

Shelli R. Johannes

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"I cannot thank you enough for joining us yesterday. The kids absolutely LOVED having you there. It's so neat for the kids to actually meet an author who wrote a book they already love! And we'll keep putting your books in our classroom libraries! We'd love to see you again so let us know when you're coming out with a new book that you think might fit with our theme of social justice!"

— **Moms for Social Justice**

"Shelli Johannes has created reading experiences that allow young readers to escape into science-themed adventures and explore the ways they can use science to answer meaningful questions and solve problems. CeCe Loves Science has been a staple book for LSU's Geaux Science Explorations Story Time for the past three years. It is a hit among our young readers and with new characters like Libby and Vivi, the science adventures will continue. Shelli introduced Vivi Loves Science at our 2020 Story Time to the excitement of our storytime participants. We can't wait to see where Shelli's stories take us next."

— **Dawn Jenkins, Director of Communications, LSU College of Science**

Elementary Schools

"We had the pleasure of hosting Shelli. It was a magical experience for the students and staff. The author engaged the students with captivating storytelling, interactive discussions, and inspiring messages that sparked their creativity and love for reading. Shelli's passion for writing left a lasting impression on the young minds of our Clayton Cougars. She shared personal anecdotes and insights into the writing process, encouraging the students to explore their imagination and storytelling abilities. We are grateful for the opportunity to host such a talented and engaging author, and we look forward to more visits in the future!"

— **Sandy McPhearson, Clayton Elementary School**

"Shelli visited our school, and we LOVED it! Our favorite was the Loves Science series. I love that the books include science and real-world applications. She shared Libby Loves Science with us, talked about becoming an author, and how to create your own story. I can't keep her books in the library since she came. It was a great visit and we will definitely have her back!"

— **Brandi Whitaker, Media Specialist, Mossy Creek Elementary**

"Our students love CeCe Loves Science and they LOVED having Shelli visit our school. I love that CeCe breaks down the scientific method and features female scientists! Kids still talk about Shelli's visit, and our copies of Cece stay checked out. We can't wait for the sequel and hopefully another visit!"

— **Deirdre Sugiuchi, Media Specialist, Oglethorpe Avenue Elementary School**

"My 2nd grader came home saying that the very best part of her day was the author meet-and-greet."

— **Parent, Whit Davis Elementary School**

"My students loved hearing Shelli speak about her CECE Loves Science books! She made the presentation fun and engaging for the students, had great management skills, and made them feel really special during the book signing and meet and greet. I could tell she cared about what my students had to say and took the time to be positive and encouraging with each student."

— **Barnwell Elementary School**

"We had such a great time listening to Shelli speak about Science and STEM. Her presentation was engaging, she covered topics that are on the same standards we use with our students and discussed the importance of science. We also loved hearing about why she decided to write the CECE books to show that science isn't just for boys."

— **Ashlee Swanson, Alto Park Elementary**

"Shelli was amazing with our students. During her visit, we had a lot of things going on and she was extremely flexible and adjusted her presentation to fit our needs. The students were very interested in what she had to say. She allowed time for questions and answers and related to the students. During her book signing, she had goodies for the students and was able to ask the students different questions and connect with them."

— **Romilia Human, Kingsley Elementary**

"Shelli was amazing when she came to visit my K-3rd grade students. The students were engaged and they loved Cece and her science activities. The books can't stay on my shelves!"

— **Candice Howard, Cotton Indian Elementary**

"This author writes great science books for children. My students want to read more of them! So many of my students can relate to the character in the Cece books."

— **Scarlett Towe, Gwinnett County Teacher**

"Here at Simonton Elementary for Meet the Author Day. It was a wonderful experience for our students. Many of them talked about it long afterward of how they too want to become an author one day, or even consider graphic design!"

— **Alexandria Perry, Third Grade Teacher, Simonton Elementary**

"The students truly enjoyed the read-aloud with Mrs. Johannes. They were eager to hear her read all while motivated to participate and interact with her. She made the reading fun and enjoyable for the students. They were excited to share what they had learned about the book and many of them wanted to check the book out after her read-aloud. I am sure that I am not the only one who would say that we would love to have her read to our students again!"

— **Lakeshia, Taylor, Third Grade Gifted Teacher, Simonton Elementary School**

"Our elementary school hosted Shelli for a virtual Read Across America. Ms. Johannes was eager to donate an evening of her time to participate as our guest reader on Zoom. The students were able to log in from home & absolutely loved her choice to read "Cece Loves Science." After the reading, Ms. Johannes engaged our students in a very fun Q & A session. Even the parents jumped in & congratulated her on her ability to bring the fundamentals of STEM & chemistry to our students in a meaningful way. As a school that prioritizes diversity and representation, Ms. Johannes' reading & presentation was fresh and full of unique characters that our students could relate to. Highly commend and recommend Ms. Johannes as a gift to any reading enthusiasts organizing an event in the future."

— Jennifer Sigworth, LMC Paraprofessional, Freeman Elementary School

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— Debjani Saha, Media Clerk, Simonton Elementary School

Middle Schools

"You know you had a successful assembly when a week later the students and teachers are still talking about it and asking when the author is coming back!"

— Julie Stokes, Literary Coordinator, Dalton School District

"...the visit was an amazing way to help young writers connect classroom instruction with the real world of writing. Shelli ... engaged my students at their level and left them with a desire to read more and write more. My students were thrilled with the practical writing tips they were able to take away from the session."

— K. Smith, Ed.S, ELA-7, North Gwinnett Middle School

"This was a wonderful experience for our students...and gave the students insight into how to become a writer. Overall, it was a great visit that kept me, the teachers, and students all captivated!"

— Jennifer Sweat, Media Specialist, Grace Snell MS

High Schools

"The students loved meeting, talking with, and getting autographs, as well as participating in the writing workshops. The books have literally "flown off the shelves" in the media center."

— Lory Cox, Media Specialist, North Springs Charter HS

"Having this visit was the most rewarding thing I have done in my career to promote literacy. It was incredible and our students are STILL talking about it. Very powerful, motivating and educational."

— Lena Adams, Media Specialist, Adairsville HS

"With savvy that usually only accompanies the most seasoned educators, S.R. Johannes captivated our students and sparked their interest in writing. She engaged them in creative writing exercises and spoke about the power of good research. Boys and girls from 9th grade to 12th were bubbling with ideas afterward."

— Shanna Miles, Media Specialist, South Atlanta HS

Bookstores

“Working with Shelli is a dream. Her presentation is fun and engaging, with activities and interactive elements available for schools AND bookstores. Celebrating science with children has never been easier!”

— **Lauren, The Story Shop, Monroe GA, Monroe City Schools**

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