

# Tulare County Office of Education

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DATE: November 29, 2011  
TO: Kindergarten through 8th grade Teachers  
FROM: Glenn Williams, Student Event Coordinator  
RE: *Young Authors' Faire*

The Young Authors' Faire will be held beginning Monday February 27 through Friday, March 2, 2011 in the Elderwood Room at TCOE Doe Avenue Complex; 7000 Doe Avenue, Visalia. It is open to the public to browse, view, and read the amazing books on display. Following are the hours the faire will be open:

Monday, February 27 - 9:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, February 28 - 9:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.  
Young Authors' Faire Reception 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
Parents, Family, Students, and Teachers are all welcome!  
Wednesday, February 29 - 9:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.  
Thursday, March 1 - 9:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.  
Friday, March 2 - 9:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.

*Please note:* The Reception on Tuesday, February 28 will be held at the same location, TCOE Doe Avenue Complex – Elderwood Room, 7000 Doe Avenue, Visalia, CA 93291. Students will be invited to read their books aloud or have someone read for them at the reception.

**The deadline for book entries is Friday, February 10, 2012.**

Send your entries to:

Educational Resource Services  
Attn: Sara Torabi/Maria Ortiz  
7000 Doe Avenue, Suite A  
Visalia, CA 93291

Attached is the booklet with information, instructions, and documents needed for your book entries. Please read thoroughly. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Sara Torabi or Maria Ortiz at (559) 651-3031.

We look forward to your participation and are always delighted with the awesome student entries!



## Young Authors' Faire

The Tulare County Office of Education is sponsoring a Young Authors' Faire. This event will be held February 27 – March 2, 2012, in the Elderwood Room of the TCOE Doe Avenue Complex, 7000 Doe Avenue, Visalia. We would like to encourage each school to participate in this great event.

**There are three ways in which you could join in this event.**

First, encourage your students to write and submit entries. Second, encourage teachers and parents to come by during the week to read books submitted by students from throughout Tulare County. Their comments are welcomed and appreciated by the young writers. Third, encourage authors, parents and teachers to attend the Young Authors' Reception. Enclosed you will find an invitation to be sent to the participants' families asking them to attend the reception. Please be sure to send this invitation to the family of any authors whose work was submitted.

1. The Tulare County Young Authors' Faire is open to kindergarten through eighth grade students in Tulare County. The purpose of the Young Authors' Faire is to showcase original writing, across various genres, by elementary age students in Tulare County. The Young Authors' Faire is for recognition, not competition. **Each school site may enter 20 books.**
2. Students may write narrative or expository texts. These genres may include ABC books, picture books, poems, fairytales, folktales, myths, legends, mystery, historical, fiction, fantasy, fables and biography.
3. Students are to:
  - create and organize the story idea
  - write and edit the book
  - illustrate and bind the book
5. If using a computer, students need to use a size 10 or greater font.
6. Adults may only act as recorders, or typist for children who are too young to do these themselves.
7. Books may be written by one student, a small group of students working together, or a whole class of students. It is suggested that entries be included from several grade levels.
8. Books may be written in any language or combination of languages.
9. Books can be any size, shape, or color. Some examples are:
  - a. shape books

- b. big books
  - c. pop-up books
  - d. flip books
10. Books can be made from various materials.
 

a. cloth	d. wallpaper	g. tagboard
b. burlap	e. construction paper	h. railroad board
c. felt	f. contact paper	i. leather
  11. A variety of art techniques may be utilized when illustrating a book.
 

a. paint	f. colored markers	k. ink
b. stenciling	g. colored pencils	l. wax resist
c. printing	h. yarn	m. torn paper
d. crayon	i. photographs	n. water color
e. chalk	j. collage	
  12. Books must be boxed and sent to Tulare County Office of Education, Educational Resource Services, 7000 Doe Avenue, Suite A, Visalia, CA 93291, by **February 10, 2012** (Attention: Sara Torabi/ Maria Ortiz). A Master List (attached) must be enclosed with the boxed books that identifies the school, district, contact person, number of entries, and lists the individual authors, their teachers, and titles. (Boxes may be sent on Tulare County Office of Education delivery trucks by those districts with AV or Library contracts.)
  13. Please note: Although we never judge a book by its cover, it has been our experience over the years that those publications that are visually appealing are picked up and read more frequently than others.
  14. An official school label (enclosed) must be attached to the boxed books.
  15. Each individual book must have an official Young Authors' Fair Comment Page (enclosed) and Book Label (enclosed) inserted inside preferably the back cover, or on front and back inside covers. If necessary, the forms may be reduced to fit the size or shape of the book.
  16. Each entrant will receive a certificate for participating in the "Young Authors' Faire." If a book was authored by a group, please indicate how many students were involved so that we may send the correct number of certificates.
  17. Each book will receive a Gold Embossed Seal which will be affixed to the book designating it as a Young Authors' Faire book. All books will be returned to the contact person listed on the Master List upon completion of the Young Authors' Faire.
  18. Please feel free to make as many copies of all or any part of this packet as you wish.
  19. Lastly but not least, we have enclosed an Author/Illustrator Release form to be sent home to each participant's parent/guardian for their signature then submitted to us with your entries.

After the Young Authors' Fair, books will be boxed and returned to the contact person at the school and district from which it was received. Thank you all for your tremendous effort and creativity.

## Mailing Label

Books must be boxed and sent to Tulare County Office of Education by February 10, 2012.

FROM: 2012 Young Authors' Faire

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School

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District

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Contact Person

TO: Tulare County Office of Education  
c/o Sara Torabi or Maria Ortiz  
Educational Resource Services  
7000 Doe Avenue, Suite A  
Visalia, CA 93291

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## 2012 Young Authors' Faire Master List

(PLEASE PRINT)

School \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

FAX \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Student Author(s)						
(Please list all students involved)						
Teacher	Student First Name	Student Last Name	Book Title	Book Label	Release Form	
1.				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2.				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4.				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5.				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6.				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7.				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8.				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9.				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10.				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(Maximum of 20 books per school.)

**Please attach one of these labels to the inside front cover of each book.**

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# *Young Authors' Faire*

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

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Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Young Authors' Faire

Dear Parents and/or Guardians of Young Authors and Illustrators:

Tulare County Office of Education invites you to a reception for authors, illustrators, and their families who are participating in the 2012 Tulare County Young Authors' Faire.

We know how proud you are of these talented youngsters, and we look forward to celebrating their hard work with you.

Please join us for book-browsing, cookies and punch on February 28, 2012, in the Elderwood Room of the Tulare County Office of Education – Doe Avenue Complex, 7000 Doe Avenue, Visalia, from 4:30 until 6:30 p.m.

We look forward to meeting you and those talented young authors and illustrators.

Sincerely,



Glenn Williams  
Student Event Coordinator



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## Author/Illustrator Release

The Author/Illustrator named below hereby grants the Tulare County Superintendent of Schools, the Tulare County Board of Education, the Tulare County Office of Education, and their employees, officers, agents, nominees, designees and successors, full authorization and the absolute right and permission, to assign, convey, video tape or publish photographic reproductions of any of the Author/Illustrator's work submitted to the Tulare County Office of Education Young Authors' Faire.

I hereby waive any right that I may have to inspect or approve the finished product or the use to which it may be applied.

I hereby release, discharge and agree to hold harmless the Tulare County Superintendent of Schools, the Tulare County Board of Education, the Tulare County Office of Education and their employees, officers, agents, nominees, designees, successors or others for whom they are acting, from any liability of any nature or description by virtue of any use whatsoever, whether intentional or otherwise, or from any change that may occur or be produced in the reproduction of the Author/Illustrator's original work.

In giving this authorization, I am agreeing to waive any rights I may have to maintain the confidentiality of such information pursuant to law, or to assert any privilege to do so.

Author/Illustrator's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Author/Illustrator's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### Minor's Release

If Author/Illustrator is under 18 years of age, the parent or legal guardian of the Author/Illustrator must sign below.

I, parent and/or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (Child's Name) do hereby consent and grant permission to all of the foregoing. In giving this authorization, I am agreeing to waive any rights I may have to maintain the confidentiality of such information pursuant to law, or to assert any privilege to do so.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date

\_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Student Author:

Thank you for your submission to the Tulare County Office of Education's 2012 Young Author's Faire. Your book will be on display during the week of February 27-March 2 in the Elderwood Room at the TCOE Doe Avenue Complex located at 7000 Doe Avenue in Visalia. In addition to the week-long showcase, one Young Author's Fair Reception is scheduled from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28.

An added feature to this year's Young Author's Fair Reception is that student authors are being invited to give a brief reading, no longer than 10 minutes, of their favorite passage from their submitted book. A schedule of student author reading time slots has been created for this purpose. Students who wish to be featured as a reader at the reception must register via telephone by contacting Sara Torabi or Maria Ortiz at 651-3031. Student author reading assignments will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Should not all of the scheduled student author reading time slots be filled prior to the event, or should there be a cancelation, students will be offered the opportunity to volunteer as a featured student author reader at the event.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at the number below.

Sincerely,



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