

# Resources for Author/Illustrator School Visits

## Finding Authors and Illustrators

- SCBWI National Speakers Directory [www.scbwi.org/speakers-bureau/](http://www.scbwi.org/speakers-bureau/)  
(searchable for Illinois authors!)
- Authors by State Blog [www.authorbystate.blogspot.com/](http://www.authorbystate.blogspot.com/)
- American Library Association [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org)
- Authors@Your Library
- Illinois Library Association [www.ila.org/](http://www.ila.org/)
- SKYPE an Author <http://skypeanauthor.wikifoundry.com/>
- Contact nearby bookstores:
  - Anderson's Bookshops <http://www.andersonsbookshop.com/>
  - Author Breakfast (February)
  - The Magic Tree Bookshop [www.magictreebooks.com](http://www.magictreebooks.com)
- Look for Individual author websites or publisher websites



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## Grant Opportunities

- The Amber Brown Grant [www.scbwi.org](http://www.scbwi.org)
- Chicago Art Partnership in Education (CAPE) [www.capeweb.org](http://www.capeweb.org)
- Illinois Reading Council (Literacy Support Grant) [www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org](http://www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org)
- Illinois Arts Council [www.state.il.us/agency/IAC/](http://www.state.il.us/agency/IAC/)
- Illinois State Library (Penny Severns Grants) <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/grants/severnsgrant.html>
- The Foundation Center [www.fdncenter.org](http://www.fdncenter.org)
- Foundations On-Line [www.foundations.org](http://www.foundations.org)
- NEA Literacy Grants [www.nea.org](http://www.nea.org)
- School Grants <http://k12grants.org/>

## Foundations, organizations, and programs that provide grants to supplement cost of author/illustrator visit:

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| Adopt a Classroom                  | Target Arts or Literacy Grant | GrantsAlert.com        |
| Barnes & Noble Co-Sponsorship      | Verizon Foundation            | Reading is Fundamental |
| Dollar General Literacy Foundation | Wal-Mart Grants               | Grant Wrangler         |
| Donors Choose                      |                               |                        |

## Funding options that schools have used successfully:

- Pre-order books directly from a bookseller, or publisher, asking that a portion of the sales be directed towards the speaker's fee
- Contact SCBWI or other writing organizations to find local speakers and forego travel expenses
- Piggyback onto a local writing conference, engaging their speaker to stay over or come early.
- Hold a "Penny Drive." The room that contributes the most, wins lunch with the speaker
- Partner with other local schools so that the speaker's travel costs can be split
- Treat the day like a field trip and ask each child to contribute \$2
- Title I monies
- Sponsorships from local businesses

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