

WORKSHOP/ACTIVITY on BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

from kindergarten to grade 6, by **Geneviève Després**

Getting started:

Workshops vary from 45 to 60 minutes depending on duration of lesson/ library period and the age of the children. It is preferable that there are a maximum of 30 children participating in each workshop and that they are all in the same school year. Smaller groups have more fun! To optimize the experience, it is recommended to read two or more books by the illustrator prior to the activity.

Workshop description:

1. The illustrator presents the method used to realize a book: character development, visual research, “chemin de fer”, page layout, sketches and lastly the originals. Teachers and children are invited to examine authentic sketches and originals.
2. The illustrator will demonstrate the transformation from sketch to final support, and will realize an illustration with real brushes and paint! While drawing, the illustrator shall share some tricks of the trade in watercolor, gouache or acrylic. The artwork is then left in care of the teacher.
3. Now, it's time for the children to work! The illustrator shall show them, step by step, how to realize their characters. She will teach them to vary facial expressions bring the story's characters alive: princesses, ogres, elves, etc. Time permitting, the children will attempt a BOOK cover with their own character, to be completed in class.

Necessary materials for the presentation and workshop:

Two or more big tables where the children can circulate and examine sketches and originals. Clips or magnets to fasten originals to an unencumbered wall or board.

Chalkboard with chalk OR easel on which the illustrator may use their own big white paper to draw. Two sheets of white paper and a well sharpened pencil per child. Pencil crayons or markers may be required, if time permits, depending both on the children's age and the length of the workshop.

Workshop costs

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Thank you!

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