



2026-2027 School Year Author-illustrator Presentations

Reading & Drawing

Best for grades PreK-1st (30 minutes). Suitable for small groups and large assemblies.

In this short presentation (perfect for wiggly listeners with short attention spans) Shanda will read *DOLL-E 1.0* aloud and teach students to draw a character from the story.

Rad Robots

Best for grades K-5th (45 minutes). Suitable for small groups and large assemblies.

This fun STEM/STEAM presentation highlights fiction *and* non-fiction robots that Shanda researched as she wrote and illustrated her award-winning, STEM-friendly picture book, *DOLL-E 1.0*, which she will read aloud. Then, Shanda will demonstrate how to draw the robot from the story and answer questions.

Be a BIG ~~BAD~~ RAD Editor

Best for grades 1st-5th (45 minutes). Suitable for small groups and large assemblies.

Students will see how Shanda edited the cover of *Little Red and the Big Bad Editor*, from the first sketch to final color (including one giant, embarrassing mistake)! Then, Shanda will read the story aloud, talk about “FEEDback sandwiches,” and finish up with a pencil character drawing activity and Q&A.

Words + Illustration = Magic

Best for grades 3rd-5th (45 minutes). Suitable for small groups and large assemblies.

In this program, Shanda talks about how she *finally* found joy in reading once she discovered how words and pictures “magically” tell stories together in picture books (like *DOLL-E 1.0*) and graphic novels. Throughout the presentation, students will draw along with Shanda to complete a final “magic” example, then Q&A at the end.

Rube Goldberg Machines

Best for grades 3rd-5th (45 minutes). Suitable for small groups and large assemblies.

Featuring Shanda’s non-fiction picture book, *SMASH, CRASH, TOPPLE, ROLL!*, this program highlights Rube Goldberg’s dilemma with modern technology of the time, his wacky machine cartoons, and the vast reach of Rube’s inspiration (with the help of the six simple machines). The presentation wraps up with a machine-drawing challenge and Q&A.

Cheesy Comics - A Hands-On Writing & Illustrating Workshop!

Best for grades 3rd-5th (45 minutes - 1 hour). Suitable for groups of 60 or fewer students.

What’s better than reading comics? Making them! Shanda will share why this art form “melts” her, and then walk students through the process of creating a “cheesy” character and a 4-panel story comic of their own. **Add on this fun workshop to a full day of assemblies for just \$300!**



In-Person, Full Day Pricing

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



A full day visit includes 3 presentations and lunch with a group of students (if desired). **Additional sessions can be added** for \$300 each. **Add an evening session** for \$600.

Local	Local-ish	Road Trip	So Fly
Within 70 miles from 30107	71-250 miles from 30107	251- 700 miles from 30107	700+ miles from 30107
\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,500+
(\$750 one session)	(includes travel)	(includes travel)	(includes travel)

Available Discounts for In-Person Visits:

- 1. \$100 off** - Participate in a book pre-sale (set up online by Shanda or another way you prefer).
- 2. \$75 off** - Order 25 or more books at a discounted bulk rate of \$15 each.
- 3. Title I Schools** - Get 7 FREE books (one of each available title).
- 3. Shared travel discount** - Partner with a nearby school(s) to book Shanda for two or more consecutive days for a discount per school.
- 5. Half-day share** - Add a 4th presentation to a “full day” and split the total cost with another nearby school for 2 presentations at each location.
- 6. FREE VISIT with whole school book purchase** - Order 500 books @\$15 each, and get a “Local” full-day visit FREE or \$1,500 off!

Virtual presentations are \$300 each. The school provides the meeting platform.



A Book Sale is Easy!

I use **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 my local indie bookstore! Additionally, for every 20 books purchased, I will donate a book to your school to keep or give away. I'll set everything up! All you'll need to do is get the word out.

Here's how it works:

1. I provide a flier that informs families of my upcoming visit and directs them to AuthorVisitCentral.com where they can order signed books with an event code. The ordering cutoff date is typically 1 day prior to the event.
2. I bring the purchased books and a list of the students who bought them so the book signing and distribution goes smoothly at the event.



Dear families,



Shanda McCloskey

is a local, award-winning children's author-illustrator, and she'll be visiting our school on Thursday, January 25 to talk with our students about reading, writing, revising, and robots!



Shanda loves to sign & personalize books for readers!
Bring your book(s) to be signed at the event **OR** purchase at:



AuthorVisitCentral.com with code: **KNIGHT**
Please place orders by **Wednesday, January 24th**

Ordered books will be delivered & signed at the school event.





For virtual presentations, I will need:

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



2. Participate in a book pre-sale and stock the library with my books. This is not a requirement, but it definitely inspires when students can read (or own a signed copy of) a book by a real author and illustrator they met at their school!