

Fees

Professional Fee: I love to visit with young readers and writers; so that is my first and foremost goal. So, if I can get to and from school locations within a day's drive, I do my best to try and make it happen. However, there are costs associated with travel, printing, promoting and delivering my work to schools, so the fees are as follows:

School visits are **free** within the Philadelphia metro counties & regions under 50 miles from Central Bucks County, PA. (Bucks, Montgomery, Berks, Chester, Delaware, Philadelphia, Lehigh Valley, Hunterdon, NJ, Princeton, Mercer Counties, Somerset, Hamilton and parts of South Jersey). and include up to four one hour sessions.

School visits to locations over 50 miles from Central Bucks County PA, but within **PA/NJ/DE** are \$150/day for the same time frame as above.

Locations over 50 miles outside of the PA/NJ/DE area are \$250/day for the same time frame as above.

If there are questions, drop me a line.



Opportunities

For my new book, I have engaged two schools in the metropolitan Philadelphia area to preview, review, edit and offer feedback on it. Teachers have enjoyed the opportunity to offer a real-time learning experience, where students will receive credit in the book.



Also, I am scheduled to teach a *'Get Published'* camp at Temple University this summer, for children in the same age range: 8-12. They will spend a week working in groups with sentence strips and some direction, reviewing the published adventures and creating a lead to be used in a future adventure (to be published on-line and possibly in an upcoming book). These and other opportunities will continue to be offered to **all schools** that I visit, as requested. This is one of the many perks of being a self-published author: bringing the experience live and as promised, directly to the classroom.

Support materials are found on the website.



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SCHOOL VISIT

PROGRAM

*The Adventures of the
Poodle Posse*



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I've had a lifelong love for words- from blue book essays and school newspapers to a stint as magazine editor for HBJ, a communications manager for a Fortune 500 company and over two dozen years as a freelance feature writer for national and regional magazines. It's all recently gone to the dogs, as my



joy of turning a good phrase merged with my desire to see a little fun in most everything, resulting in my first children's book: *The Adventures of the Poodle Posse (Case of the Missing Steak Bone/Who Let the Dogs Out?)*--a silver recipient of a **Mom's Choice Award for Juvenile Fiction, 2009**.

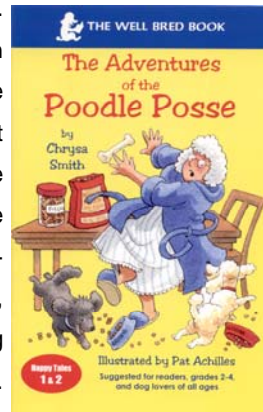
I was recently invited (2009) to be a featured author at the **Pennsylvania School Library Association Conference**, a speaker at the **Keystone State Reading Association Conference** and a participant at the **New Jersey Association of School Librarians**. Member **Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators (SCBWI)**, **Independent Book Publishers Association (IBPA)**. I teach summer writing & publishing camps to children at Temple University and mentor alumni from St. John's University in NYC. A NYC born and bred city gal; I've grown to love my suburban PA setting for two decades now,

where I live with my husband, son and own posse of mini poodles.

The series

The Adventures of the Poodle Posse is a fiction series for young readers; a unique format of two short illustrated stories in one book, that serves as a stepping-stone into chapter books. Follow the funny tales of a growing posse of mini poodles whose adventures keep their loving owner, Mrs.

Mrs. Flout, spun around and bafled—while teaching life and love along the way. The first two stories include sharing and caring about others, the loving furry friends.



coming summer 2009, *The Princess and the Frenchmen/No Dogs Allowed!* offer lessons of acceptance, standing up for what is right and resetting your sails when the wind is blowing in the wrong direction. Suggested for grades 2-4, or as a read-aloud for younger children. **Current reviews, excerpts, writing prompts, blogs, trivia, work philosophy, calendar and more can be found on www.wellbredbook.net.**

Book 1 in the series is a recipient of a silver Mom's Choice Award for excellence in juvenile fiction. See the website for reviews,

Presentations

School visits range from storytelling and puppet shows for audiences from K-1 to reading tales and follow up activities that build comprehension skills. Discussion of author/illustrator roles and show 'n tell samples of how they work; from rough sketch to finished book--looking at details and humor in the illustration and writing process. Higher level grades (2+) get everything the little guys get plus hear the tales, and learn through a new digital presentation, about the writing and publishing process, the stages, including generating ideas through observation (how my observations of my dogs led me to write this series), character development, research, proof-reading, editing, and some fun dog trivia just for fun. For classes interested in magazine writing, I compare and contrast process with book publishing. Small groups are suggested for the puppet show presentation.

For book purchases, I provide all school-discounted, pre-order forms (@20% retail discount), customized for the school, ready to distribute, and return orders on the day of visit, complete with signed book. book mark and pencil in a paw-print bag, ready for easy distribution. There is no need to order books through a third party.

