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*How to Make the Most of Children
and Teen Author Visits in Libraries,
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Moderator



Dr. Tess Prendergast teaches youth services courses and works as a children's librarian in Vancouver, BC. She has published literacy research studies with families of children with disabilities and children's librarians. Tess advocates for a broader view of what constitutes reading and believes that library staff play an integral role in supporting all children's paths to literacy. Find Tess at inclusiveearlyliteracy.wordpress.com.

Panelists



Gabrielle Prendergast is the author of the acclaimed YA verse novel *Audacious*, the hi-lo novels *The Frail Days* and *Pinch Me*, and the middle-grade novel *Pandas on the Eastside*. Her most recent novel, the YA sci-fi *Zero Repeat Forever* won the 2018 BC Book Prize for Children's Literature. She lives in Vancouver. Find Gabrielle at gsprendergast.com.



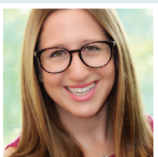
Claribel A. Ortega is a former reporter who writes YA & MG fantasy inspired by her Dominican heritage. When she's not busy turning her obsession with eighties pop culture, magic and video games into books, she's filming videos for her YouTube channel or making GIFS for her small graphic design business, GIFGRRL. Her forthcoming middle grade fantasy, *Ghost Squad* is coming from Scholastic in 2019. Find Claribel at claribelortega.com.



Deb Caletti is an award-winning author of over sixteen books for young adults and adults, a National Book Award finalist, and a finalist for the PEN USA award. Her newest YA novel, *A Heart in a Body in the World*, earned four starred reviews and was a New York Public Library, Chicago Public Library, KCLS, and Booklist "Best book of 2018." The New York Times Review of *A Heart in a Body in the World* said, "This is, quite simply, a book everyone should read right now." Find Deb at debcaletti.com.



M. García was born and raised in San Juan, Puerto Rico. She moved to New York where she studied creative writing at The New School, worked in publishing, and lived under a pile of to-be-read books. She is the author of *Even If the Sky Falls* and *The Resolutions* from Katherine Tegen books (an imprint of HarperCollins). Find M. at mgarciabooks.com.



Abby Cooper lives in Minnesota with her miniature poodle, Louis, and a whole bunch of books. A former teacher and school librarian, her favorite things in the world (besides writing) are getting and giving book recommendations and sharing her love of reading with others. She is the author of *Sticks & Stones* and *Bubbles* from Macmillan and her forthcoming release, *Friend of Fiction*, from Charlesbridge. Find Abby at AbbyCooperAuthor.com.

Videographer/Assistant



Lily Meade is a young adult author represented by Elana Roth Parker. Her writing has been published in *Bustle* and *Teen Vogue*. When not writing, she films educational videos on the craft of storytelling for her YouTube channel and recently launched a writer-focused planner company.

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"My son can't stop talking about
**meeting an author and being
able to ask questions**
...Thank you!"

—Rachel E., parent

"**The book ideas
started flowing**
after her inspirational visit."

—David M., grade 5 teacher

"...they didn't really believe that they
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**This kid was a nonreader,
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—Sarah L., grade 7 teacher

"It was great having
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**We have a few
writing books of
their own now."**

—Principal

"It was refreshing how you
communicated with my students...
**You were very real and
talked to them like they
were colleagues."**

—Sharon, grade 6 teacher

"4th graders enjoyed the
"Writing is Magical" workshop.
**It fit into our curriculum
very nicely!"**

—Katie R., grade 4/5 teacher

"**The teens were
very engaged**
and enjoyed the collage
poem exercise you had
them do...They also enjoyed
hearing about your books,
and about you personally."

—Carol, Public Librarian

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