



In-Person Author Visit Packet

Presentation Menu:

Rad Robots

Best for grades K-2nd (45 minutes)

This fun STEM/STEAM program is all about robots (fiction and non-fiction ones) and Shanda's STEM-friendly picture book, *DOLL-E 1.0*. Students will also learn about "hidden stories" in illustrations and how to draw a robot step-by-step. The session concludes with some Q&A and robot dance moves!

Illustration is Magical

Best for grades K-2nd (45 minutes)

In this program, Shanda shares her love for picture books and graphic novels! She'll demonstrate how an illustration can change the meaning of words, then she'll teach students to draw one of her book characters step-by-step! At the end, Shanda will answer questions and send the students off with their own illustration challenge.

Reading, Drawing, and Q&A

Best for grades K-2nd (30 minutes)

Shanda is happy to read any one of her books, to demonstrate how to draw a character from the story, and of course to answer students' questions at the end!

Daring Drones

Best for grades 3rd-5th (45 minutes)

This fun STEM/STEAM program looks at drones and Shanda's STEM-friendly picture book, *T-BONE THE DRONE*. In her research, Shanda learned the possibilities are "as big as the sky" when it comes to these aerial machines ... monitoring wildlife, search and rescue, planting trees, and even firefighting! Students will also learn how to draw a drone step-by-step, and watch Shanda fly her tiny drone around the room!

Words + Illustrations = Magic

Best for grades 3rd-5th (45 minutes)

In this program, Shanda will talk about "the dance" that words and pictures do *together* in picture books and graphic novels and will demonstrate the power that illustrations can have over the meaning and tone of words. Then, she'll lead students through a directed character drawing, answer questions, and encourage students to create their own story with pictures! *This presentation can also be tailored for middle school, high school, or teachers/parents.*

In-Person/Full Day Pricing:

All-Inclusive! There are no additional costs for hotel, airfare, mileage, food, or any other travel expenses. Schools will receive a simple invoice with a single price.

Local

Within 60 miles of 30107

\$950

Somewhat Local

61-300 miles of 30107

\$1600

And Beyond

More than 300 miles from 30107

\$2100

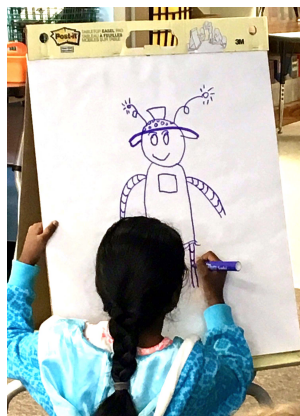
A full day visit includes three presentations, book signing, and lunch with a small group of students (if desired).

Two schools may share a full-day visit, which is defined as a total of three presentations at two locations. A fourth presentation may be requested for an additional \$300.

****Group Discount:** Schools in the same area or district that book 2 or more consecutive days qualify for a discounted rate of \$1400 per day for “somewhat local” and \$1900 per day for “beyond”.

Title I schools qualify for a \$100 discount.

****Save \$100 off each day by participating in a signed book sale (online) set up by Shanda!**



A Book Sale is Easy!

I use [AuthorVisitCentral.com](https://www.AuthorVisitCentral.com) for book sales because it's easy on everyone involved, it's web-based (so there's no need to collect money or forms), and it supports indie bookstores! Not to mention for every 15 books purchased, AVC will donate a free book to your school for the library or for a student who wasn't able to order one. Shanda will set everything up! All you'll need to do is get the word out :)

Here's how it works:

1. I'll provide a flier to go home with students that tells families about my upcoming visit and directs them to [AuthorVisitCentral.com](https://www.AuthorVisitCentral.com) where they can order signed books (online) with a six-digit code. The ordering cutoff date is typically 2 weeks *before* the in-person visit date to allow enough time for shipping.
2. The books ship straight to your school! You'll be emailed a list of students who purchased a book so the book signing and distribution goes smoothly at the event.



Dear families,



Author-illustrator Shanda McCloskey

will visit Savannah Christian on May 7, 2021 to talk with students about robots and drones, what it's like to be an author-illustrator, and being perfectly imperfect! Learn more about Shanda and her books at [ShandaMc.com](https://www.ShandaMc.com).



We've made arrangements for Shanda to personalize and sign books for any readers who would like to order them! (Signed books make great gifts too.)

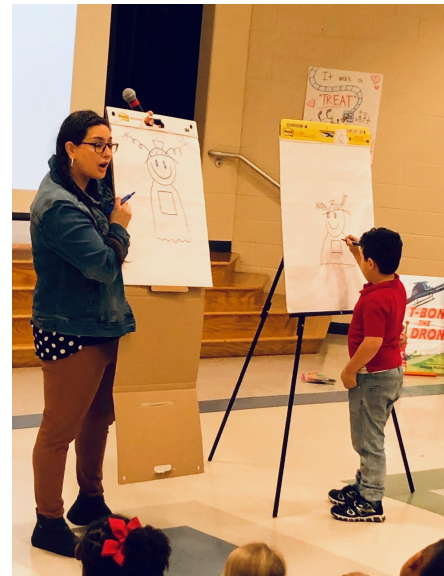
Orders may be placed online at:
[AuthorVisitCentral.com](https://www.AuthorVisitCentral.com)
with event code: **SCPS25**
Place orders by: April 25

Purchased books will be shipped to your student's school and signed the day of the event.
Every 15 books purchased earns a free book for your school!

Tips for a GREAT Visit:

For virtual presentations, I will need:

- Any virtual meeting platform (such as Zoom) hosted by the school
- Someone to monitor the students, chat, and questions during the meeting in-person or online
- Paper and pencil for each student so they can follow along during the drawing demo



For in-person presentations, I will need:

- A computer with PowerPoint, projector/screen (with sound)
- Microphone for large groups/spaces
- A remote control to advance slides (if possible)
- Room to comfortably walk back and forth in front of the audience
- Clipboard, paper, and a pencil for each student to follow along during the drawing demo (optional)

3 Tips to Make the Most of Our Visit:

1. Prepare the kids (and their teachers). There's nothing better than speaking to a group of students and staff who are excited I'm there! Students will be more engaged and will ask great questions if they know a bit about me and my books BEFORE the event day. My website, ShandaMc.com, is a great place to start!
2. Participate in the book sale. This is not a requirement, but so appreciated! It gives students a chance to own a personalized, signed book by a real-live author-illustrator that they actually met at their actual school!
3. Encourage teachers to follow-up the presentation with class discussion or an activity back in their classrooms. There are writing and drawing activities located on my website, ShandaMc.com, that are FREE for the taking!