

Jewels of Wisdom, Laughter and Wonder (Classroom B&C)

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Ages: 5-12 years

Griot Audrey McClure gives an interactive presentation of African folk tales accompanied by drums and hand instruments.

Writer's Workshop – “Getting Over the Fear of Rejection” (Classroom D)

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

All Audiences

Facing rejection can be one of a writer's biggest challenges. In this workshop, you'll be introduced to practical ways to reduce the chance of rejection, learn from rejection, and move on in faith toward your next "YES!"

Michelle Stimpson is an author, a speaker, and an educator who received her Bachelor of Science degree from Jarvis Christian College in 1994. She earned a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Texas at Arlington in 2002. She has had the pleasure of teaching elementary, middle, and high-school children as well as training adults.

In addition to her work in the field of education, Michelle ministers through writing and public speaking. Her highly acclaimed Christian debut novel, *Boaz Brown* (published by Time Warner/AOL), hit the stands in 2004; her second novel, *Divas of Damascus Road*, released in July of 2006, was an Essence® Bestseller.

She has completed her recently pre-released third novel, *The Good Stuff*, published by Harrison House Publishers.

"Voices of Poetry Teen Writing" (Classroom A)

10:30 a.m. – 12 noon

Ages: 13-17 years

A teen creative-writing workshop hosted by Regent Management Agency. Two guest instructors/poets and authors will recite from their books of poems and also write a brief poem and/or stanza on Poetry to give the students some guidance and ideas as to what the instructor is looking for in their writings. Poets and students will be allowed to write a brief poem or stanza on what poetry means or what poetry is to them.

LaGlynn' Gray is a writer, poet, entrepreneur, playwright, friend, author, educator, publisher, editor, mentor, producer, manager, dreamer and father to Julian. Find out more about the author from his published works: first book, *Love, Lovers and Love Lost*, and the soon-to-be-released book, *Love, Laughter & Life Lessons...Evolution of the SOUL*.

Teen Dating Violence: “Love Doesn’t Hurt” Pt. 2 (Classroom A)

12 noon - 1 p.m.

Ages: 14+ years

An overview and interactive discussion of violence in teen relationships based on Trek and Ferris’ relationship in *Backseats and Bleachers: A High School Love Story* by Alexis Rhone. We’ll cover: how to identify violence in teen relationships; the signs of abuse; dating violence myths; warning signs of perpetrators (abuser); how to address the situation if you or your friend are in an abusive relationship. This workshop is recommended for teens (14-18), college students, and parents of teens.

Alexis Rhone is a YA author devoted to candidly exploring teen/young adult issues through fiction. Graciously labeled “the black Judy Blume,” her universal stories and raw voice engages even the most reluctant of readers. Her debut novel, *Premature Pleasures* (2001), hit Children’s/Young Adult bestseller lists around the southwest region and her sophomore release, *Secret Shame* (2003), debuted #2 on *The Dallas Morning News* Bestsellers List and #3 in *Essence Magazine* (September 2003); *Backseats and Bleachers: A High School Love Story* and she is sketching her fourth and final project in the Trek Baden-series, *Cover the Coo*, where her main character Trek is a freshman in college, facing an unplanned pregnancy and confusion about which one of her beaus is the baby’s father.

Illustrating with Jennifer Kindert (Classroom B&C)

12 noon – 1 p.m.

Ages: 7-12 years

Children will be introduced to a fun-filled event using professional artist materials and techniques to create their own illustration. A presentation of the Book Illustration process will also be given, explaining how artists work with publishing houses on producing and delivering final art for print.

Jennifer Kindert was raised in Stockholm, Sweden and attended the International Art School in Stockholm. She later earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Illustration from New York City’s Fashion Institute of Technology-State University of New York. Her illustrated book titles include: *Hurry Up* by Bernette Ford, *Mommy’s Bed* by Sonia Black, both parts of the *Just For You!* -series published by Scholastic, *The Christmas Puppy* and *Llamas in Pajamas* by Teddy Slater, published by Sterling/Barnes & Noble, *My Journey with a Dragon* by Sa Eun Kim, *The Seon Nyu and Namu Ggun-A Korean Fairytale* as retold by InHee Moon, *You Can’t Be Sick...I Have to Work!* by Dr. Lawana S. Gladney.

Jennifer currently resides in Dallas, TX, working as a freelance illustrator and portrait painter while conducting art and illustration workshops for the young and young-at-heart.

Emotional Wellness Women Workshop (Classroom D)

12 noon-1:30 pm

All Audiences

Emotional Wellness is the result of deliberate effort put forth to become healthy in body, mind, and spirit, and emotions. It is the complete recognition of your full range of feelings, both positive and negative. Emotions are a part of who we are, how we think, our behavior and what motivates our actions.

Dr. Lawana Gladney is a renowned speaker, author, and emotional wellness expert who shares her message of perseverance and motivation with audiences across the nation. She holds a Ph.D. in Instructional Psychology and Technology and is the president of Emotional Wellness, Inc. She is the author of several books including her latest title released entitled *You Can’t Be Sick, I Have to Work* 50 Tips to Emotional Wellness for Working Mothers. Additionally she has been featured in the *Dallas Morning News* as well as other national magazines and radio programs.

Every Child Ready To Ready@Dallas (Classroom A)

Dallas Public Library

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Research shows that the development of early literacy skills through early experiences with books and stories is critically linked to a child's success in learning. The Dallas Public Library has launched a city wide effort to assist families in helping their children become ready to read and ready for school. Every Child Ready to Read @ Dallas offers interactive workshops which teach parents and caregivers about the 6 essential pre-reading skills a child needs to be ready to read and related arts activities they can do at home. Workshops take place for three different age levels: Pre Readers (ages 4-5), Talkers (ages 2-3) and Early Talkers (birth to 2) at libraries, recreation centers and community partner agencies, presented in English or Spanish. Join us for a sample workshop to get yourself on the right road to literacy success for your children!

Recycle Art Workshop (Classroom B&C)

2 -3 p.m.

Ages: 5+ years

Bernice Montgomery will train young artists in the process of creating art from recyclable items. Young participants will create their own recycled art.

Real Men Cook (Classroom D)

2 – 3 p.m.

All Audiences

Come, observe and taste the wholesome dessert that this REAL man is cooking up just for you!

Terry Allen is a father, mentor, event planner, publicist, career coach and marketing manager who resides in Dallas. He has managed the Dallas REAL Men Cook event in 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004 and 2005. His writings can be found in the bestseller *Real Men Cook Rite, Rituals and Recipes for Living* (A Simon & Schuster book). He also is the up-and-coming author of the cultural self-help book, *BrotherSpirit, When Warrior Souls Speak*.