The East Baton Rouge Parish Library is proud to present author Candace Fleming as the featured speaker for the 43rd Annual Author-Illustrator Program, which will be held Thursday and Friday, October 1 and 2, at the Main Library at Goodwood, located at 7711 Goodwood Blvd.

Adults, teens and children are invited to attend the FREE Thursday evening program on October 1. Then on Friday, October 2, Fleming will present a program for teachers, librarians, writers, parents and lovers of children’s and young adult literature. The registration fee for this event is $25 for adults and $10 for students with a valid school I.D. 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. Some notable names in the field of literature who have been featured during these annual programs have included: Matt de la Peña, Brian Floca, Rosemary Wells, Gene Yang, David Adler, Lois Lowry, Katherine Paterson, Linda Sue Park, Avi, Jack Gantos, Patricia & Fred McKissack, and Richard Peck.
Candace Fleming awarded herself the Newbery Medal in fifth grade after scraping the gold sticker off the class copy of *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* and pasting it onto her first novel—a ten-page, ten-chapter mystery called *Who Done It?* She’s been collecting awards (her own, not Elizabeth George Speare’s) ever since.

Today, Candace is the versatile and acclaimed author of more than forty books for children and young adults, including the *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize honored *The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, and the Fall of the Russian Empire*; *Boston Globe/Horn Book* Award-winning biography, *The Lincoln*s; the bestselling picture book, *Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!*, the Sibert-Award-winning *Giant Squid*; and the beloved *Boxes for Katje*. She contributed the chapter on Katharine of Aragon to *Fatal Throne*.

**PROGRAM**

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Join Us For

**BEHIND THE WRITING. PART I**

*7 p.m. Thursday, October 1*

**FREE program for all ages!**

**Registration is required.**

An autograph session & reception will follow the presentation.

- **AND -**

**BEHIND THE WRITING. PART II**

**Registration & Fee are required to attend!**

*8:30 a.m. - Noon Friday, October 2*

Registration begins at 8 a.m.

Enjoy breaks & snacks.

An autograph session will follow the presentation.

A selection of the author’s books will be available for purchase during the program.

Ms. Fleming has agreed to sign these books, however, we regret that books from libraries or personal collections cannot be autographed.

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*For the safety of the author and attendees, masks or face coverings are required. Seating will adhere to social distancing protocol.

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The East Baton Rouge Parish 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. The list of featured speakers over the years includes some of the finest authors and the most notable artists in children’s literature:

*2019-Matt de la Peña*  
*2018-Brian Floca*  
*2017-Rosemary Wells*  
*2016-Gene Yang*  
*2015-David Adler*  
*2014-Katherine Paterson*  
*2013-Linda Sue Park*  
*2012-Ji*  
*2011-Jack Gantos*  
*2010-Eric A. Kimmel*  
*2009-JamesNano*  
*2008-Teddi Arnold*  
*2007-Vivian Vande Velde*  
*2006-Cynthia DeFelice*  
*2005-Francis Corr*  
*2004-Lisa Lowry*  
*2003-Robert San Souci*  
*2002-Denise Fleming*  
*2001-Emily Arnold McCully*  
*2000-Steffen A. Johnson*  
*1999-Gloria & Jerry Priney*  
*1998-Wil Hobbs*  
*1997-Eric A. Kimmel*  
*1996-Gerald McDermott*  
*1995-Patricia & Fred McKissack*  
*1994-Chris Van Allsburg*  
*1993-Jack Prelutsky*  
*1992-Jeanne Birdsall*  
*1991-David McPhail*  
*1990-Beatrice & Joseph C. Richter*  
*1989-Steve Toltz & Barbara Read*  
*1988-William Joyce & Battman Brown*  
*1987-Michael J. Bryant*  
*1986-William Joyce & H. Joani Littlefield*  
*1985-Richard & Sarah Schwartz*  
*1984-Christy Ott*  
*1983-William Joyce & H. Joani Littlefield*  
*1982-Jeanne Birdsall*  
*1981-Augustine Baker & John Bierworst*  
*1980-Theodore Seuss Geisel*  
*1979-Denise Fleming*  
*1978-Richard Peck & Joan Ainsworth*