

Dear Conference Attendee,

In just a few days, we'll greet you in person at WWU's 15<sup>th</sup> Children's Literature Conference. For the fourth year in a row, you will be joined by over 600 children's/young adult literature aficionados, each of us eager for this day of inspiration.

As you prepare to travel to Western's campus – whether from a few blocks away or from across the United States – we'd like to offer some tips and reminders. You may also want to consult our webpage ([www.wwuclc.com](http://www.wwuclc.com)) for more information about this event.

**Where is the Conference located? Where do I park?**

All events except lunch will be held in the Performing Arts Center (PAC). This is building #16 on the campus map. Free parking is available in the C and 12A lots on the south end of campus. A shuttle will run continuously to/from the 12A lot (in front of Fairhaven College) to the PAC from 7:15 - 9:15 a.m. and then again beginning at 3:15 p.m., with the last shuttle leaving the PAC at 4:45 p.m. For directions to these parking lots, enter campus from Bill McDonald Parkway and follow the signs to the shuttle pick-up area. Additional limited (free) roadside parking *may* be available on Garden, North Forest, and State streets. Access parking locations on the campus map: [http://www.wvu.edu/map/static/wwu\\_parking\\_8x11.pdf](http://www.wvu.edu/map/static/wwu_parking_8x11.pdf).

**When do doors open?**

Doors open at 8:00 a.m. The activity you'll see inside the PAC before that time are volunteers and staff getting everything ready for you! While you wait, treat yourself to coffee/tea and breakfast breads under the eaves of the PAC. If you would like a warm place to wait for the doors to open or prefer a "fancy coffee," Starbucks will open at 7:30 a.m., just a few steps away in Viking Union.

**Where do I pick up my registration?**

Pick up your nametag and conference folder at the registration tables, which will be "front-and-center" inside the lobby. (Village Books will be set-up in a room directly behind registration for on-site book purchases.)

**Are you selling books? Can I get them autographed?**

Once the doors open, Village Books will be ready for book browsing and purchasing. Sophie Blackall, Kevin Henkes, Pam Muñoz Ryan, and Benjamin Alire Sáenz will have pens in hand to sign your books beginning at 8 a.m. They will also sign books during the lunch break and again at the end of the day. To accommodate everyone, you will be limited to two books per author unless there is no line. You're welcome to return to the end of the line if you'd like more than two books signed. To keep lines moving, our speakers will not take time for posed photos. We want as many attendees to have the opportunity to get autographs, so please help in keeping the lines moving. All four speakers have agreed to pre-sign a number of books so, if waiting in line

doesn't appeal to you, ask a Village Books employee about purchasing a pre-autographed book.

**How do I obtain clock hours?**

Six (6) clock hours will be available for \$20 and can be submitted as follows:

1. Clock Hours Packets will be available at the Clock Hours Booth inside the PAC lobby. The form needs to be completely filled out and you must include your **teaching certificate number** (required in order to give you credit for your clock hours).
2. Turn-in your completed Clock Hours Packet and payment (enclose check, cash, or fill in credit card info.) to the Clock Hours Booth (right side of the PAC lobby) by the end of the day, or grab a business reply envelope from the booth and mail in your form after the event. *You will only receive your signed in-service form if you have both paid and turned in your Clock Hours Packet.*

**Are you selling the awesome WWUCLC book bags again this year?**

Definitely! We will have two book bag stations in the lobby areas. Bring an extra \$5 (or more) to purchase your beautiful ocean blue reusable book bag to cart home treasures from the Conference. Proceeds from book bag sales support student scholarships for the CLC.

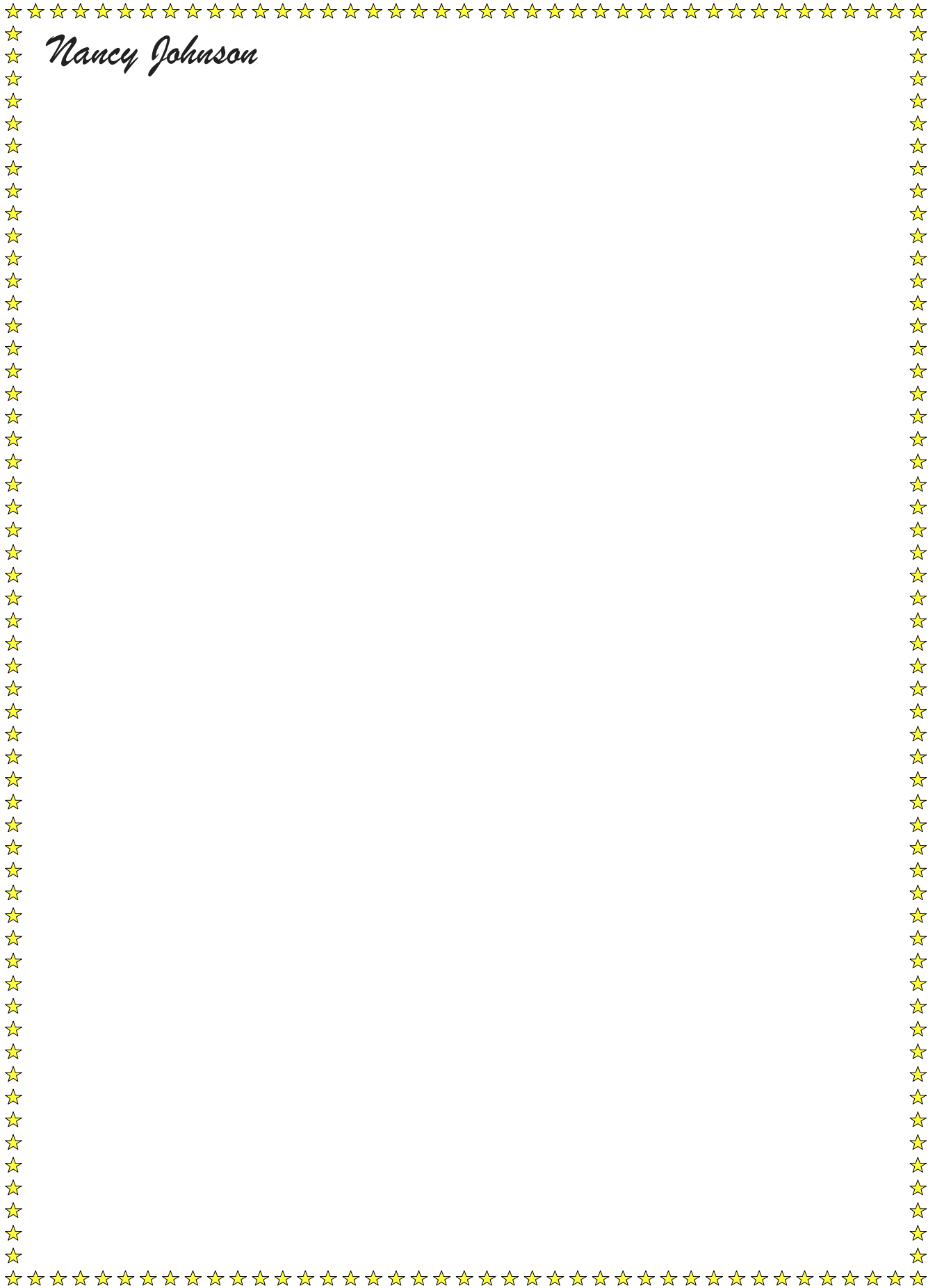
**What about lunch?**

In addition to morning coffee and treats, your conference fee includes lunch. Due to the scheduled two-year renovation in and around the Viking Union, our lunch location has been moved. Boxed lunch pick up tables will be set up just outside the PAC's main entry as you exit the PAC. Seating and water stations will be available in both the Viking Union and Wilson Library, both an easy walk from the PAC. Maps, signs, and our friendly student volunteers will guide you to a warm and comfortable lunch area. While these changes may be a bit challenging, we're planning to offer the best experience possible and appreciate your patience and understanding. Here's the good news: We've set aside a lengthy lunch break to allow time to soak up all you're learning, converse with other attendees, enjoy a walk around campus, and take advantage of more book signing.

**What's the agenda for the day?**

Conference presentations begin at 9 a.m. Following a welcome and some brief announcements, the morning kicks off with presentations from two of our exceptional speakers, followed by lunch, and then presentations by our remaining two amazing speakers. The day concludes with a Q& A session with a panel of all four presenters answering your questions. Authors will be available to sign books from 8-8:50, 11:55-12:55 and 3:30-4:15. For specifics about who's speaking when, check the CLC website (<http://wwuclc.com/schedule-of-events>).

Safe travels to Western's campus – See you this Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.



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