



Arkansas Literary Festival
April 20-22, 2007 • River Market District

CHILDREN AUTHORS

FAITH ANAYA

Faith Anaya, owner of Kids Cook!TM, has traveled extensively, lived in Europe, and gathered recipes from around the globe. She has been working with kids and food for the past 11 years as a teacher and a mother. Anaya's best kid-food critic is her eleven-year-old son, with whom she tests all recipes. They live in Little Rock.

Saturday, April 21, 11 a.m. (pre-register at www.kidscookarkansas.com/schedule.aspx)
River Market, Clark Room

RICK ANDERSON

Rick Anderson is currently working on his fifth book for Sleeping Bear Press. Anderson, a retired art teacher of 25 years, holds a master's degree in art. He is also an award-winning artist, a children's book illustrator, and a professional speaker. He lives in Clinton, Miss., with his wife Merrie, librarian at Clinton Junior High.

Saturday, April 21, 1 p.m.
Main Library, Youth Services Program Room

CHERYL SHAW BARNES

Cheryl Shaw Barnes's newest children's book is *Woodrow for President*. The rhyming text teaches children about voting, campaigns, elections, volunteerism, and civic participation through the escapades of a mouse population that mirrors the human occupants around them. She has illustrated and co-written with her husband Peter three other books involving Woodrow the Mouse.

Saturday, April 21, 2:30 p.m.
Main Library, Fribourgh Room

JACKIE MIMS HOPKINS

Jackie Mims Hopkins was an elementary teacher for 11 years before earning a master's degree and becoming an elementary school librarian where she has been "connecting children and teachers with books" for more than 16 years.

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GRACE E. HOWELL

Grace E. Howell, a former teacher and librarian, loves sharing stories with people of all ages. Her writing has been in periodicals and anthologies. Her first novel is *True Friends*.

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WALTER MAYES

Walter “The Giant Storyteller” Mayes’s motto is “Love, Food, Shelter, Clothing...Books!” Mayes is a nationally respected storyteller, author, speaker, and children’s literature advocate. His message is one of books and stories as a daily necessity in all children’s lives.

Session 1: Saturday, April 21, 9 a.m. (*Special Ticketed Event*)

Children’s Breakfast, Clinton Center

Session 2: Saturday, April 21, 2 p.m. (*Professional Development Workshop*)

Main Library, Board Meeting Room

Session 3: Sunday, April 22, 1:15 and 2:15 p.m. (*For Kids and Adults*)

Main Library, Youth Services Program Room

DARCY PATTISON

Darcy Pattison is an author of children’s books, and her picture books include *19 Girls and Me*, *Searching for Oliver K. Woodman*, and *The Journey of Oliver K. Woodman*. Pattison teaches writing at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway and at retreats around the country. She lives in North Little Rock.

Saturday, April 21, 11 a.m.

Main Library, Youth Services Program Room

DEBORAH WILES

Deborah Wiles is the author of *Love, Ruby Lavender* and *Each Little Bird That Sings*, a finalist in the 2005 National Book Awards. Wiles was born in Alabama and spent her growing-up summers in a small Mississippi town full of Southern characters. Her writing keeps those characters alive.

Sunday, April 22, 1:15 p.m.

Main Library, Youth Services Program Room