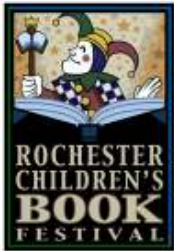




Come to the 12th annual **Rochester Children's Book Festival** on Saturday, November 8th from 10-4pm at the Brighton Campus of Monroe Community College. Meet, attend workshops, and have books signed by 40 authors and illustrators, including: **Linda Sue Park, Vivian Vande Velde, Robin Pulver, Mary Jane Auch, Ellen Stoll Walsh, James Howe, Paul Zelinsky, Michelle Knudsen, Bruce Coville, and Tamora Pierce.** See schedule on website. Please hand out fliers provided in your mailboxes. Including **TWEEN TIME** for ages 8–12 & up at **11:00 – 11:25**, with **MJ & Herm Auch: Chickens, Dogs & Baseball – How Story Ideas Become Books** and **JUST FOR TEENS (1:15 – Ages 10 & up) Writing Fantasy** with **Bruce Coville & Tamora Pierce**



This year's **SLS GV BOCES Media Festival** will be held in **Livonia High/Jr. High** on **Saturday, May 16th** so start saving your students' best work! More details will be shared as they become available.

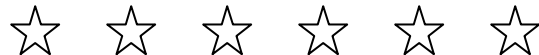


45 Livonia students joined students in 3rd to 6th grades around New York State to nominate a book for this year's **3 Apples Book Award**. From all the nominations uploaded by NY teachers and librarians, a statewide ballot comprised of fifteen of the most popular titles will be created. I will publicize the list when it comes out. Students who read at least 3 of the books may vote for their favorite in April.

We will have a Smart Document camera set up in the library for you to try out until the middle of December.

Remember to let Laurie know if you cannot book the lab when you need it. This will help us document our building's need of another lab.

If you would like to try out a lesson on the Smartboard, or need assistance with your ICT grant proposal for classroom technology, I'd be happy to help.



Our annual fall **Scholastic Book Fair** will be held in the library during the week of **November 17th - 21st.**

Classes may come to browse/buy in one or two 20 minute visits—whatever works best for you. Remember to **sign up for time slots in the main office** by Friday, November 14th.

Student Enrichment Opportunity

In celebration of our state's 400th birthday, **New York State Historical Society** has announced an essay contest for students in grades 4-12 entitled, "Legacies of New Netherland." Students can research New York's Dutch colonial history and write an historical essay about our Dutch roots in one of three American cultural traditions:

- Religious Tolerance
- Freedom of Speech
- New York as a center of world trade

Fourth and fifth grade students are asked to write an essay of 500-1,500 words (2-4 pages) based on this topic: *Choose a person from the colony of New Netherland and describe how and why his/her actions have helped make our country a better place today.*

Sixth, seventh and eighth grade students are asked to write an essay of 1,500 and 2,500 words (6-10 pages) based on this topic: *Discuss why early settlements in New Netherland were a success, and how they contributed to our current way of life. If you have interested students, please contact me, or see the web site for details at <http://www.nysha.org/node/1402> .*