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School Presentations

Books by Amy Bearce

Three Things I've Learned about Writing and Publishing—Grades 4th –12th Adapted per grade. A description of my writing process, my experience with publication, and the steps a book goes through. Includes Q&A, and every student receives a signed bookmark. Most popular presentation.

Unlocking Your Story—grades 4th-12th
Stuck for ideas? Intimidated by that blank page? We'll talk about how to create an interesting story that includes all the necessary information from the first page to keep readers engaged. Students will also get the inside scoop on common pitfalls for new writers.

Character Development—grades 5th-8th
How to come up with ideas for characters and making them believable with indirect characterization (show not tell.)

Writing Workshop—4th – 9th, *1 class at a time*
Mini-lesson (a list of possible topics can be provided) and workshop session. Please have students prepared to write.

Writer's Club Visit-- Any age
If you have a group of dedicated writers, I'm happy to come spend an hour or eat lunch with them without a formal presentation.

Writing panels, club visits, and other special events that do not require a presentation are currently exempted from speaking fees.
Please note: Title One schools receive a discount on speaking fees and rural schools may also receive a similar discount. Let's talk!

I can't visit your location? Skyping is too difficult to schedule for all of your classes? No problem!

I have created an 18 minute virtual author visit that duplicates most of my basic presentation, interspersed with the slides used in my live presentation. Unlike with Skype, you can show this video at your convenience, stop and start as needed, and replay as many times as you'd like. After arrangements are made, I will send you the link to the video. I will follow up with a recorded video of Q&A with your students' questions, up to 15 minutes. **Free.**

Skype Visits:

For teachers who have introduced my books to their classes, I am happy to do a **free** 20 minute Skype session about writing.

If you'd like to have a more in-depth visit, my rate for a virtual visit is $50 for a one hour Skype visit. Title 1 Schools are $25.

Book Orders/Book Signings

Book orders and signings can be arranged but are completely optional for school visits.

Why do you charge at all for school visits?

Like any professional, authors invest a great deal of time and money in becoming proficient at their craft. Creating presentations takes time and effort away from writing, as does coordinating visits, creating swag like bookmarks to give out, and the speaking itself. Every presentation is adjusted to best fit the audience. In today's world, the majority of authors do not earn a livable income from their books and have another job or other sources of income. Just like teachers, we love working with students, but most authors cannot speak at schools for free, or at least not often. If we did, we would not be able to keep writing.

Amy Bearce is an author of fantasy and light science fiction. She's a former language arts teacher and school librarian. She also has sold over 300 articles, stories, and poetry for standardized assessment companies over the last 16 years on a freelance basis.

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Local Rates:

Single Presentation—1 hour presentation or workshop, each student receives a signed bookmark-- $100

Half-Day—two back-to-back presentations or workshops and a recorded Q&A follow-up video (up to 30 min)-- $150

Full-Day—Three presentations or workshops, plus a roundtable/lunch group and a follow-up Q&A video created just for your students-- $300

"[Amy's] visit was a pleasure. It provided valuable information, gave the students a much more accurate idea of what they need to do to be successful as an author and has inspired more than a few of them to start writing."—Mrs. Davis, Ramstein Intermediate School