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AGENDA

9:30-9:45 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:45 a.m.-Noon Keynote Speech and Presentation
Heather Forest:
"Storytelling Connections: Speaking, Listening, and Literacy"

Noon-1 p.m. Buffet Lunch and Autographing

1-2:45 p.m. Rita Williams-Garcia

3-4:30 p.m. Workshops

4:30-5 p.m. Reflecting on the Day

HEATHER FOREST is founder and executive director of Story Arts, Inc. (storyarts.org), a Long Island-based nonprofit organization dedicated to the art of storytelling and its educational applications.

Storytelling is one of humanity’s oldest art forms and an enduring educational method. Since ancient times folktales, fables and oral histories have been instrumental for passing on information, values and lore from one generation to the next. Exploring the dynamic relationship between speaking, listening and literacy, Ms. Forest’s presentation encourages the use of oral storytelling in the classroom. As a noted professional storyteller, she offers insight into how storytellers can use metaphor, descriptive language, facial expression and evocative gesture to create powerful images in the minds of listeners. This talk is filled with stories; it encourages teachers to explore their own innate storytelling abilities and stimulate narrative expression in children.

RITA WILLIAMS-GARCIA Noted author of JUMPED, 2009 National Book Award Finalist

Author of four award-winning novels, Rita Williams-Garcia continues to break new ground in young people’s literature. Known for their realistic portrayal of teens of color, Ms. Williams-Garcia’s works have been recognized by the Coretta Scott King Book Awards Committee, PEN/Norma Klein, American Library Association, and Parents’ Choice, among others. She recently served on the National Book Award Committee, and is a faculty member at Vermont College of Fine Arts for the M.F.A. Writing for Children and Young Adults Program.

As Ms. Williams-Garcia says, “Writing stories for young people is my passion and my mission. Teens will read. They hunger for stories that engage them and reflect their images and experiences.”

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