

# What's NEW in Children's Literature and Strategies for Using It in Your Program (Grades K-6) – 2020 –



A Unique One-Day Seminar Presented by

## Jonathan Hunt

Nationally Recognized Children's Book Expert, Teacher,  
Librarian, and Outstanding National Presenter

Specifically Designed for Grades K-6 Classroom Teachers,  
Media Specialists, Librarians, Children's Librarians in Public Libraries,  
Library Aides and Clerks, Reading Specialists, Resource Teachers,  
Special Education Staff, Title I Staff, and Administrators

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The best, new children's books published in the last year paired with a wealth  
of ready-to-use ideas and engaging activities for ALL areas of your program

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An engaging, fast-paced presentation with a wealth of titles in every genre that will  
make you eager to try them out with your own students

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Sample copies of the best new books will be on display for you to preview

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Receive an **ALL NEW resource handbook** chock full of activities, strategies, and  
comprehensive annotated bibliographies that you'll use year after year

### California

Anaheim – November 14

Fresno – November 12

Pasadena – November 15  
(Arcadia)

Sacramento – November 13  
(Elk Grove)

### New Hampshire

Manchester – December 19

### New York

Albany – December 17  
(Troy)

Rochester – December 16  
(West Henrietta)

### Vermont

Burlington – December 18

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CEUs and Graduate Credits Available  
See page 6 for details

# Ten Key Benefits of Attending

*"I was truly astounded by Jonathan's unbelievable recollection of children's literature. He is an inspiration!"*



## Who Should Attend

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

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

Discover the BEST of the most recently published children's books – picture books, easy readers, novels, nonfiction, poetry, folklore, and more! ... Many of the books will be available for your personal review

### 2. Incorporate the Best, New Books into Your Classroom or Library Curriculum

Learn innovative strategies for utilizing the best, new children's literature to enhance your instruction and overall program

### 3. Hook Your Students on Genre Fiction

Entice your students with the best new books in the extremely popular genres of mystery, fantasy, science fiction, and horror ... Discover the best new series books to hook your most voracious readers

### 4. Learn About Great, New Nonfiction Books

Increasingly, informational books are written in a lively narrative style, making them irresistible ... Learn about the best, new history, science, biography, reference, how-to books, and more to captivate your readers

### 5. Promote Strong Visual Literacy in Our Information Rich World

Take full advantage of extremely visual genres—picture books, easy readers, graphic novels, and illustrated novels ... Teach students the skills needed to navigate our complex 21st century world of information

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

Discover the latest publishing trends so you can better play matchmaker ... Connect your students with great books that align with their passions, interests and what is happening in the world

### 7. Reach Your Reluctant Readers

Captivate your reluctant readers with books that are meaningful and relevant to them ... Learn the telltale signs of great reluctant reader books – from line spacing to book design to dialogue and description

### 8. Read Alouds Your Students Will LOVE

Tips and strategies for getting your students to hang onto every word you read – and to become fluent readers themselves ... Refresh your collection of great read-alouds

### 9. Tap Into the Potential of Technology

Leverage the dynamic power of technology to engage your digital natives ... Discover innovative ways to promote literacy with the best websites, apps and tech tools

### 10. Receive an Extensive Children's Literature Resource Handbook

You'll receive an extensive resource handbook with annotated book lists and loaded with engaging tips, tools and innovative ideas you can use immediately ... Discover the best, most enticing NEW books to captivate your students' diverse interests

# Outstanding Strategies You Can Use Immediately

## What You Will Learn ...

- **The best NEW children's literature** and how to use it in your classroom and library program
- How to promote curiosity, knowledge and lifelong learning with the **best of recently published nonfiction/informational children's books**
- Use current children's titles to **strengthen reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language skills** as set out in your state standards
- The **best picture books** for read-alouds, skill lessons and writing models
- Engaging ways to use audiobooks to **improve listening skills, reading comprehension and oral reading fluency**
- The best new graphic novels you can use to **strengthen visual literacy skills**
- **Key features of effective reluctant reader text** and the best new titles for your collection
- The latest exemplary **chapter books** to help your newly emergent readers transition into middle grade novels
- **Fantasy, science fiction and series titles** to challenge your voracious and highly capable readers
- How to find and **infuse irresistible books** in every area of your curriculum and program
- The **best online resources** for getting to know children's literature authors, illustrators and great books
- **Outstanding books and strategies for ALL your students** ... the very best new titles your diverse students will absolutely love!



*"Such a worthwhile day! I'm leaving with an abundance of great new book ideas and practical strategies for using them."*

## Practical Ideas and Strategies

Children's literature is as exciting and dynamic as it has ever been! With thousands of children's books published every year, teachers and librarians are keen to select only the best titles to use with their students.

In this **ALL NEW** seminar, nationally recognized children's literature expert, teacher and librarian, **JONATHAN HUNT** will help you with this challenge. Going well beyond familiarizing you with the best of the newly published titles, he will also share highly practical and exciting strategies for using these outstanding books in your classroom or library program.

This fast-paced and energizing day is filled with invaluable guidance, dozens of outstanding new book recommendations and proven strategies – all designed to inspire and foster a love of reading in grades K-6 students. **You will leave with a wealth of titles you'll want to share, proven techniques to utilize this literature successfully with your students, and a comprehensive resource handbook filled with extensive booklists, outstanding ideas and resources you can use immediately.**



# A Message From Seminar Leader, Jonathan Hunt



## Uniquely Qualified Instructor

**JONATHAN HUNT** is a nationally recognized children's book expert, teacher and librarian. He is the Lead Coordinator of library media services for his county office of education and vice president of professional development for his state's school library association. Jonathan reviews and writes articles for the Horn Book Magazine. He blogged at School Library Journal for nearly a decade, has taught graduate classes in children's literature and has served on numerous award committees including the Newbery Medal, Caldecott Medal, Printz Award, Los Angeles Times Book Prize, and the Boston Globe-Horn Book Awards. Jonathan is also the author of *What's NEW in Children's Literature and Strategies for Using It in Your Program (2020)*, the extensive resource handbook each participant will receive at the seminar. **Join Jonathan for an energizing day filled with the best, new children's literature and easy-to-implement, powerful, practical ways to use these books in your grades K-6 classroom or library program.**

Dear Colleague:

No teacher or librarian wants to hear those awful words, "I'm bored! There's nothing to read." With thousands of children's books published each year, we know the problem is actually that there's too much to read! But, selecting the best new books can be a daunting task. Which ones are most relevant? Which ones will work best with your grades K-6 children? Which ones will help you accomplish your goals?

Each year I read hundreds of new books. I've done all the hard work for you, and it's my pleasure to play matchmaker in helping you find the best of what's new. In our day together, we will explore the best children's books published in the past year. We will discuss dozens of books and their practical application in your classroom or library. Join me for a stimulating day filled with outstanding new books and great strategies you will want to use immediately.

Reading is fun! Reading is pleasurable! I want to equip you with the best books and strategies to help you build this very enthusiasm with your students. Together we can create lifelong, highly successful readers.

I look forward to meeting you at the seminar!

Sincerely,

Jonathan Hunt

P.S. If you're looking for books that will capture your young readers, this is the seminar for you! **Join me for a fun-filled day of learning about the best, new books of the year!**

*"Each year I read hundreds of new books. I've done all the hard work for you, and it's my pleasure play matchmaker in helping you find the best of what's new."*

# What Your Colleagues Say About Jonathan Hunt

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*"What a great seminar! Jonathan is an excellent presenter who is **passionate about connecting students with amazing books**. Thanks for all the great ideas!"*

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*"This seminar was unique in giving me **so many strategies and activities that I can use with my students**. Many thanks!"*

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*"I can't wait to order these new books. I'm **excited about using them in my program**."*

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*"**This was the best children's literature seminar** – and the most useful – that I've attended in the past ten years."*

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*"Jonathan is extremely well-read and he's motivated me to read so many new books. This was hands down **one of the most useful and applicable seminars** I've attended!"*

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*"I'm amazed by Jonathan's knowledge about every book he's read. Thanks so much!"*

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*"Jonathan is a wonderful instructor with **a lot of great, current and applicable ideas!**"*

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*"Jonathan was very **informative and entertaining!**"*

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*"So much useful information! **Great resource handbook, too!**"*

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*"Thanks for all the **wonderful ideas I can take back and use** in my library!"*

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*"So **many terrific new books!** What a bonus that Jonathan worked on the Newbery and Notable Books selection committees!"*

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# Special Benefits of Attending



## Online Learning

BER offers educators a wide range of online courses that are affordable, fun, fast, and convenient. BER is now offering On Demand Video-Based courses. You may earn optional graduate-level credits for most courses. See the catalog of available courses at [www.ber.org/online](http://www.ber.org/online)

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Most BER seminars can be brought to your school or district. 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.

## You'll Receive an Extensive Children's Literature Resource Handbook

Each participant will receive an extensive resource handbook specifically designed for this seminar. The handbook includes:

- An annotated bibliography of the best new children's books of the past year
- Practical strategies, activities, ideas, and tips for using these books in your program
- Innovative ways to use books to reach all of your children, from struggling to highly capable students
- An extensive list of resources to keep yourself current on the "best of the best" of children's literature

## Meet and Share

This seminar provides participants a great opportunity to meet and share ideas with other educators interested in enhancing their classroom or library programs with outstanding new literature.

## Meet Inservice Requirements / Earn State CEUs

Participants will receive a certificate of participation that may be used to verify continuing education hours.

## CEUs Available:

### New Hampshire

NH Clock Hours Verification Available  
For MA, Contact Hours Verification Available

### New York

5 NY CTLE Hours Available

### Vermont

VT Inservice Credit Available with Prior District Approval  
5 NY CTLE Hours Available

## 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 for direct enrollment with Brandman University, part of the Chapman University system, will be available at this program.

## Can't Attend? Other Professional Development Options:

### Related Online Course

A related On Demand Video-Based Online Learning course, *MAKERSPACES: Creating Motivating, Engaging Work Spaces for Your Library*, for Grades K-12, is available for immediate registration.

To enroll, visit [www.ber.org/online](http://www.ber.org/online)

### •))) Related Staff Development Audio Seminar

A related BER seminar, *What's NEW in Children's Literature: 2020 (Grades K-6)*, presented by another children's literature expert, Deborah Ford-Salyer, is available on CDs with a comprehensive resource handbook at a cost of \$125.00 plus \$9.00 shipping and handling. To order, call toll-free 1-800-735-3503 (**Stock #A-BD0-2226**) or use the order form on page 7. **\*Available January 2020**

Electronic versions of both Deborah's seminar and handbook are available in MP3 and PDF format for immediate download on our website, at the cost of \$99.00. **\*Available January 2020**

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## Registration (BX00F1)

- 1. **Albany** (Troy), **NY** – December 17, 2019
- 2. **Anaheim, CA** – November 14, 2019
- 3. **Burlington, VT** – December 18, 2019
- 4. **Fresno, CA** – November 12, 2019
- 5. **Manchester, NH** – December 19, 2019
- 6. **Pasadena** (Arcadia), **CA** – November 15, 2019
- 7. **Rochester** (West Henrietta), **NY** – December 16, 2019
- 8. **Sacramento** (Elk Grove), **CA** – November 13, 2019

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## METHOD OF PAYMENT – Team Discount Available

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All seminars are scheduled 8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.  
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## Meeting Sites and Hotel Accommodations

Seminars will be held at the following sites:

- Albany: Hilton Garden Inn – Troy, (518) 272-1700
- Anaheim: Red Lion, (714) 750-2801
- Burlington: Hilton, (802) 658-6500
- Fresno: Wyndham Garden – Airport, (559) 252-3611
- Manchester: Executive Court Banquet Facility, (603) 626-4788; hotel accommodations available at Best Western Plus Executive Court Inn, (603) 627-2525
- Pasadena: Embassy Suites – Arcadia, (626) 445-8525
- Rochester: R.I.T. Inn & Conference Center – West Henrietta, (585) 359-1800
- Sacramento: Holiday Inn Express & Suites Central – Elk Grove, (916) 478-9000

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 conference. Late cancellations will be refunded less a \$15 service fee. Substitutions may be made at any time without charge.

## Further Questions

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