Kevin Henkes

Kevin Henkes grew up loving books and loving to draw and paint. In pursuing his career, he went on to become both an award-winning author and illustrator of children’s picture books and middle grade fiction. Some of his most famous books include *Owen*, *Lilly’s Purple Plastic Purse*, *The Penny series*, *Kitten’s First Full Moon*, *Oliver’s Ocean*, & *The Year of Billy Miller*. His impressive career includes, among many other honors and awards, the Caldecott Medal, two Newbery Honors and the prestigious May Hill Arbuthnot Lecture Award.

Adele Griffin

Adele Griffin is a two-time National Book Award Finalist and highly acclaimed author of numerous books for young adult and middle grade readers. Her works include the popular *Witch Twins* and *Vampire Island* series, *Where I Want to Be*, *Loud Awake and Lost*, *Tighter*, and her latest, *The Unfinished Life of Addison Stone*, which tells the fully illustrated story of a brilliant young artist, her mysterious death, and the fandom that won’t let her go.

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**Friday, September 18, 2015**

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Agenda**

8:30  Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:00  Welcome
9:15  Guest Speaker: Kevin Henkes
10:30 First Session Discussion Groups & Workshop
11:45 Second Session Discussion Groups & Workshop
1:00  Luncheon & Guest Speaker: Adele Griffin
3:00  Closing Remarks
      Autographing/Book Pick-up

**Location**

Adelphi University, Garden City Campus, University Center Building
For directions visit: [www.adelphi.edu/visitors/directions.php](http://www.adelphi.edu/visitors/directions.php)

The Garden City Campus is easily accessible by train (Nassau Blvd. Station on Hempstead Line). A parking permit is NOT required to park on campus that day.

**Book Signings**

Books will be available for purchase and signing throughout the day.

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Book Discussions and Workshops
There are two group sessions. Choose 1 book discussion and 1 workshop OR 2 book discussions.

Group 1: Celebrating Kevin Henkes
- A Good Day
- Kitten’s First Full Moon
- Lilly’s Big Day
- Owen
- Penny and Her Marble
- Wemberly Worried

Rita Auerbach
Manorhaven School (Retired)

Group 2: Home
- Home by Carson Ellis
- Dreaming Up by Christy Hale
- Building Our House by Jonathan Bean
- Look Where We Live! by Scot Ritchie
- If You Lived Here by Giles Laroche

Randall Enos
Ramapo Catskill Library System

Group 3: Guys Read!
- The Great Greene Heist by Varian Johnson
- Maps and Geography by Ken Jennings
- Neighborhood Sharks by Katherine Roy
- The Year of Billy Miller by Kevin Henkes

Keith Klang
Port Washington Public Library

Group 4: Girls Read!
- The Blossoming Universe of Violet Diamond by Brenda Woods
- Dear Hank Williams by Kimberly Willis Holt
- Olive’s Ocean by Kevin Henkes
- Summer of the Gypsy Moths by Sara Pennypacker

Marie Drucker
Malverne Public Library

Group 5: Heroes With Special Needs
- El Deafo by Cece Bell
- Out of My Mind by Sharon M. Draper
- Paperboy by Vince Vawter
- Rain Reign by Ann M. Martin

Caroline Ward
The Ferguson Library

Group 6: What’s the Real Story?
- Chime by Franny Billingsley
- Made You Up by Francesca Zappia
- Tighter by Adele Griffin
- We Were Liars by E. Lockhart

Maureen Glueckert
Island Park Public Library

Group 7: A Picture’s Worth a 1,000 Words: Hybrid Novels and the Art of Visual Writing
- Chopsticks by Jessica Anthony & Rodrigo Corral
- Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs
- Safekeeping by Karen Hesse
- The Unfinished Life of Addison Stone by Adele Griffin
- Why We Broke Up by Daniel Handler & Maira Kallman

Sharon Long
Syosset Public Library
Jennifer Marino
Rockville Centre Public Library

Workshop (10:30 am & 11:45am)
Book Buzz with Random House Children’s Books
Come hear about the must-have Fall ’15 and Spring ’16 books from Random House Children’s Books. They’ll cover titles from Picture Books to YA and everything in between. Learn what your favorite authors and illustrators will be publishing!

Register Early!
To get your choices, please register as early as possible. The book discussion groups and workshop will be offered in each session (10:30 and 11:45). To ensure a rewarding exchange of ideas, participants are asked to read all of the selected titles for their chosen book discussions. .4 CEUs will be offered.
Visit youth.nassaulibrary.org /litfest for all the details and to download this brochure.