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Chippewa Valley Book Festival Authors Present in 28 Area Schools

Each year, the Chippewa Valley Book Festival hosts Authors in the Schools bringing students of all ages together with some of their favorite authors and illustrators. These authors bring writing to life by offering students an inside glimpse into the writing and publishing process. They show students how they develop story ideas, characters, and draw illustrations for picture books.

The 2018 Authors in Schools events will host 38 presentations by 12 different authors including notable names such as *New York Times* bestselling picture book author/illustrator Michael Hall, *New York Times* bestselling young adult author Alethea Kontis, and nonfiction writer Mari Schuh, author of over 300 nonfiction books for young readers.

This year's authors will bring their unique tales, insights, and characters to 28 area schools. These visits often allow children to connect with the books, the authors, and the work around them. It allows students to feel empowered by the writing process and to view it as something that is exciting and creative. Many students are inspired to create new characters and write their own stories after the author visit.

"There is nothing more motivating for inspiring students to read and write than hearing a live author presentation," Pam Gardow, Memorial High School Librarian and organizer of the Authors in School Program, said. "This year, thousands of students in area schools will hear authors talk about the stories behind their books, the writing life, and how they became published authors."

As a new addition to the book festival this year, the Chippewa Valley community is invited to meet many of our school authors at the Meet the School Authors Book Sale and Signing event hosted by Eau Claire Memorial High School on Wednesday, October 17, starting at 6:00 p.m. (please enter through door 4 facing Keith Street). Author Introductions, comments, and autograph sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. The following authors will be attending the event: Sarah Ahiers, Lisl Detlefsen, Michael Hall, Beth Hautala, Alethea Kontis, David LaRochelle, Darcy Miller, Mitali Perkins, Mari Schuh, and Caren Stelson.

For more Information on Authors in School Program: <https://www.cvbookfest.org/schools/>

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If you're interested in interviewing any of the authors or covering one of the authors in the schools events, please contact: pgardow@ecasd.us.

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