

MELISSA HART

School & Library Visits

ENGAGING YOUNG READERS,
WRITERS, AND NATURE LOVERS



Assembly Presentation— Raptors are Remarkable

For groups of any size, grades 3-9

What are birds of prey? What makes them so fascinating?

We'll talk about raptor species and their amazing powers of flight, sight, and hearing. We'll also touch on why it's critical to protect their habitat, and what you can do help.

Workshop—All About Owls

For groups of any size, grades 3-8



What makes owls so very incredible? Is it their amazing sight? Their ability to fly silently? Their lopsided ears?

We'll examine the cool characteristics of various owl

species—how they fly, how they hunt, and how and what they eat. We'll each dissect a pre-sterilized owl pellet in this fun and interactive science-based workshop, then talk about how to attract owls to your yard!

Assembly Presentation— You as the Storyteller

For groups of any size, grades 3-10

What elements make up a good story? How can you use freewriting and brainstorming to get your best thoughts on the page?

We'll talk about how to craft a compelling story with plot, setting, characterization, theme, and our secret weapon . . . humor!

Workshop—Write and Publish!

For groups of any size, grades 3-10

How do writers get their thoughts down on the page? How do they use trusted readers and revision strategies to polish their drafts?

We'll talk about writing and revision techniques, and then discuss the magazines that publish writing by young people, along with how to submit your poems, stories, and essays to their editors.

Conversation with Melissa Hart

Why is it critical to find your "power time" as a writer? How do writers handle criticism of their work? Where do they get their ideas, and why do so many writers love cats?

A personal Q&A session with the author, available in person and via Skype.

