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## SCHEDULE

### 21<sup>st</sup> Annual

### Charlotte S. Huck Children's Literature Festival

#### FRIDAY, March 3

- 8:00 – 8:45      Registration  
                          Book Market Open for purchases
- 8:45-9:15      Opening General Session including introduction of featured speakers in Orton Center  
                          9:15-10:15      Keynote Address Yuyi Morales

#### 10:30-11:30 Choice of Breakout Sessions

1. **Building a Bridge from School to Home:** Nancy Sherod and Jenise Feinberg share tools for busy parents to talk with children about the books they are reading.
2. **Dreaming the World:** Using mentor poems from her favorite poetry books, Dr. Claudia Reder begins the journey of how to create poetry with children and allow language to come alive.
3. **Love is...Writing for Children:** Author **Diane Adams** addresses the motivation behind “loving” to write for children and why. She will also discuss *Love Is...*, her newest book released in January 2017 and working with the illustrator/artist.
4. **Make ‘em Laugh:** Margo Tanenbaum we will look at recent releases, including picture books, early chapter books, and books for middle graders, that are guaranteed to put smiles on the faces of young readers. A list of recommended titles will be provided.
5. **One Writer's Confessions and Q & A.**– Pam Munoz Ryan shares the journey that led her to become an author. There will be ample time to answer your questions.
6. **Numbers and Nature:** Marsha MacLean, Heather Novinger and their 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student from Cram Elementary School have the opportunity to meet David Schwartz and share the unusual, whimsical ways his books have made math and science come alive for them.
7. **Doodle Dandies and The Fun of it All:** Melissa Anderson and her third grade students from Kingsberry meet Pat Lewis and share the fun, the wordplay, and the learning that has occurred during a Pat Lewis literature study.
8. **All Aboard: to the Moon and Back with Brian Floca:** Patty Ramirez and her fifth grade students from McKinley Elementary School have used an in-depth study of Brian Floca books to generate excitement in a curriculum that includes science experiments, field trips and art.

11:45-12:30      Luncheon

12:30-1:30      Speaker –Lisa Von Drasek

## 1:45-2:45-Choice of Choice of Breakout Sessions

1. **Empowering Children Through the Magic of Books and Author Visits:** Author and booking agent **Carmen Oliver** talks about the role of authors in raising a reader. Children not only connect through books but these connections help them to find their own voices in the world. Author visits show children that books are written by real people--people like them who love to read.
2. **Between the Books: Felt Stories and Songs:** Learn how to make and/or use colorful and artistic felt pieces for the flannel board to use with songs and stories for children with teacher/librarian Pam Greene.
3. **2017 Charlotte Huck and Orbis Pictus Awards: A Book Talk:** Dr. Marilyn Carpenter will discuss the criteria for the awards and book talk all of the 2016 winning titles which include the award winners, honor books and recommended titles.
4. **Research: Digging Deep for the Gems:** Author **Lois V. Harris** discusses hidden treasures to enrich historical fiction or narrative nonfiction and discovering the background, details, emotions, photos, and quotes necessary to create real dialogue and scenes, show drive, enliven characters and add sparkle to your story.
5. **Make the Most of a Post:** Debbie Rich will expose participants to fun filled information that correlates with State Testing. Learn different techniques to enhance the student's comprehension. By using sticky notes, makers, and some hands on techniques, this session will be full of laughs, fun and better than average examples to for you to take back to your classroom on Monday.
6. **Picture Book and Poem:** Though she writes in many forms, George Ella says she is first of all a poet; which means her job is to see and sing the connections between things. Join Kentucky Poet Laureate 2015-16 as she shares words and their transforming music.
7. **A Palate of Ideas:** Join Minerva Castorena and her fifth grade students from Jurupa Unified as they share with Yuyi Morales their study of her books and illustrations and personal connections of their experiences and those of the author.
8. **Esperanza Rising:** Meri Dawn Thompson and her sixth grade Richardson Prep English Learners present a reader's theater based on the novel *Esperanza Rising* and have the opportunity to meet its author Pam Munoz Ryan.

3:00-3:15 General Session

3:15-4:15 Speaker **DAVID M. SCHWARTZ:** Wonderful Things Happen When Children Wonder About What They Read

4:30-5:15 **SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS** are networking sessions requested by participants at past festivals. If you attend one of these groups, you will still have ample time to purchase books and have them signed. This year we are offering three topics.

1. **THE WRITING GROUP** : Special Interest Group for novice writers and illustrators, facilitated by editor Rebecca Davis
2. **WEAVING CHARLOTTE'S WEB:** Special Interest Group for post secondary children's literature instructors, please bring a copy of your syllabus, facilitated by Amy Leigh Rogers

- 3. CHECK IT OUT:** Special Interest Group for both public and school librarians. Share ideas and programs that have worked for your libraries and learn what has worked for others, facilitated by Pam Martinez

4:30-6:00      **Book Signing Reception**  
Outside Orton weather permitting

6:00-7:00      Dinner in Orton Dining Room

7:00-8:00      Speakers : **PAT LEWIS, GEORGE ELLA LYON and REBECCA DAVIS:** Poetry and Social Justice

### **SATURDAY, March 4**

8:00 – 8:45      Registration

Book Signing

8:45-9:00      General Session in Orton Center

9:00-10:00     Speaker **BRIAN FLOCA**

10:15 - 11:15 Choice of Breakout Sessions

- 1. Fighting Words: A CLSC Youth Salon, part 1:** Children’s Literature Council of Southern California ‘s Youth Salons provide an opportunity for teachers, librarians, writers, & booksellers to come together to discuss hot topics in children’s literature. In this workshop, author facilitators **Elana K. Arnold, Jeff Gottesfeld, Katherine Kottaras , Ann Stamper** and **Elizabeth Wong** join participants for conversations on derogatory or controversial language in youth literature for all ages, censorship and self-censorship, and balancing intellectual freedom and personal values. Fighting Words continues at 11:30.
- 2. The Best Books from Around the World You’ve Never Heard Of:** Welcome to the world of IBBY-- the International Board of Books for Young People. Lisa Silverman and IBBY Board member Annette Goldsmith address how we stay informed about excellent books from other countries.
- 3. You Are Not Alone: Inclusive Classrooms through Inclusive Children’s Literature:** Dr. Britt Tatman Ferguson, Dr. Suzanne Evans, Dr. Susan Porter, **Dr. Dina Pacis** and Dr. Nilsa, Thorsas review children’s literature that includes children with disabilities. An annotated bibliography to use at all grade levels and it all settings will be provided.
- 4. Meet Tony Johnston:** Author **Tony Johnston** discusses her writing, her books and shares a few secrets behind them.
- 5. Meet Pat Lewis:** J. Patrick Lewis, award winning poet and prose writer of more than 70 books engages both our minds and the funny bones. He was the third U.S. Children's Poet Laureate (2011-2013).
- 6. Researching Non-Fiction & Fiction Picture Books:** Author **Henry Herz** moderates a panel focusing on research for both illustrators and writers. Panelists include Brian Floca, Lois V. Harris and David M. Schwarz.

11:30- 12:30 Choice of Breakout Sessions

1. **Fighting Words: A CLSC Youth Salon, part 2:** A continuation of the Children’s Literature Council of Southern California workshop focusing on derogatory or controversial language in children’s and youth literature including censorship and self-censorship, and balancing intellectual freedom and personal values.
2. **Are You Thinking of Writing for the Educational Market?: What You Need to Know:** With thirty years experience in educational publishing and now an author for an educational publisher, **Nancy O’Connor** explores the educational publishing market. Who writes them? What companies publish to this market? What sort of criteria do these companies have? Is there any money in it? Come learn the answers to these questions and more.
3. **Children’s Books with Pizzaz:** Welcome back Katherine Thomerson as she shares great read-alouds for the elementary classroom with hands-on activities. Booklist included.
4. **Critical Perspectives on Family Literacy Programs:** Dr. Nirmla Flores focuses on the different critical perspectives on family literacy programs that have undermined the families they attempt to help and the varying approaches on how to counteract these misconceptions. There will also be an interactive discussion of some guiding program principles and illustrations on how these principles are implemented in different programs.
5. **Where I’m From:** Where are YOU from? Join George Ella Lyon and Kristine O’Connell George as they explore the importance of place and how it colors and informs our writing and our lives. You are invited to bring pictures or mementos that spark your own unique memories of place. This is a terrific classroom exercise to demonstrate to students the power of detail and specificity?
6. **A Conversation with Yuyi :** When Yuyi Morales immigrated to San Francisco with her American husband and their infant son, her experiences were similar to those of many other immigrants. Her life changed as a result of a visit to the San Francisco Public Library, a visit that is now legendary among those in education and librarians because of what would be produced thereafter.

12:45-1:45  
1:45-2:45

Luncheon, Opportunity Drawing in Orton Center  
Closing speaker **PAM MUNOZ RYAN:** Beginnings, Belongings, and My Journey to Books.