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Shenandoah Valley's 19th Annual
Young Author's
SOUTHERN CELEBRATION

April 21, 2009

Wilson Memorial High School
3:45 – 6:00 PM

Open to pre-registered students in Augusta,
Staunton, Waynesboro, Rockbridge,
Lexington,
and Buena Vista

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Ellen Levine



Ellen Levine is an award-winning children's book author who writes both non-fiction and fiction. In her presentation, she focuses on the grand adventure of non-fiction by sharing her experiences in exploring other worlds. "Many young people think research is achingly dull; you copy information from an encyclopedia, give it a title, and call it a report." Using her books as examples, Levine demonstrates the excitement of working with primary sources. Her works span the reading level range from Grade 1 through Grade 8.

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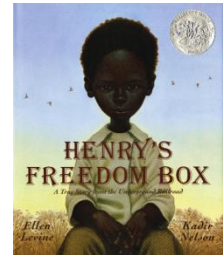
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Ms. Levine's recent work, *Henry's Freedom Box*, was a Caldecott honor medal finalist.

(Book Description | Ages 4-8 | Grades Pre-K-3) Henry "Box" Brown dreams of a world where his life belongs



to him; where his family cannot be bought and sold on the slave market, and where he could be free to live as he chooses. Henry decides to mail himself to the freedom he seeks and after an arduous journey in a crate, Henry finally has his first day of freedom.

If You Traveled on the Underground Railroad

(Book Description | Ages 7-10 | Grades 2-5)

The vast and complex network known as the Underground Railroad helped thousands of slaves reach freedom. Told in a vivid question-and-answer format, the text provides true stories of slaves who faced an enormous number of dangers.

Freedom's Children

(Book Description | Ages 9-12 | Grades 4-7)

In this inspiring collection of true stories, thirty African-Americans who were children or teenagers in the 1950s and 1960s talk about what it was like for them to fight segregation in the South—to sit in an all-white restaurant and demand to be served, to refuse to give up a seat at the front of the bus, to be among the first to integrate the public schools, and to face violence, arrest, and even death for the cause of freedom.

If You Traveled West in a Covered Wagon

(Book Description | Ages 7-10 | Grades 2-5)

Meticulous research, accurate details, and facts presented from a child's perspective convey what it was like to travel the Oregon Trail.
