



CORRECTION: The earlier Inciting Incident included an incorrect link for the Emerging Voices Award. We are sorry for the confusion. The link is corrected below.

Inciting Incident

September Events & Opportunities

SCBWI Opportunities for Members

scbwi On-The-Verge EMERGING VOICES AWARD

The SCBWI established the On-The-Verge Emerging Voices Award in 2012 with funding from Martin and Sue Schmitt of the 455 Foundation. The grant was created to foster the emergence of diverse voices in children's books.

This award honors an excellent writer or writer/illustrator from an ethnic and/or cultural background that is traditionally under-represented in children's literature in America. (Including but not limited to: American Indian, Asian, Black or African American, Hispanic, Pacific Islander)

The manuscript must be an original work written in English for young readers and may not be under contract. The applicant must be over 18, be unpublished (self-published is not considered published for this award), and should not yet have representation.

Submissions are open from **September 15 through November 15**.

[Learn more about this award and how to submit your work.](#)

Write for the SCBWI Bulletin!

Have you ever considered writing for the SCBWI Bulletin? Do you have the perfect topic to share with your fellow writers and illustrators?

Each issue features articles from SCBWI members from around the world. You can pitch an article by emailing bulletin@scbwi.org with a brief description of your proposed article and a short bio.

Free Regional SCBWI Events

Tapestry of Voices Book Rumpus

Sharing What Works for Equitable & Inclusive Representation in Children's Literature

Saturday, September 19 (7-8 PM PDT)

Online Zoom Event

Hosted by: Michelle Quraishi & Natasha Tripplett

What does equitable and accurate representation look like in children's literature? How can we tell if we're getting it right? What are some of the pitfalls and challenges?

We invite the Tapestry of Voices community to share great examples of published books that take good care with representation of ALL children - books that make you feel seen and heard, books that make you think about others in new ways. Bring a book that was such a good window, mirror or sliding glass door that it gave you shivers as you read! We'll discuss what works for representation in children's literature, and where we as authors and illustrators see room for improvement.

All children's book writers and illustrators from all regions are welcome. Librarians, classroom teachers, and readers of all ages also welcome!

RSVP for a Zoom link: Email jahatama@yahoo.com with "TOV Book Rumpus" in the subject line to register and receive the Zoom link, or if you have questions.

Mendocino/Sonoma County Children's Writer & Illustrator Joint ZOOM Meetup

Saturday, September 26 (10 AM - 12 PM PDT)

Online Zoom Event

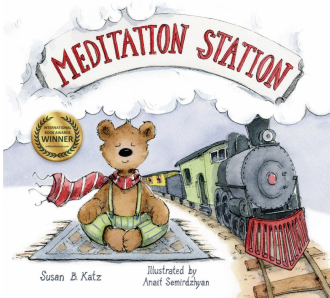
Hosted by: Terri Nicholson, Jennifer Alvarez, & Natasha Yim

Would you like to connect with other like-minded writers and illustrators, and share experiences, tips, and resources? Please join us for a FREE ZOOM Meetup on all things kidlit: questions about the ins and outs of writing, editing, illustrating, and publishing kidlit or just need some writing and illustration inspiration? You are not ALONE!

After general introductions, we'll be placing participants in Breakout Rooms (PB/illustrator, MG or YA) for more focused conversation targeting the kind of writing you do.

RSVP for a Zoom link: If you would like to participate please RSVP and let us know which breakout room you'd like to be in by contacting Natasha Yim at sfnortheastbay-ara@scbwi.org by **Sept. 25, 5 pm** for the Zoom link.

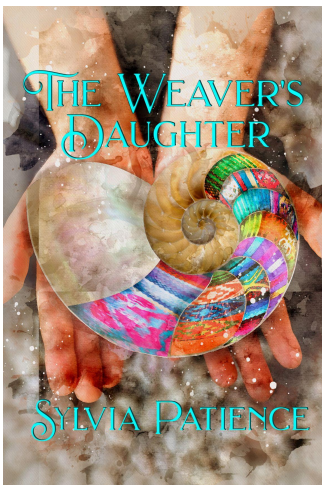
Member Events & Good News



Meditation Station Wins 2020 International Book Award for Mind/Body/Spirit Children's Book

Congratulations to author Susan B. Katz and illustrator Anait Semirdzhyan!

All aboard! Your racing train of thoughts may try to whisk you off down the railroad tracks, but you can choose to stay in the Meditation Station, focusing on your breath and tuning into your body. This adorable picture book for children ages 4-8, teaches kids (and, let's be honest, adults too!) how to calm their bodies and minds. [Learn more about the book.](#)



Just Released: The Weaver's Daughter

Congratulations to Sylvia Patience on the release of her latest novel!

“Sometimes people disappear into the North and are never heard from again.” When her papá doesn't return, twelve year old Ixchel, a Maya from the Yucatan, resolves to leave home and make her way across the treacherous border into the United States to find him. Chel relies on an inexperienced smuggler and faces unknown dangers in a border tunnel.

Frightened but resourceful, she is driven by hope, love for her father, and her dream of going to school. [Learn more about the book.](#)

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Deadline for October submissions: Sept 24th

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