCollins

Terry Davis  
Author of *Vision Quest*, and more

Melissa de la Cruz Courtesy of Hyperion	Patrick Jones Courtesy of Walker	John H. Ritter Courtesy of Penguin Putnam
Matt de la Pena Courtesy of Random House	J. James Keels Author of "Ape," in <i>Such a Pretty Face</i>	Gary Schmidt Courtesy of Clarion
Sarah Dessen Courtesy of Penguin Putnam	Trudy Krisher Courtesy of Holiday House	Ellen Schreiber Courtesy of HarperCollins
Laura Malone Elliott Courtesy of HarperCollins	Greg Letich Smith Courtesy of Little, Brown	Mark Siegel Courtesy of Roaring Brook
Adrian Fogelin Courtesy of Peachtree	Cynthia Letich Smith Courtesy of HarperCollins	Alan Sitomer Courtesy of Hyperion
Don Gallo Courtesy of Candlewick	David Levithan Courtesy of Random House	William Sleator Courtesy of Abrams
Nancy Garden Courtesy of Harcourt	Robert Lipsyte Courtesy of HarperCollins	Kirsten Smith Courtesy of Little, Brown
James Cross Giblin Courtesy of Clarion	Emily Lockhart Courtesy of Random House	Jordan Sonnenblick Courtesy of Scholastic
Gail Giles Courtesy of Little, Brown	Janet McDonald Courtesy of Farrar, Straus and Giroux	Edward T. Sullivan Courtesy of Holiday House
John Green Courtesy of Penguin Putnam	Stephenie Meyer Courtesy of Little, Brown	Susan Vaught Courtesy of Bloomsbury
Nikki Grimes Courtesy of Hyperion	Lauren Myracle Courtesy of Abrams	Paul Volponi Courtesy of Penguin Putnam
Elizabeth Hayden Courtesy of TOR	Deborah Noyes Wayshak Courtesy of Candlewick	Ellen Wittlinger Courtesy of Abrams
Helen Hemphill Author of <i>Long Gone Daddy</i>	Julie Ann Peters Courtesy of Little, Brown	Gene Yang Courtesy of Roaring Brook
Will Hobbs Courtesy of HarperCollins	Tamora Pierce Courtesy of Random House	Jane Yolen Courtesy of TOR
Pat Hughes Courtesy of Random House	Marilyn Reynolds Author of <i>Love Rules</i> , and more	Timothy Zahn Courtesy of TOR
Paul Janeczko Courtesy of Candlewick		

Of course, you will also want to enjoy the fabulous ALAN Breakfast on Saturday morning, featuring guest speaker Naomi Shihab Nye (courtesy of HarperCollins).

Please join us in Nashville in November 2006!

Information about registration, breakfast tickets, lodging, etc., is available through the NCTE web site at [www.ncte.org](http://www.ncte.org). You are assured a fun and enlightening experience, as we explore *Young Adult Literature: Key to Open Minds*.