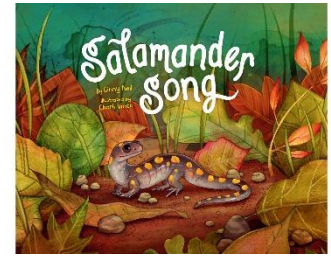




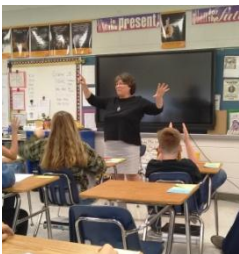
Book an Author Visit

with award-winning
Author/Illustrator/Educator
Ginny Neil
www.ginnyneilwrites.com



“Ms. Neil’s appealing presentation and interactive sessions sparked our students’ imaginations.” ~K. Sweeney, librarian, Highland Elementary

Author Ginny Neil is an experienced, award-winning teacher who loves to visit schools, community groups, and libraries and lead standards-based activities that revolve around her books.



“Mrs. Neil is an expert in student engagement and facilitating a space where critical thinking happens with ease.” R. Mitchell Reading Specialist Franklin Elementary

All visits will include a 40–45-minute **interactive** assembly appropriate for students first grade and up where Ginny will read one of her picture books (school choice) and share an interactive program related to the content or the process of becoming an author.

In addition, schools may choose two more sessions from the hands-on, standards-based lessons at the end of this flyer.

Price: \$450 per day includes one assembly plus two sessions (may mix and match) chosen from the list on the next page (add another 45-minute session for an extra \$100). Travel will be priced at \$.50/mile after the first 25 miles. If the author must travel more than 2.5 hours one way, then there will be a charge to cover housing and meals.

For other arrangements of classes or assemblies please contact Ginny at virginianeil@yahoo.com or home phone (540)396-6149. If price is an issue, we can talk about where to find money or negotiate a lower price.

“Ginny is easy to work with, accommodating, and creative, and made partnering with her for our program very easy.” ~K Rankin, Education Coordinator, Edith J. Carrier Arboretum

AVAILABLE SESSIONS TO CHOOSE FROM

You may choose 2 of the same or mix and match. Groups may be mixed ages if all participants fall within the acceptable age range.

HANDS-ON STANDARDS-BASED LESSONS (teachers must be present during lessons)

- 1. HOW'S THAT HABITAT?** (suitable for groups of up to 50 students in grades 2-6, takes 45-50 minutes, requires a gym, or can use open playground space in nice weather)

Students will identify and define system, habitat, producer, consumer, and decomposer. They will explore the relationships that exist among organisms in an ecosystem as they investigate how humans and organisms interact with one another and the non-living components of the ecosystem.

- 2. FULL STEAM AHEAD** (suitable for groups of up to 50 students in grades 4-12, takes 45-50 minutes, requires a large space with tables, scissors, paper clips, scotch tape, and copy paper)

Students will use inquiry, dialogue, record keeping, and critical thinking to design a solution to a book subject related problem that involves the use of at least two of the five core components of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, math)

- 3. READ AND CRAFT** (suitable for groups of up to 25 K-2nd graders, takes 30 minutes in a classroom or library with standard school supplies available. *Since these are shorter, you may book two of these and count them as one session*)

Ginny will read her book to the children and then they will sing a song and/or participate in a short craft activity based on the book.

- 4. CREATE A BOOK** (suitable for groups of up to 50 students in grades 4-12, takes 45-50 minutes, requires a space large enough for students to be at desks or tables, and standard school supplies)

Students will use story structure, figurative language, and basic art skills (stick figures) to plan, write, and illustrate a short dummy picture book (dummy is a publishing term used to describe early planning stages of a book)

**Other sessions that can be scheduled include some appropriate for middle or high school students. Contact Ginny for more information.*

**A 35-minute online Zoom session, in which Ginny reads her book and answers student questions, is available for \$100. Contact her if interested.*

**Libraries and community groups should reach out to discuss programming and prices.*