

Register Now! Free Teacher Workshop
Fact & Fiction: A Writing Workshop
Tuesday, April 11, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Deb Seely, the author of several YA (young adult) books set in 1880s Kansas will lead this participatory writing workshop for middle school language arts teachers. Using facts and fiction about the "Old West" as a model, she will lead participants through the process of using a set of facts to create both fiction and nonfiction.

Location: Joyce Focht Instructional Support Center, 412 S. Main, Wichita 67202

To register: USD 259 teachers, register on <http://www.mylearningplan.com/>.

Andover teachers, email (liz@artspartnerswichita.org) or call (262-4771) the Arts Partners office to register.

Mo Willems Is Coming to Wichita!

Picture book author and illustrator Mo Willems will do a reading, drawing, and book signing program at 2:00 pm on Sunday, April 9, at the Wichita Public Library, 223 S. Main, in the third floor auditorium. His books include *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!*, and *Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale*, which were both Caldecott Honor books (in 2004 and 2005), as well as *Leonardo the Terrible Monster*. His newest work is *Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late!* Willems has won six Emmys for his work animating and writing for Sesame Street. The program is co-sponsored by Watermark Books & Café and the Wichita Public Library. Books will be available for sale by Watermark Books & Café. To learn more about Mo Willems, visit his Web site at www.mowillems.com. For further details about the program, call Watermark Books & Cafe at 682-1181.

Quotation of the Month

In the visual arts, critical and reflective pedagogies and new means of artistic production offer students opportunities to explore their multicultural, multi-technological visual worlds. Through the performing arts, educators are transforming classrooms into theatres of creative dialogue, equipping young people to enact solutions to contemporary social needs and challenges. In music education, the new technologies provide astonishing opportunities to develop intercultural awareness and collaborative production.

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International Drama/Theatre and Education Association (IDEA)
International Society for Education through the Arts (InSEA)
International Society for Music Education (ISME)
UNESCO World Arts Conference, **Lisbon, March 6, 2006**

Web Site of the Month

Project ZERO

<http://pzweb.harvard.edu/>

This is the website for Project Zero, an educational research group at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. "Project Zero's mission is to understand and enhance learning, thinking, and creativity in the arts and other disciplines for individuals and institutions."

Pinocchio

Wichita Children's Theatre and Dance Center

Wednesday, April 5, 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 6, 10:00 a.m. and 1:45 p.m.

Friday, April 7, 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

All Pinocchio wants is to become a real boy for Geppeto, but he keeps getting into so much trouble, and for some reason, his nose keeps growing. Pinocchio learns that being "real" means he must tell the truth. Ages 2-8. Reservations required. \$3.50 for school groups of 10 or more. Call 262-2282.



K is for Kansas Exhibit: Educator Preview

Thursday, April 20, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Teachers of grades 2 through 5 are invited to an educator preview of the *K is for Kansas* exhibit at the Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum, 204 S. Main, on Thursday, April 20, 2006, from 4 to 6 pm. The exhibit will be available for teacher-guided class visits beginning April 25. For further information and to schedule your class visit, please call 265-9314.

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