



# Young Authors' Conference 2017

This year's theme: The Story is the Gift

**Frankford Township School**  
**2 Pines Road, Branchville, NJ**  
**9 a.m. to noon**  
**April 1, 2017**

**Wendy Mass:** author of *Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life*, *A Mango-Shaped Space*, and *Every Soul a Star*  
**Ken Karnas:** Acclaimed storyteller, and the 2016 Lehigh Valley Story Slam Grand Slam winner  
**S. Thomas Summers:** author of *Private Hercules McGraw* & *The Journals of Lt Kendall Everly*

**What is it?** The Young Authors' Conference is an opportunity for writers, kindergarten to adult, to share their writing with other students and friends. It is also an opportunity to participate in mini-sessions designed to expand writing skills. Participants will hear professional authors share their own creative process on the path to publication. Books will be available for purchase and autographing by the authors. A book fair will be an added bonus.

**What is the purpose?** The purpose of the conference is to motivate and stimulate children's creative writing and to provide students with recognition for their own work.

**Who may attend?** All area students in grades K - 12, as well as adults are invited.

**What to bring?** Everyone should bring an original written work to share.

**Registration: EVERYONE MUST REGISTER BEFORE March 14, 2017**

**Please print clearly:**

Name of young author or adult \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

*If you are an adult registering and wish to be with your child (K-1) during the day, please check here* \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost:** \_\_\_ **\$8.00 per person**, includes conference registration and snack

\_\_\_ **\$16.00 per person**, includes conference registration, snack, and T-shirt

**T-shirt sizes: Child: large** \_\_\_\_\_

**Adult: Small** \_\_\_\_\_, **Medium** \_\_\_\_\_, **Large** \_\_\_\_\_, **XL** \_\_\_\_\_, **XXL (\$1.00 extra)** \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any medical conditions the organizers of the Young Author's Conference should be aware of?  
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*I authorize my child to attend the Young Authors' Conference 2017. In the event of a MEDICAL EMERGENCY, I understand every effort will be made to contact the parents or guardians of the students. In the event I cannot be reached, I hereby give permission to the Young Author's Conference to hospitalize, and/or secure treatment for my child as named above.*

Parent/ Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*Please mail forms to and make checks payable to:*

**High Point Regional H.S., Adult & Community Education, Attn: Candy Horner, 299 Pidgeon Hill Rd., Wantage, NJ 07461** (Everyone will receive a confirmation letter. If you do not receive one by March 24, 2017 please email Seamus Campbell at [scampbell@hpregonal.org](mailto:scampbell@hpregonal.org))

Young Authors' Conference is sponsored by the One Book, One Community Project and supported by the school districts of High Point Regional, Frankford Township, Lafayette Township, Sussex-Wantage Regional, and Montague Township.

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## BOOK ORDERS

As part of the Young Authors' Conference, authors, Wendy Mass and S. Thomas Summers, will share and autograph their books. Students will have an opportunity to purchase books and have them autographed at the conference. If you wish to pre-order their books, or any of the One Book Choices, please complete the following form and include it with your payment and conference registration (*checks payable to High Point Regional H.S. Adult and Community Education, same as above*).

Also, you can order copies of the One Book, One Community books through us (via Sparta Books) for pick-up on the day of the event. Those books and prices are, as follows:



### **JEREMY FINK AND THE MEANING OF LIFE, \$8.00**

Twelve-year-old Jeremy receives a wooden box in the mail with the words, "The Meaning of Life—for Jeremy Fink to open on his 13th birthday." The box has four locks, requiring four keys. But the keys are missing. He and his best friend Lizzy (who has a little habit of stealing things) set off on a quest through the streets of Manhattan to find the keys before time runs out.

### **A Mango-Shaped Space \$8.00**

Thirteen-year-old Mia Winchell appears to be the most normal kid in her family. Her younger brother Zack keeps a chart of all the McDonald's hamburgers he's eaten in his lifetime. Her older sister Beth dyes her hair a different color every week and might be a witch. But Mia knows she is far from ordinary. She is keeping something from everyone who knows her: the fact that sounds, numbers, and letters have color for her.



### **Every Soul a Star \$9.00**



ALLY likes the simple things in life--labyrinths, stargazing, and comet hunting. Her home, the Moon Shadow Campground, is a part of who she is. BREE is popular, gorgeous (everybody says so), and a future homecoming queen for sure. She wears her beauty like a suit of armor. But what is she trying to hide? JACK, overweight and awkward, is used to spending a lot of time alone. But when opportunity knocks, he finds himself in situations he never would have imagined. When the three of them meet during a total eclipse of the sun, their lives change forever.

### **11 BIRTHDAYS \$7.00**

Amanda's 11th birthday should have been a happy occasion. Instead she's dressed in an itchy costume her mother picked out for her Hollywood-themed party that almost no one comes to. Meanwhile, across town, her ex-best friend Leo is celebrating their joint birthday with a huge bash including a hypnotist, a football star, a giant iguana, and a rock band. Amanda can't wait for the day AFTER her birthday so she can stop thinking about the fight that led to her and Leo having separate parties for the first time in their lives. There's just one problem. The next day is her birthday all over again. Amanda must figure out how to get un-stuck, in more ways than one.



### **FINALLY \$7.00**

Book 2 in the Willow Falls series. Rory Swenson has been waiting her whole life to turn twelve. And she's got a list to prove it. But as she makes her way through the list, things don't go quite as planned! Fun, funny, and full of surprises, this is a story about wanting to finally grow up, even when the universe seems to be telling you to wait.

### **13 GIFTS \$7.00**

Book 3 in the Willow Falls series. When Tara tries to steal the school mascot in order to make friends popular crowd and gets caught, she gets sent to spend the summer with her aunt, uncle, and strange St. Claire in Willow Falls. Things start off weird and only get stranger from there as she has to find objects hidden around town and unravels secrets about her own family she never would have guessed.



with the cousin Emily mysterious

### **THE LAST PRESENT \$7.00**



Book 4 in the Willow Falls series. Amanda and Leo have a history with birthdays. Now their friend's little sister, Grace, has fallen into a strange frozen state on her birthday, and Amanda and Leo must travel back in time in order to heal her. As they journey back to each of Grace's birthdays, they uncover a lot more than they ever expected, and set a powerful force into motion.

**GRACEFUL \$17.00**

Last book in the Willow Falls series! Angelina D'Angelo has left town to see the world. It's now Grace's turn to use her magic to protect the people of Willow Falls, and she is up to the challenge. This is her destiny, after all. But destiny is a funny thing because it doesn't always behave the way you'd expect it to.



**PI IN THE SKY \$8.00**

Joss comes from a family of overachievers, and is happy to let his older brothers shine. But when Earth suddenly disappears, Joss is tasked with the not-so-simple job of bringing it back. With the help of an outspoken girl named Annika, Joss embarks on the adventure of a lifetime and learns that the universe is an even stranger place than he'd imagined. Funny science fiction!



**THE CANDYMAKERS \$19.00**

Four children have been chosen to compete in a national competition to create the best new candy. Who will invent a candy more delicious than the Oozing Crunchorama or the Neon Yellow Lightning Chew? Logan, the Candymaker's son, who can detect the color of chocolate by touch alone? Miles, the boy who is allergic to merry-go-rounds and the color pink? Daisy, the cheerful girl who can lift a fifty-pound lump of taffy like it's a feather? Or Philip, the suit-and-tie wearing boy who's always scribbling in a secret notebook? This story, told from each contestant's perspective, is candy-coated mystery full of mouthwatering surprises!



**THE CANDYMAKER SAND THE GREAT CHOCOLATE CHASE \$19.00**

When the Candymaker announces that they will be going on tour to introduce the new candy bar, the four friends see this as an opportunity to make things right. But with a fifty-year-old secret revealed and stakes higher for each of them than they ever imagined, they will have to trust one another—and themselves—in order to face what lies ahead. In this action-packed sequel to the bestselling novel *The Candymakers*, prepare to embark on a journey full of hidden treasures, secret worlds, and candy.

**TWICE UPON A TIME series \$7.00 each**



**RAPUNZEL, SLEEPING BEAUTY, BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**

Journey back to the days when fairy tales were true, and remember, there are two sides to every story...this series alternates viewpoints between the prince and the princess of your favorite tales to let you know what REALLY went on. It won't be what you expect!

**SPACE TAXI series \$6.00 each**



Books 1-5 in order from left to right. Note: pub date for book 6 is April, 2017

Archie Morningstar is 8 years, 8 months and 8 days old when he learns that his dad isn't a regular taxi driver. He's actually a SPACE taxi driver whose job is to shuttle aliens from planet to planet! Archie discovers he has the ability to read the space map that guides his

dad's taxi through space. He can't imagine anything more exciting—until he meets a very special talking cat and helps save the universe! Each book takes them on new adventures filled with fascinating planets and aliens, and teaches the reader fun science facts along the way! You don't HAVE to start with book one, Archie Takes Flight, but it's helpful. :o)

**Stephen Thomas Summers'** books will be available for sale on the day of the Conference. Please bring cash to purchase them directly from Sparta Books.

Book	Price	Quantity
Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life	\$8.00	
A Mango-Shaped Space	\$8.00	
Every Soul a Star	\$9.00	
11 Birthdays	\$7.00	
Finally	\$7.00	
13 Gifts	\$7.00	
The Last Present	\$7.00	
Graceful	\$17.00	
Pi in the Sky	\$8.00	
The Candymakers	\$9.00	
The Candymakers and the Great Chocolate Chase	\$19.00	
Twice Upon a Time Series	\$7.00 per book	
Space Taxi	\$6.00 per book	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$</b>

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