Friday, February 6, 2015 - Optional Intensive

Writers’ Intensive: WORLD BUILDING: A Hands-on Workshop

This intensive, moderated by veteran editor and publisher Emma D. Dryden, provides seminar-style instruction on how to build a rich, imaginative and believable world for your fiction. Although all children’s book creators are welcome, (since world building applies to every work of fiction) the topic and speakers may be of special interest to creators of fantasy, science fiction and other genres of imaginative fiction.

8:00am - 8:45am  
Registration

8:45am - 9:00am  
Introduction and Goals  
Emma D. Dryden, Founder, drydenbks LLC consultancy firm

9:00am - 10:00am  
Building Your World’s Foundation: The S.P.R.I.T.E. System  
Define your world’s Society, Politics, Religion, Ideas/Culture, Technology and Economics  
Henry Neff, Author

10:15am - 11:00am  
Writing Exercise  
Participants use Henry’s handouts to apply the system to their own work-in-progress.

11:15am - 12:30pm  
Critiques  
Faculty-led small group critiques of each participant’s world building exercise  

12:30pm - 1:45pm  
Lunch (on your own)

1:45pm - 2:45pm  
An In-Depth World Building Interview with James Dashner  
James Dashner and Krista Marino

3:00pm - 3:45pm  
Critiques continued

4:00pm - 5:00pm  
Editor and Agent Panel: The Past, Present and Future of Fantasy and Science Fiction in Children’s Books  
Ari Lewin, Krista Marino, Antonia Markiet, Brooks Sherman, and Moderator, Emma D. Dryden