



Dear Librarians, Media Specialists and Teachers,

Would you like to host a special author event at your school? To promote the importance of our blue planet, I'm offering one unique author visit in the month of April. As a participant in **Authors for Earth Day** (www.authorsforearthday.org), I will be donating my day's speaking fee to a conservation organization and the donation recipient will be decided by a student vote at the school I visit.

This is my way to join hands with educators in a celebration of literacy and conservation, and to inspire students make a positive impact on the world. Here's how it works:

1. Prior to my visit, the students will be given their "nominees". I will provide a list of five conservation organizations with brief details about who they help and how, plus websites for the kids to research so they can make educated votes.
2. Prior to my visit, classroom teachers will discuss the upcoming event, discussing my children's books, emphasizing the power of voice—as writers and as voters—as well as the conservation message of Earth Day.
3. During my special author visit, the kids will vote for whichever conservation group they think is most deserving of my donation. The ballots (paperless, if possible) will be tallied to determine the donation recipient.
4. At day's end, we will announce the "winning organization" and I will write a check to that non-profit in honor of the school's students and staff. NOTE: The school pays me in the normal fashion and I make the donation.

If you have an interest in hosting my **Authors for Earth Day** event to educate your students with this unique author experience, please check your school calendar for an available day in April, then contact me. Unfortunately, I can only attend one school for this event, so if there are several schools interested, there will likely be a drawing.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,