

# What's NEW in Children's Books and Creative, Powerful Strategies to Use Them in Your Program (Grades K-6) – 2026 –



A Unique One-Day In-Person Seminar or Live Online Seminar Presented by

## Deborah B. Salyer

Award-Winning Media Specialist, Nationally Recognized Children's  
Book Expert, Librarian, and Outstanding International Presenter

**Totally NEW Seminar with All NEW Titles for the Year 2026  
Designed for Grades K-6**

**The very best, new books most recently published**, matched with dozens  
of innovative, engaging strategies to use them in ALL areas of your program

**A lively, fast-paced presentation** with a wealth of multi-format titles that will  
spark students' interest in standout stories and nonfiction they'll love to read

**Receive an extensive, ALL NEW children's books digital resource handbook** with  
comprehensive, annotated bibliographies, ready-to-use activities, and corresponding  
websites that will make new books come alive for children in highly appealing ways!

### CAN'T ATTEND?

Order the recorded version and take the seminar online at your convenience (see page 6)

### Illinois

**Chicago (Alsip) – December 12**

### Kansas

**Wichita – December 9**

### Missouri

**Kansas City (North Kansas City) –**

**December 10**

**St. Louis (Clayton) – December 11**

### Texas

**Houston – December 8**

### LIVE ONLINE SEMINARS

**January 13**

**9 AM Central**, 8 AM Mountain,  
7 AM Pacific, 10 AM Eastern

**January 16**

**9 AM Eastern**, 8 AM Central,  
7 AM Mountain, 6 AM Pacific

**January 21**

**9 AM Mountain**, 8 AM Pacific,  
11 AM Eastern, 10 AM Central

CEUs and Graduate Credit Available  
See page 6 for details

# Ten Key Benefits of Attending

*"Deb is so fabulous!  
Such a highlight  
of my school year  
and I get SO  
MANY ideas. What  
an invaluable day!"*

– ADRIENNE LUNDBERG,  
LIBRARIAN



## Who Should Attend

K-6 Classroom Teachers,  
Media Specialists, Librarians,  
Children's Librarians in  
Public Libraries, Library  
Aides, Reading Specialists,  
Resource Teachers,  
Special Education Staff,  
and Administrators

### 1. Preview the Best, New Children's Books!

Learn from an enthusiastic teacher and experienced school librarian about the BEST of the most recently published children's books

### 2. Explore the Bright, New World of Nonfiction Books

Publishers are responding to the current emphasis on informational books and are responding with some of the best, new nonfiction books we've seen in years ... Discover some phenomenal new books!

### 3. See the Best, New Picture Books ... For All Ages!

Nothing tells a story like a stunning picture book and Deborah will share the newest and best ones ... Learn innovative ways to use them creatively throughout your curriculum or program with readers of all ages

### 4. Hear About the Best, New Read-Alouds

Entice your students or patrons with the latest and most engaging read-alouds ... Deborah will refresh your collection of great read-alouds and share them with you in her lively, down-to-earth style

### 5. Tap Into the Best Technology to Get More From Great, New Books

Strengthen your technology strategies that involve your readers ... From book trailers to interaction tools, Deborah has done the work for you by evaluating the best web tools and apps to support your literacy program

### 6. Discover Strategies to Link Great, New Books With Reading and Writing

Explore terrific activities and practical strategies you can use immediately to entice your readers to get involved in and stay excited about reading and writing

### 7. Catch Up on the Most Current Book Trends

Hear the latest news from the children's book publishing world ... Learn about the new and developing trends so you can keep ahead of the game

### 8. Use Outstanding New Books to Implement Your State Standards

Learn how to meet your state reading standards by introducing your students to outstanding new books ... Find out easy ways to match books to curriculum standards with supportive, ready-to-use lesson plans – no matter what subject area you teach

### 9. Address Diversity and Inclusion With New Books and Awards

Discover books with diverse characters that allow your readers to see themselves in the literature ... Hear about the awards that celebrate diversities in culture, ethnicity and ability

### 10. Books They Will Love to Read!

Discover NEW books that are sure to entice young readers and captivate their diverse interests ... **Plus, you'll receive an extensive digital resource handbook with annotated book lists** and loaded with hundreds of engaging tips, tools and innovative ideas

# Outstanding Strategies You Can Use Immediately

## What You Will Learn ...

- **The best, new books and dozens of highly engaging, practical strategies** to fully involve students in the books they'll love to read
- **Proven ways** to integrate the best, new books into your curriculum or program
- **Highly motivating websites, apps and online resources** to pair with the most outstanding new books
- How to use **terrific, new books** that support your state standards
- **Tips and demonstrations** for delivering read-alouds with energy and enthusiasm
- How to **connect to authors and illustrators** with little or no budget
- Practical **strategies for interactive teaching** using new apps and websites
- **Highly motivating ways** to use the best, new picture books in your teaching and programming
- **Hot new ways** to use booktalks to sell a book
- **Fundraising ideas and money-saving strategies** to help make the most of your book budget
- Practical, exciting ideas to **use new books to engage all readers** – regardless of ability
- Proven ways to **instill a real love of literature** in your students
- **How to choose the best, new books** even with the leanest budget
- **Resources** for discovering potentially sensitive areas in books
- **Innovative ideas** to update your classroom or library with alternative formats and genres of books to stimulate your readers
- **A wealth of new books, ready-to-use tools and the best, new digital resources** to enrich reading instruction



*"Deborah is such a wonderful source of information! I have so many books I want to read and share with my students. I look forward to this workshop every year."*

– HANNAH STEWARD, TEACHER

## Practical Ideas and Strategies

In this highly engaging seminar, award-winning library media specialist and international presenter **DEBORAH B. SALYER** will highlight the best, **NEWLY** published children's books, including picture books, chapter books, novels, graphic novels, poetry, nonfiction titles, and more! Deborah reads and evaluates each new children's book, then develops fresh, innovative ideas to use them in all areas of your curriculum or programming. As a bonus, she also finds the best, new online tools and apps to pair with the books she shares. Many of the ideas, apps and online resources are applicable to other books, as well. From the dozens of books, resources, and strategies, you can choose the new books and activities that are best suited to your students and the priorities of your classroom or library. You'll also learn great ways to use technology to extend your interactions with readers about books in ways they love to learn. **Join Deborah for a compelling day filled with engaging, ready-to-use ideas, highly appealing booklists, her comprehensive digital handbook, and unique teaching tips to introduce and fully extend learning based on the newest, most outstanding children's books. Engage yourself in an energizing celebration of the best, new books and powerful ways to use them with your students!**



# A Message From Seminar Leader, Deborah B. Salyer



## Uniquely Qualified Instructor

**DEBORAH B. SALYER** is an award-winning library media specialist and an outstanding international presenter. She is the California Implementation and Training Specialist for TeachingBooks. Deborah has presented at many state and national conferences, and is the author of numerous books including *What's NEW in Children's Books and Creative, Powerful Strategies to Use Them in Your Program (2026)*, the comprehensive digital resource handbook you will receive at the seminar. Deborah is known for her inspirational message, budget-friendly ideas, and innovative ways for making the most out of the resources you have. **Join Deborah for a day filled with practical, easy-to-implement ideas that will highlight the latest, best books available in children's literature and exciting, creative ways to utilize them in your program.**

Dear Colleague:

Here's my idea of a lovely day. Let's gather with like-minded colleagues. Bring your own snacks. For lunch, we'll take an hour – no lunch duty! During the day we talk and learn about books. Lots and lots of children's books. We'll read aloud. We'll explore dozens of free resources to engage our readers with required and independent reading. We'll hold new books in our hands, marveling at the talent of book creators.

Sound amazing? It is. This is my annual workshop where over the course of twenty plus years thousands of teachers and librarians have a day to themselves – just for books. Every year the content is different. New books. New resources. New strategies. It's a day when you can step away from your daily responsibilities and recharge your batteries. Learn new things. Collaborate with colleagues or make new friends.

Each year I read hundreds of titles, narrowing down a selection of more than two hundred titles for Kindergarten to Grade 6 with resources for each. In this NEW seminar we will discuss a sampling of genres, formats, reading and interest levels, and subject areas throughout our day. This year we will also spend more time on early literacy support, exploring ways we can support young readers. And we will discuss engaging ideas to get our older students reading, writing, and researching. We will bring back the joy of reading!

The accompanying digital resource handbook is far from being just a bibliography; it's full of supportive hot links for resources you can explore at your leisure. You'll find yourself using your handbook long after we part. And you can build your book shopping list while we work!

We can teach our students to be better readers without taking their joy. Join me online, in person, or on the recorded version to reenergize your own reading joy. Get inspired. Get affirmed. Grow your knowledge of the world of children's publishing.

If you work with elementary-aged students and readers and you use children's books in your work, this event is for you. I can't wait to see you. Bring snacks.

Sincerely,

Deborah B. Salyer

**P.S. Come ready to enjoy a fast-paced day full of outstanding new books – plus powerful tools and innovative activities to use with them.**

*"This is my annual workshop where over the course of twenty plus years thousands of teachers and librarians have a day to themselves – just for books."*

# What Your Colleagues Say About Deborah B. Salyer

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*"I love all the ideas Deborah presents, including books, ideas for hooking readers during book talks, ways to use different instructional technology, etc. **I attend EVERY year as it is the premier PD** for a school librarian."*

– DeAun Green, Librarian

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*"I have been coming for years. **I so look forward to this seminar each year.** Thank you so much for a wonderful day, Deborah."*

– Paula Milner, Classroom Teacher

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*"**As always, Deborah Salyer was phenomenal!** She is so engaging and has an amazing wealth of knowledge to share. I always love all the extra resources she provides beyond just book titles."*

– Nez Crosby, Librarian

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*"I look forward to this seminar every year! **Deborah and her handbook are both treasures!** I use her handbooks constantly as a resource! Her excitement for books comes through and the day flies by!"*

– Sue Brady, Reading Specialist

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*"**I look forward to this day every year!** It's my favorite PD day of the entire year. Deborah is phenomenal and I so appreciate everything she does for us!"*

– Julie Walstra, Librarian



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*"**I enjoyed every minute of the seminar today.** There are so many books and so little time! Deborah put so much time, effort, and research into the presentation today. I can't wait to dive into the handbook, select books, and create fun, meaningful lessons for my students."*

– Trica Keyser, Classroom Teacher

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*"Wow ... This was incredibly beneficial for my library! **You saved me HOURS of research time!** Thank you, Deborah!"*

– Savannah Morris, Library Media Specialist

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*"I always love attending this seminar! **Deborah is so engaging and knowledgeable** about children's lit. Once again, we're leaving with lots of new book titles and lesson ideas."*

– Tiffany Razo, Curriculum Coach

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*"This was SO incredibly informative. Trying to choose books just based on a list or print reviews is very challenging. **Having a trusted expert make recommendations and share resources is invaluable.**"*

– Michelle Riggs, Librarian

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*"Thank you for **a wonderful, book-filled day.** There are so many titles I want to check out for students, family, and myself. I will try my best to be back next year!"*

– Alisha Welc, Reading Specialist



# Special Benefits of Attending



*"This is the best inservice I participate in all year. Deborah makes the day fly by and I leave with a wealth of information I can immediately put to use."*

— LAURA SEENO,  
LIBRARY MEDIA TECH

## On-Site Training

Most BER seminars can be brought to your school or district in-person or online. See the options at [www.ber.org/onsite](http://www.ber.org/onsite) or call 877-857-8964 to speak to one of our On-Site Training Consultants.

## Extensive Children's Books Digital Resource Handbook

You will receive an extensive digital resource handbook giving you access to countless strategies. The handbook includes:

- **A wealth of the best, NEW titles** of recently published books
- **Exciting and creative ways to utilize the books** in your classroom or library program
- **Numerous practical activities and resources** that extend the effectiveness of the new books Deborah shares
- **Valuable lists of websites and tools** to use with devices that will add interest and value to your lessons
- **Highly engaging techniques** to inspire students to fall in love with reading!

**For in-person seminars, registrants will also receive a printed copy of the resource handbook as long as their registration is received in the BER office at least 15 calendar days before the event.**

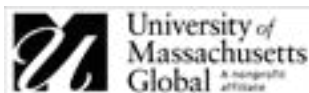
## Meet and Share

This seminar provides a wonderful opportunity for participants to meet and share ideas with other educators interested in the best, new children's books.

## Meet Inservice Requirements / Earn State CEUs

Participants of In-Person Seminars, Live Online Seminars and those completing the Recorded Version online can receive a certificate of participation that may be used to verify five continuing education hours. For details about state CEUs available, visit [www.ber.org/ceus](http://www.ber.org/ceus)

## Earn One to Four Graduate Semester Credits



Up to four graduate-level professional development credits are available with an additional fee and completion of follow up practicum activities. Details may be found at [www.ber.org/credit](http://www.ber.org/credit)

## Can't Attend?

### Other Professional Development Options:



#### Recorded Version of the Seminar

Order the recorded version of this seminar to take online at your convenience. You'll have 90-day access to the entire course and to the extensive digital resource handbook. To enroll, see registration form on page 7, and for optional CEUs and graduate credit, please visit [www.ber.org/credit](http://www.ber.org/credit)



#### Related On-Demand Online Courses

Two related On-Demand Video-Based Online Learning courses, *MAKERSPACES: Creating Motivating, Engaging Work Spaces for Your Library*, for Grades K-12, and *Teaching Media Literacy Skills in a Fake News World*, Grades K-12, are available for immediate registration. To enroll, visit [www.ber.org/online](http://www.ber.org/online)

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## Registration (BP66F2)

- ☐ 1. **Chicago** (Alsip), IL – December 12, 2025
- ☐ 2. **Houston, TX** – December 8, 2025
- ☐ 3. **Kansas City** (North Kansas City), MO – December 10, 2025
- ☐ 4. **St. Louis** (Clayton), MO – December 11, 2025
- ☐ 5. **Wichita, KS** – December 9, 2025
- ☐ 6. **LIVE ONLINE:** January 13, 2026 (Start time: 9 AM Central)
- ☐ 7. **LIVE ONLINE:** January 16, 2026 (Start time: 9 AM Eastern)
- ☐ 8. **LIVE ONLINE:** January 21, 2026 (Start time: 9 AM Mountain, 8 AM Pacific)

—or—

- ☐ 9. **I'd like to order the recorded version of this seminar**

FIRST NAME M.I. LAST NAME

POSITION, SUBJECT TAUGHT GRADE LEVEL

SEMINAR NUMBER: (Please see list above)

### List additional registrants on a copy of this form

SCHOOL NAME

SCHOOL MAILING ADDRESS

CITY & STATE ZIP CODE

SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER HOME PHONE NUMBER

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### Registration confirmations and login details are sent via e-mail

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## IMPORTANT – PRIORITY ID CODE: EBP66F2

### METHOD OF PAYMENT – Team Discount Available

**The registration fee is \$325 per person;**

for teams of three or more registering at the same time, the fee is \$295 per person. **Payment is due prior to the program.** No cash, please.

- ☐ A check (payable to **Bureau of Education & Research**) is attached
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**SCAN QR code or visit:**  
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**EMAIL this form to: register@ber.org**



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**FAX this form to: 1-425-453-1134**



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### Program Hours

- All **In-Person Seminars** are scheduled 8:30 AM – 3:15 PM  
Check-in is 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM
- All **Live Online Seminars** are scheduled 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM or 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM in the time zone indicated. Check in 15 minutes prior. Registrants will be sent login information by email four days before their Live Online Seminar.

### Fee

The registration fee is \$325 per person, \$295 per person for groups of three or more registering at the same time. Call us at 1-800-735-3503 for groups of ten or more. **Payment is due prior to the program.**

Fee includes seminar registration, a certificate of participation and an extensive digital resource handbook. The fee is the same for In-Person Seminars, Live Online Seminars or Recorded Seminars.

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### Meeting Sites and Hotel Accommodations

Seminars will be held at the following sites:

- Chicago: DoubleTree - Alsip, (708) 371-7300
- Houston: Marriott Westchase, (713) 978-7400
- Kansas City: Diamond Conference Center - North Kansas City, (816) 321-1800; Hotel accommodations available at Aloft - North Kansas City, (816) 321-1701
- St. Louis: Clayton Plaza Hotel - Clayton, (314) 726-5400
- Wichita: Holiday Inn East I-35, (316) 686-7131

If needed, please make your own hotel reservations by calling the appropriate hotel listed above.

### Cancellation/Substitutions

100% of your paid registration fee will be refunded if you can't attend and notify us at least 10 days before the seminar. Late cancellations made prior to the event date will be refunded less a \$15 service fee. Substitutions may be made at any time without charge.

### Program Guarantee

We stand behind the high quality of our programs by providing the following unconditional guarantee: If you are not satisfied with this program, we'll give you a 100% refund of your registration fee.

### Further Questions

Call the Bureau of Education & Research 800-735-3503 or visit us online at **www.ber.org**

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