

## **Write-by-the-Lake Writer's Workshop & Retreat, June 15-19, 2009**

### **Section #6 –The Building Blocks of Children's Literature**

**Led by Kathleen Ernst.**

Held at the Pyle Center, 702 Langdon St., 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Contact: Kathleen Ernst at (608) 836-9218, k.ernst@kathleenernst.com.

#### **Syllabus**

This syllabus is intended to serve as a guideline only; participants' individual needs will also shape the week.

#### **Monday: Creating Characters**

Introductions, Overview  
Jump-Start #1 – Fast Fiction  
Goals for the week?  
Discussion: Characterization, Point-of-View

#### **Thursday: Finding Voice**

Jump-Start #4 – Poetry  
Discussion: Voice, Style  
Critique Circle

#### **Tuesday: Plots and Plans**

Jump-Start #2 – Writing and Imagery  
Discussion: Premise, Story Structure, Scenes  
Critique Circle

#### **Friday: Adding Luster**

Jump-Start #5 – Writing by Heart  
Discussion: Where do we go from here?  
Critique Circle  
Closing, Goals

#### **Wednesday: Power of Place**

Jump-Start #3 – Setting  
Discussion: Setting and Tone  
Critique Circle

Please come prepared to share your personal goal(s) for the week. What do you want to accomplish? How can our time together help you meet your goals?

#### **Credit Students**

One credit: Attend all classes, participate in discussions, provide writing sample in advance.

Two credits: All of the above, plus complete overnight assignments.

Three credits: All of the above, plus complete a revision (or write a first story or chapter draft, if notes only turned in during the workshop) within two weeks of the workshop.