



Inciting Incident

November Events & Opportunities

SCBWI Opportunities for Members



Submissions open on November 15th!

The Spark Award is an annual award that recognizes excellence in a children's book published through a non-traditional publishing route.

One winner and up to two Honor Book recipients will be chosen in two categories: Books for older readers: (middle grade and young adult fiction and nonfiction) and Illustrated Books (board books, picture books, readers, chapter books and novelty books).

Submissions are open from **November 15 through December 19**.

[Click here for submission requirements and additional award information.](#)



DEADLINE APPROACHING!!!
All submissions are due by **November 15th**.

The On-The-Verge Emerging Voices Award 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.

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

Free Regional SCBWI Events

Tapestry of Voices Book Rumpus

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

Saturday, November 7th (7 - 8:30pm PST)

Online Event

Hosted by: Michelle Quraishi & Natasha Tripplett
(Rescheduled from Sept. 19th)

What does equitable and accurate representation look like in children's literature? How can we tell if we're getting it right? Come join us for a group discussion of great examples of published children's books that take good care with the representation of ALL people. Open to all members and the public.

RSVP for a Zoom link: Email Michelle Quraishi at jahatama@yahoo.com with "TOV ZOOM" in the subject line to register and receive the Zoom link.

Sonoma & Mendocino Counties Writer & Illustrator Joint Zoom Meetup

Saturday, November 21st (10am - 12pm PST)

Online 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 Nov. 20, 5 pm for the Zoom link.



SCBWI Digital Workshops - Round 3

Don't miss this final free webinar provided by our national SCBWI team in their third round of workshops by industry experts! SCBWI Digital Workshops take place live via Zoom and are available free for any SCBWI member.

The Exploding Nonfiction Market: Finding Your Opportunities and Inspirations in Informational Books

Thursday, Nov. 19 (4 - 5pm PST)

Melissa Manlove, Senior Editor at Chronicle Books, presents the current market for nonfiction with ideas on how your work can capitalize on the exploding interest in informational books.

To register for this workshop: Log in to the SCBWI website as a member. Then visit the [Digital Workshop Events Page](#). If you are not a current member and would like to join or renew, [click here](#).

Watch the Replays!

Did you miss a workshop? You can view the recordings of all of these Round 3 Digital Workshops in the [archive](#). All recordings will be available for 30 days after they were originally posted.

Member Events & Good News

The 5 Costly Copyright Mistakes You're Probably Making: For Authors, Bloggers, & Creatives

Free Online Masterclass

Ending November 3rd

Online event hosted by [Liani Kotcher](#)

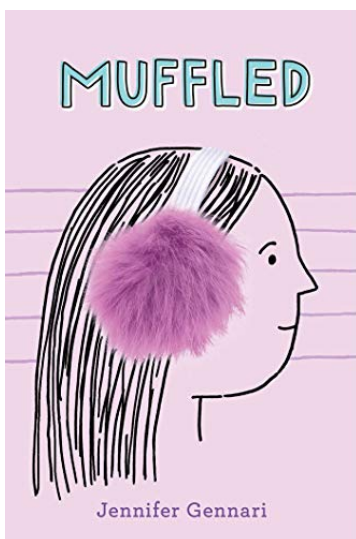
From October 27 to November 3, former intellectual property attorney and Young Adult



fiction author Liani Kotcher (pseudonym Rektok Ross) will host her popular FREE masterclass for authors, bloggers, and creatives.

Copyright is the number one legal protection all creatives must know about in order to ensure their valuable work is safe and that they are not infringing the copyrights of others—a very expensive mistake, potentially resulting in thousands of dollars in damages and attorney fees.

In this masterclass, Liani combines her decade-plus knowledge as a trial attorney at a top international law firm and her own first-hand experience as a published author and blogger—just like you—to teach you copyright basics and some of the mistakes she most often sees writers making (and how to fix them). [Register now for this online FREE course as spots are limited and it will fill up quickly!](#)



Introducing MUFFLED: A Virtual Book Launch

Saturday, November 7th (10:30am PST)

Online event hosted by [Jennifer Gennari](#)

Join us for a conversation with author Jennifer Gennari and Alison Green Myers, Highlights Foundation Program Director. Tune in for the story behind MUFFLED, learn about the work of the Highlights Foundation, and listen to a trombone!

[Register now and preorder your signed copy from Sausalito Books by the Bay.](#)

MUFFLED -- Amelia does not like noise. In fifth grade, she has to learn to play an instrument or, as she sees it, make noise on purpose. To help Amelia cope, her father gives her a pair of earmuffs to wear. When she makes a new friend in trombone class, the two form an unlikely friendship that helps Amelia find a way to let in the noisy world she's muffled for so long.

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[Submit it here.](#)

Deadline for December submissions: Nov 24th

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