



Dear parent/guardian,

You are receiving this letter because your child will be attending the 52nd Annual Children's Literature Festival (CLF) in Warrensburg, Missouri in March. I am writing to share some useful information for you and your student to have in advance.

What is the CLF?

The CLF brings authors and illustrators from all across the United States to engage with Missouri students about their work and lives. Students attend presentations and may have the opportunity to have books signed by presenters. The Children's Literature Festival is the longest-running literature festival in the U.S. that is geared toward children.

How are we funded?

The CLF depends on book sales to generate half of the funds we use to continue from year to year. The other half is generated by our registration costs. Everything we earn goes into the next festival. This year we were fortunate to receive a grant from the Missouri Arts Council. We appreciate the support we receive from families like yours, as well as the PTOs and community literacy organizations across the state that help students attend.

What will the day be like for my student?

The CLF is a jam-packed day with 6 sessions starting on the hour from 9am-2pm. Students will often have a break for lunch and use this time to purchase books. Sessions are spread across campus so there is a lot of movement between buildings.

How can I prepare my child for the CLF?

- The most hectic events during the CLF are Book Sales and lunch hours. Attendees are often excited to eat lunch at the fast food restaurants open in our Student Union building. Please consider sending your child with a brown bag lunch or with a prepaid credit card to help speed along the long lines.
- Our event serves grades 3-10, which is a wide span of ages. There are books available for all of these grades at the Book Sales area. Please speak in advance with your student about what books might be most appropriate for them. Information about what books will be available can be found on our website on the Pre-Sales page. The average price of a book is about \$12 with some as low as \$6.
- A registered nurse is available at the Student Union Building should a student need assistance with a medical issue.

Thank you so much for your time and support. We look forward to another great year of introducing students to the folks behind the books they love!

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