

# Author Event

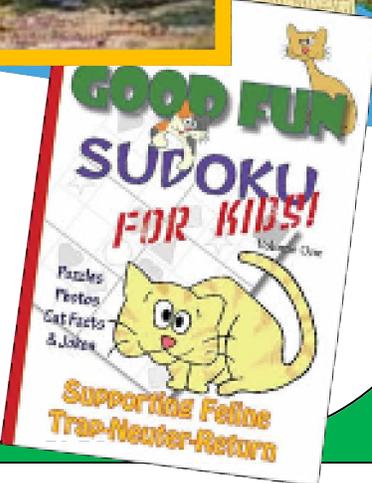
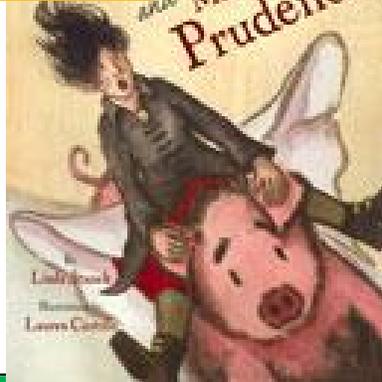
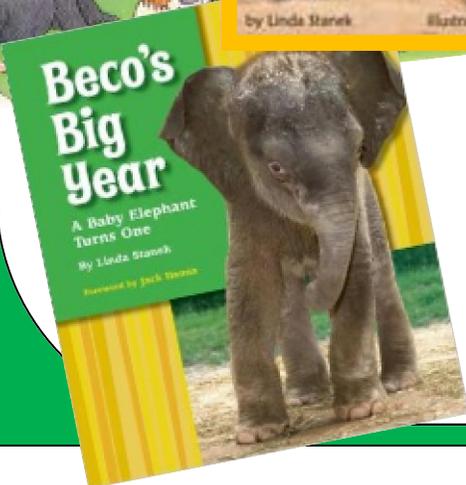
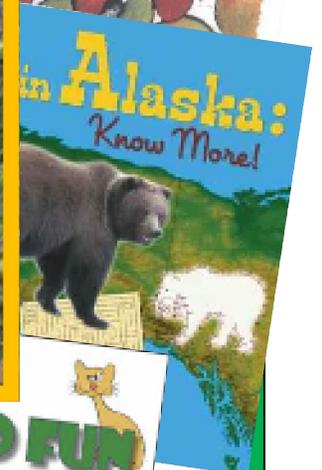
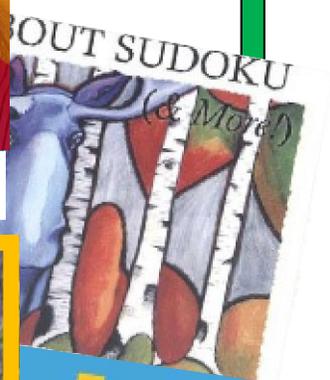
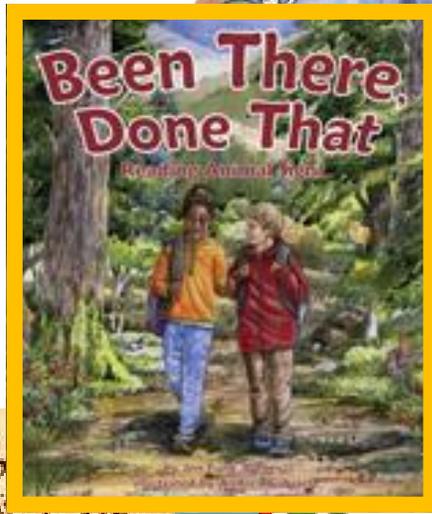
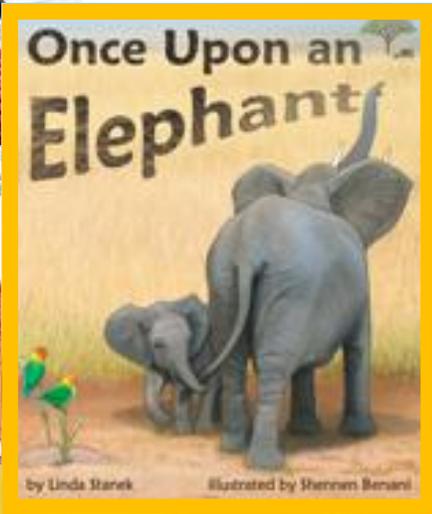
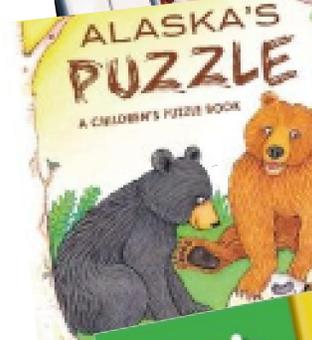
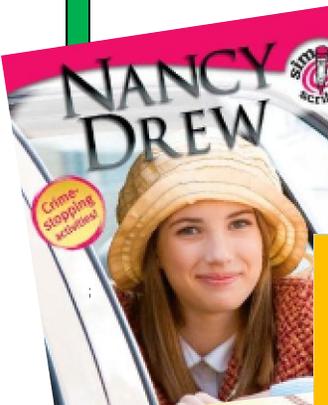
**A**NIMALS **B**OOKS **C**ONSERVATION



Linda Stanek



Jen Funk Weber



Author/illustrator Linda Stanek and author Jen Funk Weber have been writing partners for over a decade. While they each write in multiple children's genres, they find themselves coming back to animals and conservation nonfiction over and over. In school-year 2015-16, they are offering schools a multi-visit program to encourage reading, writing, and science, beginning with a visit from Linda (and a virtual visit from Jen) and culminating with a second, May, visit from both of them as they each launch their new animal/conservation books. Linda has been presenting to schools throughout Ohio for many years. While Jen has presented throughout the country for many years as well, she is excited to finally visit Ohio schools!

Linda and Jen provide large-group presentations that focus on the nuts and bolts of how books are made, as well as the skills and practices of authors and illustrators, including the necessity and strength of revision. (That's where the magic happens!) They follow up with both writing and illustration workshops including one on writing nonfiction puzzles—a divergent-thinking lesson, and one that stretches students' ideas on what nonfiction is and can be!

In this new program, they provide a **hefty science component** as they discuss environmental differences between Alaska and Ohio, conservation and keystone animals—animals, some of which are highly endangered, that are critical to the survival of many other animals.

Linda and Jen offer a range of packages, from \$1200–\$1700:

- *Two authors / One day*
- *Two authors / Two days / Three visits*
- *Two authors/ Two days/ Three visits / Long-distance, puzzle-based lessons through winter*

A teacher in-service and family evening program can be added to increase the value and fun of the program and take full advantage of Linda and Jen's expertise and experience. Visit our websites for details and pricing.

Finally, as Linda is a Columbus Zoo and Aquarium author, the zoo has created a special live-animal program for her visits for only \$200 for Franklin and Delaware county schools and \$300 for schools in all other Ohio counties.

*Please visit our websites or email us for more information.*

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