The East Baton Rouge Parish Library is proud to present author Carole Boston Weatherford and illustrator Jeffery Boston Weatherford as the featured speakers for the 46th Annual Author-Illustrator Program.

Adults, teens, and children are invited to attend a FREE presentation on Thursday, September 28 at 7:00 PM.

Teachers, librarians, writers, parents, and lovers of children’s literature are invited to attend a paid presentation on Friday, September 29 at 8:30 AM. The registration fee for this event is $25 for adults and $10 for students* with a valid school ID.

Both events will include a book sale and autograph session.

The Author-Illustrator Program affords an excellent opportunity to hear “the story behind the story” from prominent writers and illustrators of literature for children and young adults.

*Scholarships are available
Behind the Writing: Part I
Thursday, September 28
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM
FREE program for all ages!
An autograph session and reception will follow the presentation.

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Behind the Writing: Part II
Friday, September 29
8:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Registration and a fee are required to attend. Registration begins at 8:00 AM.
Enjoy breaks and snacks. An autograph session will follow the presentation.

A selection of books will be available for purchase during the program. Autographs will be limited to books purchased at this event.

Program
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How It Began
The EBRP Library’s Author-Illustrator Program was founded in 1978 by Dr. Patsy H. Perritt, former professor in the Louisiana State University (LSU) School of Library & Information Science; John Richard, former Library Director; and Dianne Brady, former head of Children’s Services.

Past Featured Authors and Illustrators:
2023 to 1997:
- Carole & Jeffery Boston Weatherford
- David Biedrzycki
- Salina Yoon
- Candace Fleming
- Matt de la Peña
- Brian Floca
- Rosemary Wells
- Gene Yang
- David Adler
- Katherine Paterson
- Linda Sue Park
- Avi
- Jack Gantos
- Eric A. Kimmel
- James Ransome
- Tedd Arnold
- Vivian Vande Velde
- Cynthia DeFelice
- Bruce Coville
- Lois Lowry
- Robert San Souci
- Denise Fleming
- Judy Arnold
- McCully
- Will Hillenbrand
- Gloria & Jerry Pinkney
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1996 to 1978:
- Gerald McDermott
- Patricia & Fred McKissack
- Molly Bang
- Thacher Hurd & Frances A. Miller
- Janet Stevens & Jean Kuecher
- Paul Fleischman & Toni Brown
- Johanna Hurwitz & Otto Salassi
- Ashley Bryan & Elizabeth Ellis
- William Joyce, Berthe Amoss, & Ernest Gaines
- Paul Zelinsky
- E.L. Konigsburg & Pat Scales
- Jean Fritz
- Steven Kellogg
- Paula Danziger
- Mercer Mayer
- Augusta Baker & John Bierhorst
- The Folktellers: Connie Kegan, Blake & Barbara Freeman
- Caroline Bauer
- Richard Peck & Joan Atkinson

Carole Boston Weatherford
The Baltimore-born daughter of educators, Carole at age six dictated her first poem to her mother. Her father, a high school printing teacher, published some of her early poems on the press in his classroom. By middle school, she had transferred from an all-black public school to an exclusive private school. There, her eighth-grade teacher wrongfully accused her of plagiarism. That slight left her determined to use her writing to amplify marginalized voices. Now, her words stand as monuments to icons and unsung heroes alike. Growing up, Carole found few Black characters in books. But when she became a mother, she shifted from writing for adults to creating children’s literature. Family stories, fading traditions, and forgotten struggles inform her poetry, nonfiction and historical fiction. Carole is currently a professor at Fayetteville State University in North Carolina.

Jeffery Boston Weatherford
An artist and spoken word poet, Jeffery Boston Weatherford is illustrator of the award-winning book, You Can Fly: The Tuskegee Airmen. He has designed, illustrated, and published several children’s books: Africa, A Bat Cave: An Abecedarian Bedtime Chronicle, and Princeville: The 500-Year Flood. He has presented his work in the U.S. and Africa and has exhibited his work in numerous galleries. He often collaborates with his mother, author Carole Boston Weatherford.