BUILDING BRIDGES AND THE DOWNERS GROVE COUNCIL OF PTAS AUTHORS FEST PRESENT TWO SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

Wednesday, April 19

7 - 8:30 p.m

Hillcrest Elementary School



Michelle Schaub is a local teacher and parent as well as a recently published author.

Michelle will discuss the trend in children's book publishing to create more diverse books that reflect and appeal to a wider audience so that all children can find themselves within the pages of books.

As a teacher, Michelle will explore how to use picture books with children of all ages and ranges of ability to enhance communication skills.

Val Bresnahan, Ed.D., is a former adjunct professor of special education at Northern Illinois University and St. Francis College. Dr. Bresnahan has taught elementary, middle and high school students in special as well as general education. She has co-authored books and articles on vocabulary instruction and strategies for teaching students with special needs in general education classrooms.

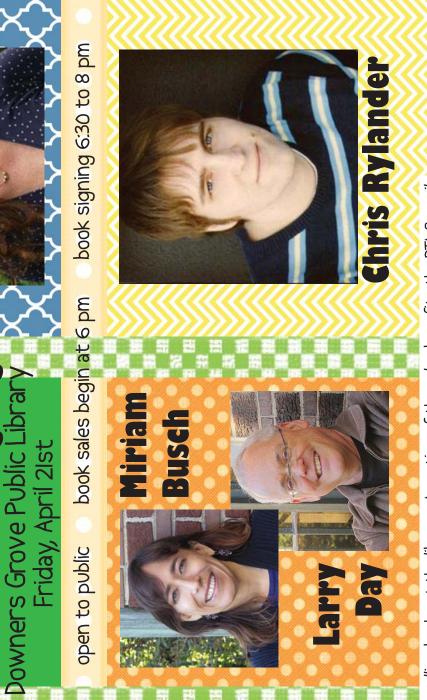
Val will discuss using books with special needs children to build vocabulary and expressive language as a basis for reading and writing development.



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