



A g e n t s ' D a y
September 26, 2009
Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa, Ontario

If you write or illustrate for children or teens, you'll find all about literary agents here.

FEATURING:

Mark McVeigh, Literary Agent, Founder of [The McVeigh Agency](#), New York
Edward Necarsulmer IV, Director, Children's Department, [McIntosh & Otis](#), New York

PROGRAM

8:00 – 8:45a.m. Registration, Coffee or Tea, Browse the Book Table

9:00 a.m. Welcome and Announcements

9:15 – 10:15 a.m. Mark McVeigh
Finding and Acquiring an Agent: How to Make a Positive Impact

10:15 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Edward Necarsulmer
From Submission to Publication, the Agent's Role

11:30 – 12:00 Questions for both agents

12:00 – 1:15 p.m. Lunch. Order a bagged lunch with registration by Sept 17, or bring or pursue your own.

1:15 am – 2:15 p.m. Portfolio Walkthrough
Illustrators can set out their portfolios for speakers to browse through.

1:15 - 2:15 TBD

2:30 - 3:15 First Look Session: Query Letter or Manuscript First Page

That query letter about your manuscript is critical if you want to approach an agent. Randomly selected queries or manuscript first pages submitted by attendees in advance will be read aloud anonymously. Would the agents request a partial ms or reject your submission? Get an insider's look at why. See Details section for how to submit for this.

3:15 Closing Remarks, Draws

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. One-on-one Manuscript Critiques

Pre-arranged, private 10-minute teaching opportunities to discuss strengths and weaknesses of your manuscript with one of our speakers or a published author or illustrator. Please see registration form for additional fee and specific submission requirements. Participants will receive their appointment time at registration.

THE DETAILS

Location

The Library and Archives Canada (www.collectionscanada.gc.ca) is located at 395 Wellington Street in the heart of the nation's capital, downtown Ottawa, Ontario. Our event will take place on the main floor in the auditorium and lobby.

Accommodations

The National Library is close to many hotels and B&Bs. Please book your own accommodations if they are required. Use your favourite travel search website or try www.ottawakiosk.com/accommodations.html.

Lunch

Optional lunch must be pre-ordered. An elegant luncheon bag: each labelled bag will contain fresh gourmet sandwich, homemade pita chips with dry roasted salsa, a piece of fresh fruit homemade cookies, juice or soft drink.
www.thymeandagaincatering.com

One-on-One Manuscript Critiques

A limited number of one-on-one manuscript critiques are available with paid registration. The additional fee must be paid with registration by separate cheque for critique fee if you wish. Manuscript may be mailed separately from registration **but must arrive no later than August 21, 2009**. No exceptions. We will not hold spaces. Due to the tight deadline you may choose to send, **in PDF format only**, an electronic copy of your ms to raEast@scbwicanada.org. Subject line must read: MS for Agent Day. Manuscripts for critique are limited to one novel chapter plus a synopsis, or one picture book manuscript. Illustrators with a manuscript for critique may include one sample sketch or partial dummy. Please limit dimensions to standard 8.5 x 11 paper.

SCBWI members do receive priority for critiques. SCBWI reserves the right to match submissions with the most appropriate agent speaker or published author or illustrator. The strongest submissions will be seen by the agents. Others will receive solid feedback from a published author(s).

Portfolio Walkthrough

Portfolio walkthrough for illustrators is included with registration fee, but bring your portfolio with you to the conference. We will not be held responsible for any damage to materials brought to the conference. Illustrators may bring promotional postcards to this session to hand out.

First Look Query Letter or Manuscript Submissions

Please submit three (3) copies of a query letter about your manuscript. Query letters may be single line spaced and may use a dummy or placeholder address to retain anonymity. For manuscripts, please double line space, note the genre at the top of the page (picture book, YA novel, middle grade novel, etc.). Your name should not be on the manuscript as it will be read aloud anonymously. All submissions will be recycled after the conference. You may submit more than one piece for possible reading, but please remember the three copies. Pages will be selected at random and we will go through as many as possible in the time available.

Questions

Please direct questions to Lizann Flatt, SCBWI Canada East Regional Advisor, at raEast@scbwicanada.org or phone (705) 783-6313; or Alma Fullerton, SCBWI Canada East Assistant Regional Advisor, araEast@scbwicanada.org.

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**SCBWI Canada East September 26, 2009 Agent Day
REGISTRATION FORM**

(please print out and mail completed form with payment to address below/on back)

Name:

Mailing Address:

e-mail address:

phone number:

Yes, I am an SCBWI member Not a member

Create Your Registration Package:

\$ _____ **Registration fee required:** \$110.00 for members or \$120.00 nonmembers

\$ _____ optional Manuscript one-on-one session (\$45 if chosen)

\$ _____ optional Boxed lunch (\$13 if chosen)

I request a vegetarian meal: yes no

\$ _____ **Total enclosed**

Please make cheques payable to "SCBWI Canada East." No refunds after September 12. NSF charges will apply.

Please check all that apply:

Manuscript for One-on-One Session is enclosed.

Manuscript for One-on-One Session will follow under separate cover **to arrive by August 21, 2009.**

I have enclosed three copies of my query letter or ms for the First Look Session.

I will bring my portfolio to participate in the Portfolio Walkthrough session

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