

# Connecting Young Writers with Authors/Illustrators

Encouraging creativity, collaboration, and outside-the-box approaches to gifted and talented programs.



## Key Takeaways:

- **Real-word Creative Partnerships Enrich GT Programs**

Authors and illustrators bring more than inspiration—they bring process, feedback, and real-world connection.

- **Structure + Freedom = Growth**

Independent projects thrive with support.

- **Every school can start somewhere - even small!**

A long-term partnership might begin with one conversation or one workshop!



## Writing resources to explore:

The Telling Room – [tellingroom.org/programs/in-school-residencies](http://tellingroom.org/programs/in-school-residencies)

Young Author Camps – USM – [usm.maine.edu/literacy-language-culture](http://usm.maine.edu/literacy-language-culture)

Longfellow Young Writers Workshop – UMF – [umf.maine.edu/longfellow](http://umf.maine.edu/longfellow)

SCBWI New England Author Visit Directory –

[scbwi.org/regions/newengland/school-visit-directory](http://scbwi.org/regions/newengland/school-visit-directory)



## Maine Authors/Illustrators:

Josh Alves – [joshalves.com](http://joshalves.com)

Jeannie Brett – [jeanniebrett.com](http://jeanniebrett.com)

Russ Cox – [smilingotis.com](http://smilingotis.com)

Chris Van Dusen – [chrisvandusen.com](http://chrisvandusen.com)

Alexandra Hinrichs – [alexandrahinrichs.com](http://alexandrahinrichs.com)

Hazel Mitchell - [hazelmitchell.com](http://hazelmitchell.com)

Lynn Plourde – [lynnplourde.com](http://lynnplourde.com)

Emma G. Rose – [emmagauthor.com](http://emmagauthor.com)

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