Keynote Author

This year we welcome writer and scientist Mary Cerullo. Mary started teaching and writing about the ocean at the New England Aquarium in Boston. Her career as a science interpreter, translating research to make it accessible for non-scientists, has allowed her to indulge her curiosity about many aspects of marine biology, oceanography, and maritime history. She likes to immerse herself in her research, as she did a few years back on a dive off Freeport, Bahamas, among 10 Caribbean reef sharks. She is the author of 20 non-fiction children’s books on the ocean. She currently works for a marine conservation organization, Friends of Casco Bay, in South Portland, Maine.

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Agenda

8:30-9:00 Registration at Owl’s Nest, Campus Center
9:00 Welcome—Student Center
      Literacy Award
9:15 Keynote—Mary Cerullo
10:00 Presentation of Book Cover Winner and
      Anthology of Aroostook Writers
10:15 Break (Snacks provided at Kelley Commons)
      Book signing with Mary Cerullo
      Sale of books, t-shirts, water bottles, and other items
10:45 Workshop Sessions
12:00 Departure

You must register for this event. Please return the enclosed registration form to your Aroostook Right to Read director. Be sure to select your first, second, and third choice for the workshop you would like to attend. Some workshops fill up quickly, and we may need to place you in your second or third choice.
Workshop Choices: Please select your first, second, and third choice

1. **A Visit with Mary Cerullo**—Children’s book author Mary Cerullo will share more of her experience as a writer and oceanographer.

2. **Writing for News Readers**—Mark Putnam, Managing Editor for Northeast Publishing

   Be a News Reporter! Learn the basics of news reporting “cover” the author’s keynote speaker’s address to create an article or speech for publication in the newspaper. (Bring a digital tablet if you have one.)

3. **Decisions, Decisions: Form and Meaning in Art**—Frank Sullivan

   Just as an artist makes many decisions that influences his artwork, writers make similar decisions when faced with a blank page. Let art inspire your writing.

4. **Blast From the Past with Artifacts**—Jay Blackstone

   Learn about the amazing world of artifacts through a hands-on opportunity discovering what objects were used for!

5. **Poetry Café**—Mary Graham

   Poetry cafes have been popular for years so come relax, write, and perform your poetry in true café style.

6. **LEGO Wedo**—Kelley Marquis

   Do you love creating and programming with LEGO? Do you have a passion for creative writing? If so, this session offers a combination of both. Learners will have the opportunity to build, program, and develop a piece of descriptive writing to accompany their creation! LEGO Wedo offers a cross-curricular series of theme-based activities for classroom use. This an opportunity to experience and jump into this innovative hands-on learning experience that is fun for all ages.

7. **Someplace Warm**—Reneva Smith

   Create a tropical scene using acrylic paints, a #12 flat brush and a double loading technique. The finished product will be a beautiful note card ready for use!

8. **Relationships**—Candace McKellar

   Create a personality for a six-inch figure and show associations between each other or pets. Drawing, painting, sanding, and writing will be used to show the relationships that you have with others.

9. **Pop-Up!**—Alexis Sirois

   Watch your writing come to life as you turn them into your very own pop-up book. You will spend your time letting your creative juices flow. We will work on learning different types of poems and making those poems come to life with illustrations. As a final product, your poems and illustrations will be displayed in your very first pop-up book!

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School: ________________________

Workshop Choices:

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Parent: ________________________

Fee enclosed: ($10 for each parent attending) _______

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