

Friday, April 8, 2011

12:00 - 1:00pm Lunch: New!! Included in Conf registration
 1:30 - 4:30pm "The Power of Books" with presenter ANITA SILVEY
 4:30- 6:00pm Check in, book sales, socializing, cash bar
 6:00 - 7:00pm Dinner
 7:00- 8:30pm LIGHTNING ROUNDS
 8:30 - 9:00pm Fireside Dessert and Social Time

Friday Afternoon Workshop

The Power of Books

with Anita Silvey

1:30pm - 4:30pm

The author of *100 Best Books for Children* and *500 Great Books for Teens*, Anita Silvey has devoted 35 years to promoting books that will turn the young -- and families -- into readers. To do this she has appeared frequently on NPR, "The Today Show," "60 Minutes," and radio programs in the United States and Canada to talk about books for children and teenagers. As *Publisher's Weekly* has said "It would be hard to find a more authoritative voice than Anita Silvey."

Ms. Silvey is the editor of *Children's Books and Their Creators*, an overview of 20th Century children's books. As she says in this volume, "Life is a banquet and most of us starve," when it comes to knowledge about books for young readers. Sharing her passion and enthusiasm, she gives guidance and background for those trying to find the best books to give to the young.

In a unique career in the children's book field, Ms. Silvey has divided her time equally between publishing and evaluating children's books. But her lifelong conviction is that "only the very best of anything can be good enough for the young".



Anita Silvey

Saturday, April 9, 2011

7:00-9:00am Breakfast in the Lodge
 8:30 - 9:00am Conference Welcome and Introduction of Regional Authors
 9:15 - 10:15am **Alison McGhee**
 10:15 - 11:00am Book signing, sales, displays
 11:00am - Noon **Mike Wohnoutka**
 Noon - 12:45pm Lunch
 1:00 - 2:00pm **Sarah Weeks**
 2:00 - 2:45pm Book signing, sales, displays
 2:45 - 3:15pm Author Panel: **Alison, Mike & Sarah**
 3:15 - 3:30pm Conference Closing, Announcements, Farewell

Saturday's Featured Authors



Sarah Weeks

SARAH WEEKS has written more than fifty picture books and novels for children and young adults including the best selling novel, *So B. It*. Her picture book, *Sophie Peterman Tells the Truth* and the novel, *As Simple As It Seems*, are two of her most recent contributions. In addition to writing, Sarah is an adjunct faculty member in the prestigious Writing Program at the New School University in New York City and a founding member of ART, a traveling troupe of authors who perform reader's theatre at conventions and conferences across the country. Born and raised in Ann Arbor, Michigan, she splits her time between her homes in Nyack, NY, and Callicoon Center, NY. For more information about Sarah and her books please visit her at www.SarahWeeks.com.

Mike Wohnoutka Ever since Mike can remember he knew he wanted to be an artist. His dad, who was an engineer at the Highway Department, would bring home reams of paper that had his way plans on one side and were blank on the other. Mike would be so excited to have all that paper to draw on and would fill each sheet with race cars, snowmobiles, baseball players, super heroes, every-



Mike Wohnoutka

thing he was interested in. In high school his art teacher, Mr. Chase, encouraged Mike to pursue art as a career. This, along with a scholarship, led him to the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Georgia. Since graduating with a B.F.A. in Illustration, Mike has worked with various publishers, won awards, and been a frequent presenter.

Mike grew up in Spicer, Minnesota. He currently resides in Minneapolis with his wife, his own Wizzy Foot, Franklin, and brand new daughter, Olivia.

Read more at: <http://www.mikewohnoutka.com>

Alison McGhee is a Pulitzer Prize nominee and a #1 New York Times bestselling author. She writes for all ages and in all forms, from poetry and stories to novels and picture books and essays, and her books are popular with critics and readers alike. Her novel *Shadow Baby* was a Today Show Book Club pick, and her picture book *Someday* was featured on NPR.



Alison McGhee

Several of her books have been Borders Original Voices selections, Booksense 76 picks, Children's Book of the Month club and Junior Literary Guild selections.

Her many awards include four Minnesota Book Awards, the GLCA National Fiction Award, Friends of the American Library Award, Gold Oppenheimer Toy Portfolio Award, ALA Best Books for Children, and Parents' Choice Award, and a City Pages Artist of the Year award.

Alison is an associate professor of creative writing at Metropolitan State University, where she coordinates the creative writing program. She has taught at many other colleges and universities and was a founding member of Hamline University's MFA in Writing for Children and Young Adults.

Alison and fellow writer-teacher Brad Zellar also teach privately. If you're interested in taking one of their one-to-three-day intensive, fun creative writing workshops, which are designed for all ages and experience levels, please check out librariesonfire.org for more information.

Read more at: <http://www.alisonmcghee.com>

Friday Evening Mini-Workshop

Lightning Rounds!

7:00 - 8:30 pm

This will be a fast-paced evening of novelty and creativity.

Be prepared to learn fast! To share much! To laugh a lot!

To be followed by dessert, cash bar, socializing (and perhaps more Lightning Rounds).

Dessert is made possible by the Friends of the Grand Rapids Area Public Library.

To show support of their *Red Bookshelf Project* each Conference attendee is asked to contribute a new or gently used early childhood book to *Red Bookshelf Project*. These books will be made available for free to the parents and young children in the Grand Rapids Area. Say "Thanks" to the Friends with a book donation!



Special book displays, bibliographies, book sales, and author book signings will take place throughout the Conference.

For more information:

<http://nlln.org/spotlight.html> or call 800-450-1032

Lodging Information: Ruttger's Sugar Lake Lodge, PO Box 847, Grand Rapids, MN 55744

800-450-4555 or 1-218-327-0454 (fax) Special conference lodging rates begin at \$90.

<http://nlln.org/Ruttgersreservation2011.doc> CEU's available

23rd Annual Spotlight on Books Conference

April 8-9, 2011

Return the form below with payment
Checks payable to *Spotlight on Books*.

Mail payment/PO & reg. form to:

Northern Lights Library Network, 103 Graystone Plaza, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501.

Name: _____

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Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Confirmation will not be sent. Purchase orders acceptable.

For more information: (800) 450-1032.

Registration Fees (Please check):

Full Conference (includes Friday & Saturday meals)

\$140.00 Early Bird reg. by Feb 25, 2011, \$175.00 reg. by Apr 1, 2011

\$200.00 after Apr 1/on site reg., \$70.00 Full-time student reg.

Full refund prior to April 1; no refunds after April 1

Friday only (includes afternoon workshop, dinner, evening events, and dessert)

\$85.00 Early Bird reg. by Feb 25, 2011, \$90.00 reg. by Apr 1, 2011

\$100.00 after Apr 1/on site reg., \$50.00 Full-time student reg.

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Check all events you are attending:

Thursday evening soiree (free) ___ I would like to purchase a box dinner

Fri lunch buffet Fri afternoon workshop

Fri dinner Fri evening program/dessert

Saturday events: Saturday breakfast Saturday lunch

Guests of registered conference attendees may purchase meals-only on Fri/Saturday for a cost of \$60(dinner, breakfast, two lunches). All meals must be paid in advance to the Conference.

Name of guest(s) _____

Send completed form with payment to:

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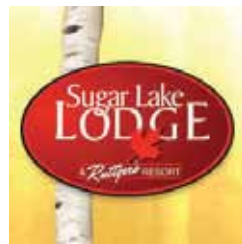
New!! Thursday Evening Pre-Conference Soiree 7-?

- Wine and chocolate tasting
- Book discussion: *Revolver*, by Marcus Sedgwick
- Show and share reading devices and e-book resources
- Book sharing with friends and colleagues
- Skype with author Mary Casanova
- Add'l 15% discount on lodging from SLL for Thursday evening



Box dinner on Thursday, and breakfast on Friday,
available for purchase
Additional activities on Friday morning TBA.

Once again the conference
is being held at **Ruttger's
Sugar Lake Lodge**
(800-450-4555)



A variety of accommoda-
tions are available. Studio



or two-bedroom
Townhomes nestled
along Sugarbrooke Golf
Course. Studio or lodge
suites with spectacular
views of Sugar Lake.

They will provide housing at special conference
rates beginning at \$90. To make conference
lodging reservations, please use the form found
at this link:

<http://nlln.org/Ruttgersreservation2011.doc>
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Additional lodging can be found in Grand Rapids
by visiting:

www.visitgrandrapids.com

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