

Killaloe Kids BookFest brings award-winning children's authors to our area.

In 2016 more than 600 children and adults met children's authors, heard, read and shared stories and learned more about themselves and the world around them.

What People are saying about the first Killaloe Kids BookFest in 2016

"My experience in Killaloe wildly exceeded my expectations. I know from experience that the success of a festival depends entirely on the willingness of volunteers. Killaloe is a goldmine in that regard. Killaloe Kids BookFest is a good and sound investment that will reap many positive rewards."

- Janet Wilson, author and illustrator

"The Killaloe Festival brought the community together in a joyous celebration of literacy. The students were engaged, interested and excited. Killaloe is a great festival for reading and community!"

- Frieda Wishinsky, children's author

"Bookfest 2016 was a great opportunity to meet such talented authors who were so enlightening and fun. It was an incredible opportunity to hear how characters were created and to truly know their personalities, the whole experience was intriguing. I had so much fun and it was a great outing for our entire family."

- Andrew, parent

"I liked how the authors made up their characters. I loved seeing all of my friends there. It was great when Jan Thornhill brought in all of the bones that she had. It was very heartwarming when all of the authors got to read their books to everyone."

- Matilda, student (age 8)

"I really enjoyed that they brought the authors in and had some interactive stuff for the kids to do. They always had great stories about their writing process and sometimes even the illustrations. The snacks were great and there was time to mingle before and after the presentations."

- Ruby, student (age 13)

"I've participated in many book festivals over the past 30 years, but the Killaloe Kids BookFest stands out. If I was invited again, I'd go in a heartbeat!"

- Jan Thornhill, author

"What a wonderful experience the Killaloe Kids BookFest was for our students! Meeting authors is so motivating for children. Suddenly the idea of being a writer becomes attainable. They learn that the books they read are created by real people."

- Kathy Eisner, teacher (KPS)

"Each author was different in their approach and stories, which made it very interesting as an audience member. Watching the children completely enthralled by the visiting authors was incredible. These visits provided an opportunity to see literacy, art and writing as fun, attainable possibilities in their lives. The BookFest team put on an amazing event that I hope will be repeated for many years to come."

- Maureen, parent

This feedback has encouraged us to bring the Killaloe Kids BookFest back again in 2017.

Your support is greatly appreciated.