

# STORY CON

Educator Guide *Summer 2024*

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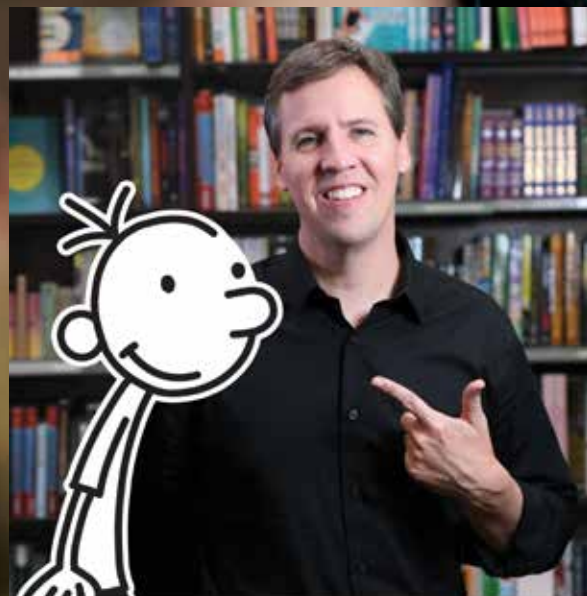


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**Major writing conference**  
**coming to the Salt Palace**

*You'll never believe who's coming...*

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# FOUNDERS MESSAGE

By Jo Layton

Operation Literacy was founded in 2009 by five aspiring writers determined to use our growing platforms to support young writers. We saw the value in encouraging creativity, and the power of helping kids find their own voice. Out of this idea, Teen Author Boot Camp, a writing conference tailored to teens, was born. What began as a way to inspire and facilitate the art of writing became a community and a movement.



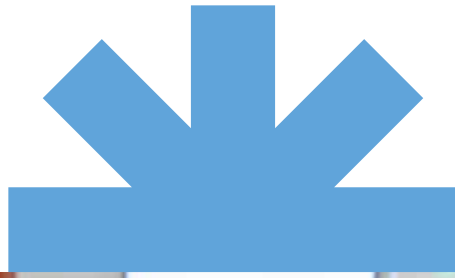
To combat the rising rates of illiteracy in our country, we realized that children need to encounter books at each stage of their lives. We added literacy programs to support curriculum development for educators, year-round programming in the form of free webinars, contests, publications, and additional writing conferences and summer camps for tweens ages 9-12. In 2021, Book Drop was created to reach children who fall into the gaps of book deserts in America, so far providing free books and author visits to more than 30,000 underserved children in Title 1 schools.



Building on what we've done, we now present StoryCon, an event that combines both our teen and tween writing conferences while adding an educator conference track for one massive two-day event held in February 2025 in Salt Lake City. To expand access to this experience even further, we added public programming for families and members of the community to encourage and inspire a greater love of reading and storytelling in many forms.



Over the years we have seen our efforts change lives. Some of “our kids” have gone on to be published or have reported that their grades have drastically improved. Countless participants have shared how they discovered a love of reading and creative



expression they didn't know they had. Many have reached out to tell us how they found confidence, friends and belonging through our programs. One young person who benefitted from our scholarship program, wrote to say:

*"Hi. I loved teen author boot camp. I love writing and hope to publish a book that I'm working on about my experience with fetal alcohol and foster care. When I saw the advertisement for TABC at school I wanted to go so bad but my mom said we had no extra money. My brother is struggling and all our money is going to help him. I was so excited when she said my sister and I could go! We learned a lot and had a lot of fun. I hope to save up enough to go next year. Thank you."*

Feedback like this is what motivates us forward. The more young people we can support, scholarship and provide positive experiences for, the better! Our work comes from the heart, powered by the belief that literacy unlocks a successful future for every child. We aim to counteract the literacy crisis by increasing young people's desire to read and write, fostering a passion for lifelong learning, and enhancing critical thinking, empathy, and creative expression. By providing tools and programs to help children and teens tell their own unique stories, we allow them to grow up in a world of shared human experience, intellectual freedom, and empowerment.



**Jo Layton**  
Founder & Chief Growth  
and Development Officer  
at Operation Literacy



# Meet our 2025 Keynote Speakers

*Operation Literacy is dedicated to bringing some of the biggest names in literature to StoryCon. Students and teachers alike will have the opportunity to learn from these industry titans, and in some cases, even meet them!*



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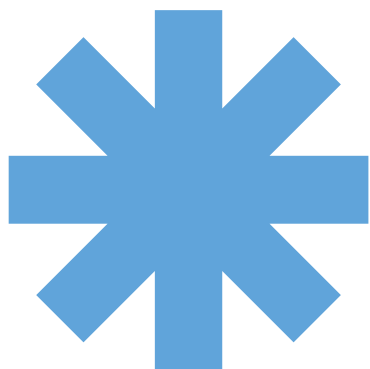
## Jeff Kinney

Jeff has been named one of Time magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World. He is also the creator of Poptropica, which was named one of Time's 50 Best Websites. He spent his childhood in the Washington, D.C. area and later moved to New England, where he and his family own a bookstore called An Unlikely Story.



## Margaret Peterson Haddix

Margaret Peterson Haddix is the NYT-bestselling author of the Greystone Secrets series, the Shadow Children series, and dozens of other books for kids and teens. After growing up on a farm in Ohio, she worked as a newspaper reporter before writing her first book.





## Neal Shusterman

Neal Shusterman is the New York Times best-selling author of over thirty novels for children, teens, and adults. He won the 2015 National Book Award for Young People’s Literature for *Challenger Deep*-and his novel, *Scythe*, was a 2017 Michael L. Printz Honor book. He has received awards from the International Reading Association, the American Library Association, and more.



## LeUyen Pham

LeUyen Pham is the NYT bestselling and award winning creator of over 140 works for children and teens. Her books include *Vampirina Ballerina* by Anne Marie Pace (now on Disney Jr), *Lunar New Year Love Story* by Gene Yang, *God’s Dream* by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and others. She has illustrated three series with Shannon Hale: *The Princess in Black* (with Dean Hale), the Friends graphic novel series, and *Itty Bitty Kitty Corn*. Her own books

include *Outside Inside*, *The Itchy Book*, and *Big Sister, Little Sister*. IN 2020 she was awarded the Caldecott Honor for her book *Bear Came Along* by Richard Morris.



## Shannon Hale

Shannon Hale is the New York Times best-selling author of over forty books for all ages, including *The Goose Girl*, *Book of a Thousand Days*, and Newbery Honor recipient *Princess Academy*. With LeUyen Pham, she created best-selling graphic novels *Real Friends*, *Best Friends*, and *Friends Forever*. She lives in Utah.





# 2025 Keynote Speakers

## Dhonielle Clayton



Dhonielle Clayton is a New York Times bestselling author of the Conjureverse series, The Belles series, *Shattered Midnight*, co-author of *Blackout*, *Whiteout*, *The Rumor Game*, and of the *Tiny Pretty Things* duology, a Netflix original series. She hails from the Washington, D.C. suburbs on the Maryland side. She taught secondary school for several years, and is a former elementary and middle school librarian. She is COO of the non-profit We Need Diverse Books, and President of Cake Creative, an IP story kitchen dedicated to diverse books for all ages. She's an avid traveler, and always on the hunt for magic and mischief.



## Brandon Mull

Brandon Mull is the #1 New York Times best-selling author of the *Fablehaven*, *Beyonders*, and *Five Kingdoms* series. A kinetic thinker, Brandon enjoys bouncy balls, squeezable stress toys, and popping bubble wrap. He lives in Utah in a happy little valley near the mouth of a canyon with his family and a dog named Buffy the Vampire Slayer. Brandon loves meeting his readers and hearing about their experiences with his books.





### Marissa Meyer

Marissa Meyer is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Lunar Chronicles*, *Heartless*, *The Renegades Trilogy*, and *Instant Karma*, as well as the graphic novel duology *Wires and Nerve*. She holds a BA in Creative Writing from Pacific Lutheran University and a MA in Publishing from Pace University. In addition to writing, Marissa hosts *The Happy Writer* podcast. She lives near Tacoma, Washington, with her husband and twin daughters.



### Jennifer A. Nielsen

#1 New York Times Bestselling author, Jennifer Nielsen, was born and raised in northern Utah, where she still lives today with her family. She is the author of *The Ascendance* series, beginning with *The False Prince*, the *Traitor's Game* series, the historical novels, *Iceberg*, *A Night Divided*, *Words on Fire*, *Lines of Courage* and several other titles. She loves chocolate, old books, and lazy days in the mountains.





# EXPO HALL

- Fandom & Handicrafts
- Story Alley
- Indie Alley
- Artists Alley
- Educator Alley
- Bookstore

**HALL MAP**



## Types of vendors you can find at StoryCon:

- Educator Resources
- Publishers
- Agents
- Editors
- Authors
- Book Influencers
- Digital Artists
- Painters
- Sculptors
- Board Game Companies
- Video Game Developers
- and more!

# General Admission Track

*Did you know that StoryCon is for the entire family?*

So, yes that means for parents, too. We'll have programming for attendees of all ages. These will include storytelling of all kinds, beyond just the written novel.

## **Types of programming you might see included for the general ticketing track:**

- Appearances by Some of Your Favorite Authors
- Comedy Hour
- Theatre Groups
- Oral Storytelling
- Education on Literacy Strategies
- Film & Screenplays
- Dance
- Music
- À La Carte Master Classes



The Expo Hall is free to the public! You don't need a ticket to enter! So you can encourage your students to bring their families and explore what StoryCon's vendors have to offer!

Educators and librarians will have exclusive QR codes on their badges so vendors can provide a VIP experience, including fun swag and giveaways!

**Encourage students to come with their whole families. It'll be an entertaining and informative time for everyone!**





# TEEN TRACK

**Teen Author Boot Camp** has run for the past fourteen years as one of the largest and most successful teen writing conferences in the nation, featuring world class education from some of the most respected authors in publishing. Attendees enjoy:

- A full conference schedule of classes in writing craft, process, and top industry tips
- A professional launch to their writing and creative careers
- A vibrant community of like-minded creators
- Publication opportunities in our poetry and fiction anthologies
- Writing contests with prizes and feedback from published authors
- Fun activities to infuse joy into their creative process

*“We built the conference we wish we’d had as young aspiring writers,”* says founder and Chief Executive Officer Jennifer Jenkins.

Since launching in 2009, TABC has attracted thousands of creative teens, empowering and inspiring them to tell their own unique stories. It has changed lives, and it’s only going to become more impactful for a more diverse audience as it evolves into StoryCon.



**“TABC changed the trajectory of my life. It taught me who I am and what I can become.”**

**Alayna Beck**  
TABC Graduate



**Scholarships, school group discounts, and other ways to fund your trip to StoryCon on page 18**



**“The material covered in one day at TABC would take me at least a full term to teach. TABC does a better job than I could because of the autonomy fostered by its breakout sessions. My students love the fact that they can pick and choose which sessions to attend, and they return to me with skills specifically tailored to their interests and strengths. I can always tell which students attend TABC.”**

**Michelle Walker**

English Teacher, Payson High School





# TWEEN TRACK

When we saw how successful Teen Author Boot Camp could be in elevating the joy of literacy for young people, we knew we needed to expand the program to benefit a younger audience.

**Tween Author Boot Camp** is a track for students in grades 4-6, and captures the heart, passion, and imagination of kids at an age when they are just beginning to form their identities.

Tween programming includes:

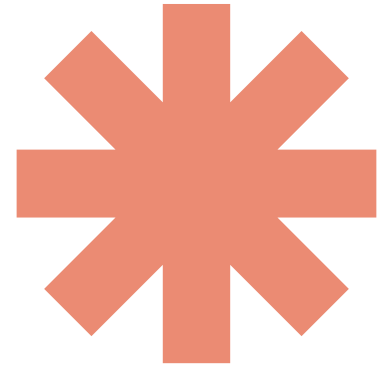
- A first paragraph contest
- Writing courses
- Book signings
- A free book and swag

Having their favorite authors inspire and empower them to pursue their dreams has had a powerful impact on students, schools, and communities. Tween attendees leave our events filled with greater empathy, confidence, knowledge, and enthusiasm, ready to tell their unique stories.



**“My students who attend the TABC events become energetic evangelists for these programs and beyond that, for writing and reading. I have seen an uptick in library use and book circulation. Teachers and librarians in my district have reported that after Tween Author Boot Camp, student attendees become partners in promoting literacy school-wide.”**

Amy Hall  
Roy Junior High



**“The Tween Author Boot Camp helps you learn things that published authors didn’t learn for years.”**

**Erik**  
age 12





# EDUCATOR TRACK

We at StoryCon can't do what we do without the support of our educators. When you choose to become a part of this event, we want to pamper and spoil you and your students! You are rock stars in our eyes! This is why we've created the ALL-NEW Educator Base Camp Track just for teachers and librarians.

When you attend StoryCon, here are some of the gifts, goodies, and perks you can expect:

- Two days of classes geared specifically toward teachers and taught by internationally best-selling authors
- Up to 3 hours of graduate credit from SUU
- Author networking opportunities
- Optional author meet-and-greet breakfast (with book giveaways)
- Vendor hall and presenter signing access
- Free webinars from bestselling authors to share with students year-round
- Newfound community and connection with other Literacy Hero educators
- Students returning to your schools as joyful literacy advocates
- A year's classroom subscription to the TABC Vault (hundreds of hours of educational author presentations with common-core aligned lesson plans)





# How Do I Get My Students to StoryCon?

Let's address the elephant in the (class)room.

Money.

You may be thinking that there's no way your school can afford to send kids to StoryCon.



That's why we're doing everything in our power to ensure this is affordable for you and your students.



Visit [OperationLiteracy.org/schoolfunding](https://www.operationliteracy.org/schoolfunding) to access the resources we've compiled for you, including:

- Discounted School Passes
- Guidance on accessing funding like Utah School Land Trust Program
- Sample outreach letters you can use to request support from your PTA, PTO, school district foundation, administration, etc.
- Tips for splitting costs between different funding sources
- Tips for funding transportation
- StoryCon scholarships

If you're still stuck, please reach out. Email [contact@operationliteracy.org](mailto:contact@operationliteracy.org) and share your story. There may be something we can do. It's our mission to ensure equity and access to literacy-empowering programs for every child.



Thanks to the generous donation of Wall Street Journal Bestselling author Jeff Wheeler and his wife Gina, StoryCon is thrilled to provide a need-based scholarship to help students attend the conference. Apply for a \$500 grant to help send up to 25 of your students to the conference. This grant pays for 25 registrations to Tween Author Boot Camp or 7 registrations to Teen Author Boot Camp. (Transportation costs are not included.)

Learn more at [www.operationliteracy.org/scholarships](https://www.operationliteracy.org/scholarships)

# How Do I Prepare My Students for StoryCon?

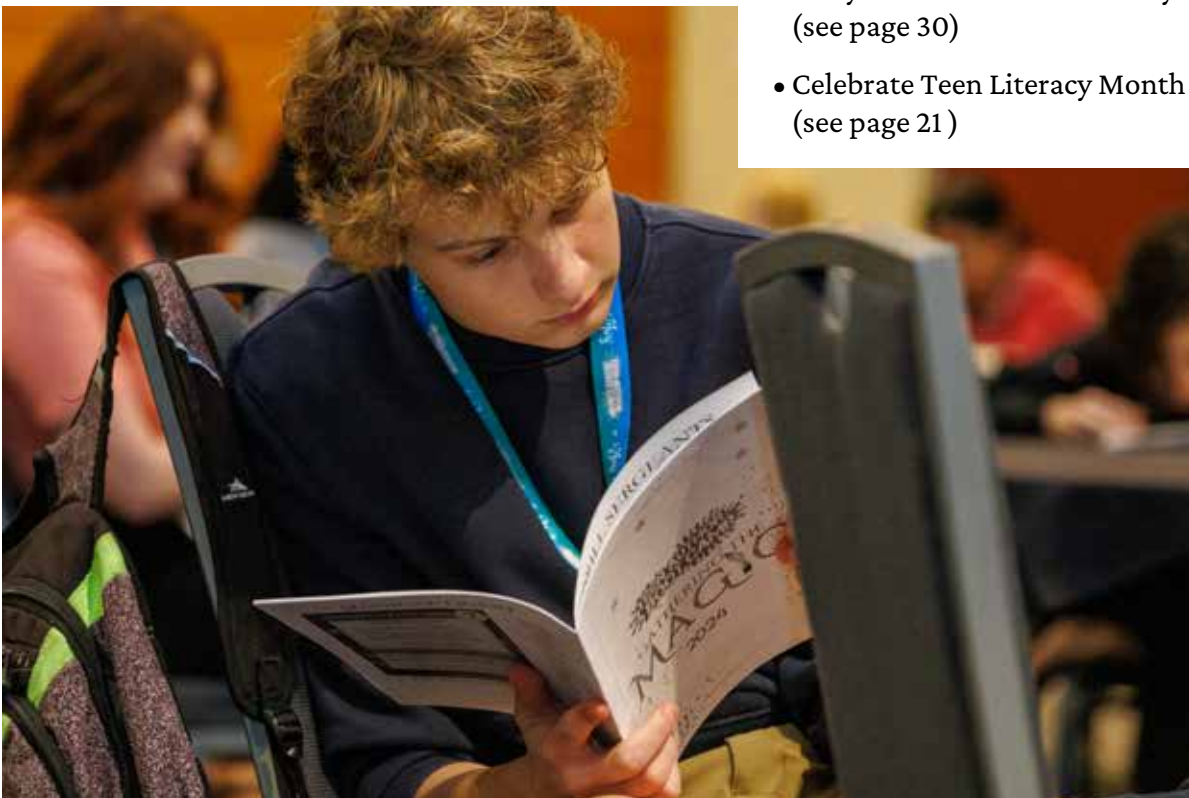
*StoryCon is meant to impact your students all year, not just at the two-day annual event. The rest of this guide is dedicated to programs and resources that Operation Literacy has put in place to help embed the joy of literacy and inspire the celebration of books and storytelling in your school culture.*

Please get involved in whatever ways are most valuable to you and the students you serve. Let us help to lighten your lift!

## **Prepare as a school group for your experience at StoryCon!**

- Join the StoryCon Book Club (Free virtual author visits for elementary and secondary students with fun pre-activities brainstormed by teachers like you!) (see page 20)

- Encourage reading of books by the upcoming StoryCon authors in your schools.
- Get your students involved in first line, paragraph, and chapter contests (see page 22)
- Help students apply to be published in our poetry and short story anthologies (see page 23)
- Dedicate a section in your school or classroom library to books by StoryCon authors and encourage students to read before the event
- Nominate students or educators for the Book Hero awards (see page 29)
- Help students nominate favorite books to the Teen Readers Choice Awards (see page 28)
- Use your free subscription to TABC Classroom's writing classes (see page 24)
- Tell your students about StoryCon Summer Camps (see page 30)
- Celebrate Teen Literacy Month with us in March (see page 21)





# STORYCON BOOK CLUB

*StoryCon Book Club: Virtual Author Visits, co-hosted by Operation Literacy and #1 New York Times bestselling author Jennifer A. Nielsen, Utah Ambassador of Young People's Literature*

## What?

Free, webinar-style classroom author visits by bestselling authors. Three for teens (Grades 7-12) and three for tweens (Grades 4-6) each school year. These will consist of 45-minute virtual author visits, including Q&A with pre-submitted questions by schools across the country. Pre-activities for encouraging the reading of the book will be offered.

## Why?

In keeping with Operation Literacy's mission to promote literacy for children and teens with an emphasis in underserved populations, and align with USLA's goal to provide professional support, leadership and enrichment for library media educators and associates, we present this program to embed love of literature, empower confident readers, and build cultures of literacy in our communities.

## When?

Final dates TBA, in September, November, and February 2024-2025 (All Book Clubs will be recorded for later viewing)

## Who?

Any interested students and educators from public, charter, private, or home schools across the country

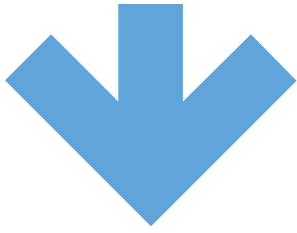


## How?

Visit [operationliteracy.org/bookclub](https://operationliteracy.org/bookclub) to sign up for the Zoom webinar and recorded version, or email [cco@operationliteracy.org](mailto:cco@operationliteracy.org) to get on our list.

Learn more here





# TEEN LITERACY MONTH

In 2024, Operation Literacy achieved a dream, writing a declaration that Utah Governor Spencer J. Cox signed naming March: **TEEN LITERACY MONTH**. To celebrate, Operation Literacy hosts an annual FREE writing contest for Utah teens in grades 7-12.

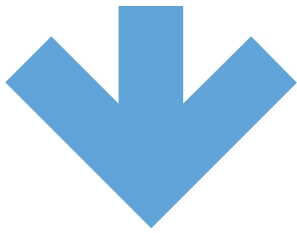
The contest includes writing in the categories of poetry, persuasive writing, narrative writing, exposition, and graphic novel. Entries are judged by Operation Literacy with support from local university partners.

2024 winners received book bundles, and an exclusive meet and greet with Utah's First Lady, Abby Cox, and #1 NYT Bestselling author, Jennifer A. Nielsen, the Utah Ambassador of Young People's Literature.

Submissions will open in January 2025.

We also invite you and your students to join us in creating your own activities and programs to celebrate Teen Literacy Month 2025. For ideas and submission info, visit our website.





# CONTESTS & PUBLICATIONS

learn more about our contests and publishing opportunities  
[operationliteracy.org/contests](https://operationliteracy.org/contests)



## CONTESTS

An exciting part of StoryCon will be announcing the winners of our First Chapter and First Line contests (for teens) and First Paragraph Contest (for tweens). These contests are a great way to recognize the hard work your students have put into their creative writing assignments. In the past, many teachers have offered extra credit to students who participate. Entries are judged on uniqueness of idea, well-rounded and interesting characters, pacing and story flow, ease of reading, and grammatical accuracy. Winners receive a beautiful engraved trophy and main stage recognition in front of their peers.



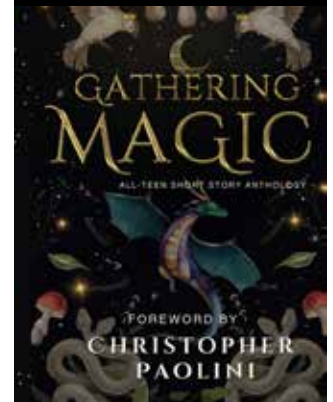
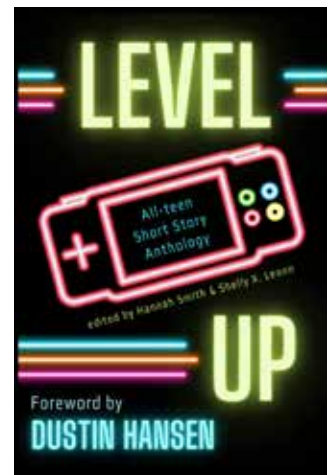
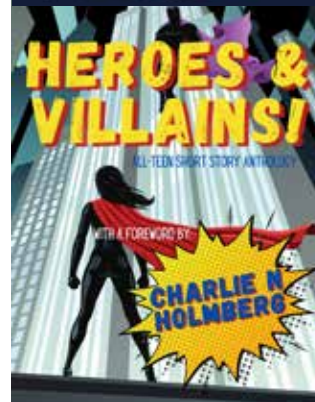
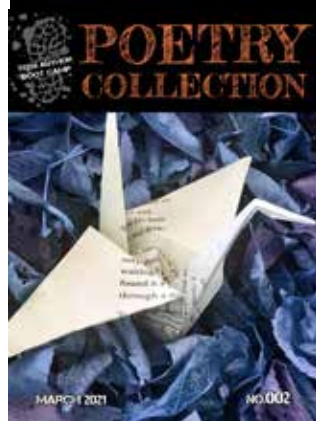
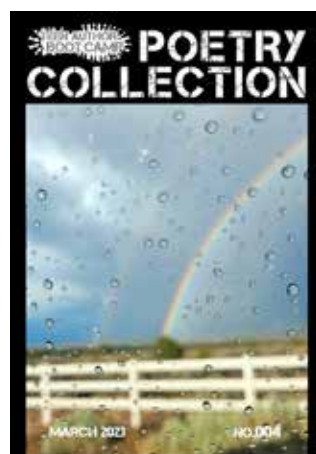
## PUBLICATIONS

Help your students become a published author or poet!



StoryCon's Teen Author Boot Camp program partners with Owl Hollow Press to publish a teen-only short story anthology and annual poetry collection! Submissions are open from June 1-December 15th.

Both publications will be released February 21, 2025 at the Salt Palace in Salt Lake City, UT in conjunction with StoryCon. Published teen authors and poets will be invited to attend a special reception held in their honor prior to our annual Teen Readers' Choice Awards gala.





# TABC CLASSROOM

What if you had keynote speeches and writing classes taught by professional authors in the convenience of your classroom? Common-core-aligned lesson plans geared toward enhanced writing? A collection of videos you could use to teach your students writing skills that will serve them throughout their lives?

That’s where TABC Classroom comes in.

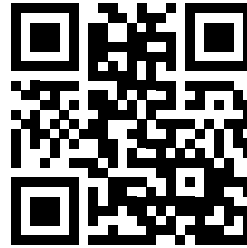
With TABC Classroom, you’ll have access to an entire library of instructional videos and lesson plans featuring some of the famous authors in the industry. And these classes aren’t just for aspiring journalists or writers. These classes will teach students to write with more precision and power, which leads to higher confidence and more success in later endeavors.

And of course, these online instructions are a goldmine of resources for students who love reading and have dreams of becoming authors themselves.

**A free year’s subscription to TABC Classroom is our gift to you today.**



## Here’s how to access it!



1. Scan this QR code to get to the **tabcclassroom.com** site.
2. From the top right menu bar click **PLANS & PRICING**

Your Plan is the \$99 TABC CLASSROOM VAULT on the right hand side. (not the Auto-renew)

3. Select **TABC CLASSROOM VAULT**
4. Next Click **Sign Up** and enter the email you would like to use for this account.
5. Then select a password.
6. Lastly, where it says “Enter a coupon code” on the right, that is where you enter your code: **SHOWUP!**
7. Click the “Get Plan” button to complete the account set up and you are ready to explore the VAULT.

To see a short video on creating an account and navigating the vault by using this QR code below.



TABC CLASSROOM  
LOGIN & ORIENTATION



**“I am not a writer and don’t enjoy teaching writing. But TABC Classroom has amazing content that my girls will love. They love to create characters for their books but I needed better content to help them know how to do it better.”**

**Jana Jackson**  
Texas home educator



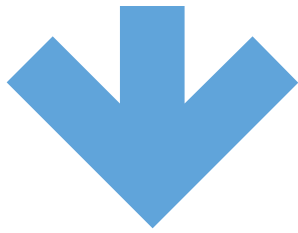
**GOT A STRUGGLING  
OR DYSLEXIC READER?**

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SUPERPOWERS**

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AFFORDABLE**

**“**After two years of pre-school, my son was still struggling with basic letters. But after just one week of **OPERATION READ**, he was noticeably improving and, best of all, he was excited to learn!**”**  
– Amy Hancock

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# BOOK DROP

## What is Book Drop?

Book Drop is the brainchild of Jennifer A. Nielsen, established in partnership with Operation Literacy to fight the nation’s literacy crisis. Book Drop brings highly-acclaimed authors to economically disadvantaged and Title 1 schools across the United States. The authors donate a powerful and motivating assembly that helps students of all ages and backgrounds fall in love with books and reading. Book Drop then donates one signed copy of the author’s book to each student in the school.

## Why do I need it?

Students who receive a book—sometimes their first book—from an author who visits their school are much more likely to believe in themselves as readers.

## How do I bring a Book Drop to my Title 1 School?

Apply today at [operationliteracy.org/bookdrop](https://operationliteracy.org/bookdrop).



Letter from Program Director **Jennifer A. Nielsen**



“As an author, one day I visited a school in Richmond, California for Title 1 students. Every student lived in poverty. Most had at least one family member in a gang, in prison, or both. Most would not get another meal after leaving school each afternoon.

During the assembly, I showed a picture of a boy hanging from a chain link fence by his underwear, one I’d shown hundreds of times before. It always gets an enormous laugh from the students, and then I ask, “How did that boy get there?” Hands always shoot into the air as the students eagerly create that boy’s story.

But not here. The students laughed, but nobody raised their hands. They had no idea how that boy got onto the fence because it required them to imagine something that wasn’t already in the picture. Why couldn’t they imagine? These students had video games and television,

# “As long as children do not have equal access to books, we will never live in a truly equal society.”

**Dick Robinson**

Former President of Scholastic Books

but those don't require imagination. What they lacked was books. How can these students imagine themselves on a college campus if they can't even imagine how that boy got onto the fence?

This was what inspired me to partner with Operation Literacy to bring you Book Drop, a program that provides free author visits to Title 1 schools, and a free signed copy of that author's book to every child in those schools.

Today, thanks to the generosity of donors around the country, the Book Drop program has provided more than 30,000 students in the country with a book of their own. Since it might be their only book, we chose titles that teach empathy, tenacity, confidence, and more. We chose books that children love to read, earning feedback such as this from a fourth-grade teacher at Whitesides Elementary in Utah, “They all wanted to be authors by the end of the assembly. I've never seen such enthusiasm about reading.”



We also choose authors of the highest caliber, earning this feedback from Principal Monique McDermott regarding author Shelly Brown: “I got tears in my eyes with the message from Shelly Brown. She told the kids exactly what they most needed to hear. You could've heard a pin drop in that room.”

We have been able to send authors to more than thirty Title 1 schools in five different states—schools with very low test scores, high poverty rates, and with students who are eager to learn yet cannot believe that anyone found them special enough to bring an author in and give them a book.

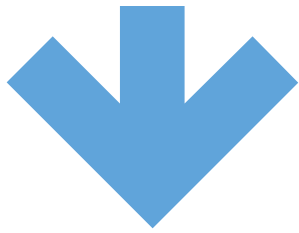
A book is not simply a fun story. When you give a child a book, you are giving them the chance to dream, to imagine something greater for their life. You are giving them confidence, curiosity, and empathy for others. You are giving the child the tools to create a better future for themselves.

We want to bring a Book Drop to your Title One School. Apply here today to let Operation Literacy help you provide the gift of reading to more of your students.



**Jennifer Nielsen**

Book Drop Program Director



# TEEN READERS' CHOICE AWARDS & GALA

The **Teen Readers' Choice Awards** is the only book award contest where the winners are selected exclusively by teens! This contest is meant to highlight their favorite literature that celebrates the diversity, challenges, beauty, and growth that comes from being an adolescent. When voting is complete, a Gala is held to award the winners and raise funds for Operation Literacy's philanthropic programs.

Share the Teen Readers' Choice Awards in your classroom so your students can have their voice heard and vote for their favorite books! It's free to vote and only takes a moment. Find out more at [operationliteracy.org/vote](https://operationliteracy.org/vote)





# Book Hero Awards

*The Book Hero Awards the is a chance for Operation Literacy to annually honor one organization, one educator, and one teen that have been making great strides in promoting literacy!*

*Nominate a student, educator, or organization at [operationliteracy.org/bookhero](http://operationliteracy.org/bookhero)*

*Here are some of the most recent honorees.*

## **Teen Honoree - Esdras Acheyta**

Esdras Ancheyta hated school until an amazing teacher in charge of the Latinos in Action program took Ancheyta under his wing. Since then, Esdras has been engaged in volunteering, including frequent service projects of reading to elementary school kids and running book drives. Esdras is an incredible example of service and dedication.

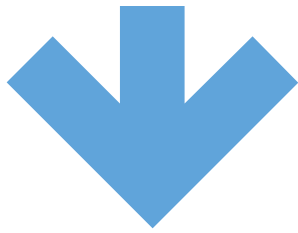
## **Educator Honoree - Karen Liu**

Karen has served various communities for years at the Orem Public Library, Santa Monica College Library, Concordia International School's Shanghai Campus, and Salt Lake County Library before taking on the massive role of Youth Services Coordinator at the Utah State Library Division. Operation Literacy has seen firsthand the heart she puts into her work, and her sincere dedication to Utah's young readers.

## **Organization Honoree - Lightweaver Foundation**

Lightweaver has donated thousands of books through our Book Drop program and other initiatives. Their charitable giving extends beyond dollar signs. It also includes volunteer hours, donated keynote speeches, promotional efforts to help raise awareness, and so much more. Lightweaver was founded by Brandon and Emily Sanderson, and Operation Literacy is incredibly grateful for their continuing support.





# SUMMER CAMPS

## Have your students dreamed of learning how to write a book from published authors?

Every summer, Operation Literacy partners with UVU to bring you award-winning and bestselling author instructors in a summer camp designed to make all their writing dreams come true. With two weeks for tweens and one for teens, students learn techniques and tricks it took published authors years to master. After a week of hands-on learning, writing practice, and fun activities, students return to their homes, schools, and communities confident, inspired, and ready to write their own books.



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**“I have had the experience of my life. I want to do it again. I can’t wait for next year. I will miss this year.”**

**—Rhett**  
Age 11

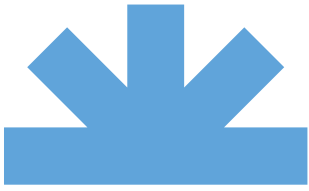




**“I found this Tween Camp fun, awesome, and inspiring me to go further in my early writing career! There is nobody better at reading your free-writes than Miss Heather Clark! I enjoyed this camp and you will too!”**

**— California R,**  
11 years of age





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