



Brenda Copeland has been an elementary librarian for the past seven years in the Palmyra School District, Palmyra, Pennsylvania. She earned her Master's of Library Science from Kutztown University and her bachelor's in elementary education at the University of Delaware. Brenda is very passionate about motivating kids to read. She enjoys being a guest storyteller in her spare time. Currently she and her family reside in Myerstown, Pennsylvania.

Patricia Messner has been an elementary media specialist for the past 15 years in the Lebanon City School District, Lebanon, Ohio. She earned her Master's of Education from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, and her bachelor's in elementary education at Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky. Patricia is truly a media specialist; she enjoys sharing computers with students just as much as sharing a good book. She spends time volunteering for the Special Olympics and resides in Lebanon, Ohio with her husband, Bill, daughter, three sons, and two cats, Dollie and Dave.

Brenda and Patricia are sisters and grew up in southwestern Ohio. They have completed their books over the telephone and the Internet.

Their Books

Every Day Reading Incentives (Libraries Unlimited 2009)

A Year in Picture Books: Linking to the Information Literacy Standards (Libraries Unlimited 2007)

Using Picture Books to Teach Language Arts Standards in Grades 3-5 (Libraries Unlimited 2006)

Linking Picture Books to Standards (Libraries Unlimited, 2003).

This practical resource provides ready-to-use lesson plans that connect picture books to the national English language arts standards set forth by NCTE and IRA. The book is designed for the primary grades and can be useful in either the classroom or library setting. These picture book favorites have been tested and contain patterns, worksheets, and costume ideas.

Collaborative Library Lessons for the Primary Grades: Linking Research Skills to Curriculum Standards (Libraries Unlimited, 2005).

This group of tested lessons on research skills is integrated with curriculum standards in language arts, science, and social studies. All worksheets and patterns are ready to use and are easy to follow and implement. These lessons will help enable the media specialist and classroom teacher to better work as a team to connect research skills to curriculum topics.

Workshops

TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP FOR PRIMARY GRADE TEACHERS

This presentation discusses the writing process, provides examples of lessons in publications, and provides hands-on computer work involving Web sites that are highlighted in their books. (1 to 2 hours in length)

WRITING WORKSHOP ON THE WRITING AND PUBLISHING PROCESS

This presentation includes a discussion of the writing process of the authors' books and highlights some of Brenda and Patricia's favorite picture books, Web sites, and research lessons. The authors also share reading activities, costumes, and research activities that they have used in their library classrooms. (1 hour in length)

STORYTELLING FOR THE PRIMARY AGE GROUP AS WELL AS SENIOR CITIZENS

In this presentation the authors share some of their favorite stories and books with the use of props and costumes. (30-45 minutes in length)

LIMITATIONS

Brenda and Patricia are available after school, evenings, and weekends in each of their areas. They are available summers and once a year for a presentation in any area of the country.

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