



Kathy served as the Coordinator of Children's Services in the Anoka County Library, a suburban Minneapolis system, for over twenty-five years. She has written "The NonFiction Booktalker" column for School Library Journal since 1997. She has presented at hundreds of national and state library and reading conferences all over the country and because of her wit, lively style and enthusiasm she asked to come back over and over again. She has taught classes in children's literature, served on the 2001 Newbery Committee, consults for publishers, and now presents all-day seminars on children's books for BER, the Bureau of Education and Research.

Her Books

Gotcha Good: Nonfiction Books to Get Kids Excited About Reading (2008)

Gotcha for Guys: Nonfiction Books to Get Kids Excited About Reading (2006)

Gotcha Covered: Still More Non-Fiction Booktalks to Get Kids Excited about Reading (with Michael Dahl) (2005)

Gotcha Again: More Non-Fiction Booktalks to Get Kids Excited about Reading (with Marcia Kochel) (2002)

Gotcha: Non-Fiction Booktalks to Get Kids Excited about Reading (with Marcia Kochel) (2000)

Workshops

ABOUT READING KID DAZZLERS: MOSTLY NONFICTION TO GET KIDS EXCITED

In this laughter-filled session, Kathy will motivate and energize participants as they acquire a practical repertoire of dozens of newer nonfiction titles that make kids really want to read. Kathy also shares some useful tips for doing booktalks in PowerPoint. Come prepared with some of your own favorite nonfiction to share!

- This can range for any time up to three hours. Most common is one hour to one and a half hours.

GRAB THEM! BOOKS WITH REAL GUY APPEAL

Toilets. Bathroom Habits. Gladiators. Body noises. Man-eating Tigers. War planes. BMX. Gross stuff. Forensic science. Unsolved real-life mysteries. All of the above topics have one thing in common: boys love them! And books about them and other popular topics make fine booktalks to grab boys and attract their interest. This laughter-filled session, all done with PowerPoint, gives suggestions for the kinds

of books boys REALLY like, including illustrations that get kids interested and sections to read aloud. Come prepared to share some of your own favorite books boys enjoy.

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ALA NOTABLE CHILDREN'S BOOKS 2004

This January, the American Library Association announced its pick for the most notable books of the past year. Kathy has read them all. Find out what she thinks of them in this fun-filled PowerPoint presentation. Bring your own opinions along with you!

- This can be one to one and a half hours. Updated every February!

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