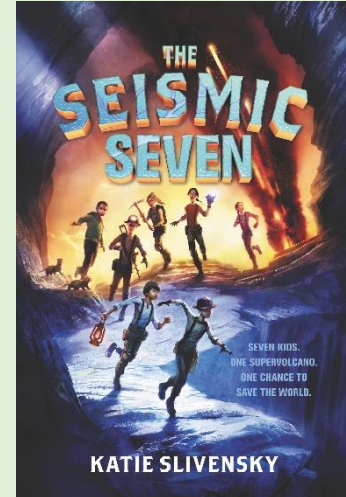
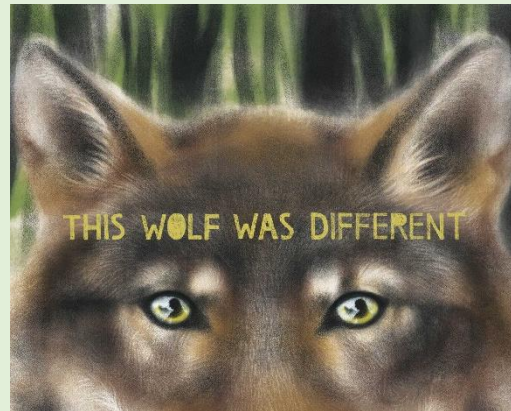


# Science Educator and Children's Author: Katie Slivensky

## PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS



Katie Slivensky is an expert presenter, with nearly two decades of experience leading workshops, presentations, and hands-on science and writing activities for all ages. Book her today, either virtually or in-person!

*“Katie Slivensky is amazingly knowledgeable about just about everything, and a true joy to have as a guest speaker!”*

- Kate Moore, ESL 5th Grade Teacher, Somerset School, New Jersey

Katie offers:

- Large and Small Group Presentations
- Workshops
- Conference Talks, Panels, and Keynotes
- Virtual Q&A Visits
- Preschool Read-Alouds

Dates are limited. Booking in advance is highly recommended. To arrange a visit, please reach out to **Katie.Slivensky@gmail.com**.

See the following full catalog for program options, age ranges, and pricing.

## **Catalog of Offerings:**

*This catalog includes LARGE and SMALL GROUP PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS, PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS, and VIRTUAL Q&As.*

*For other events, such as **panels, conference talks, or keynotes**, please inquire via [Katie.Slivensky@gmail.com](mailto:Katie.Slivensky@gmail.com).*

### **LARGE GROUP PRESENTATIONS**

*These 45-minute programs can be done **virtually or in-person!***

**Audience size:** Up to 250 people per session.

**Requirements:** *For in-person sites:* Projector and screen. Mic and speaker set-up if more than 30 participants. Raised stage area when possible for ease of sightlines. *For virtual sites:* Ability to share my screen.

*Please choose from the following two options:*

#### **Title: BEING DIFFERENT**

**Description:** In this 45-minute presentation, participants will learn the backstory behind the picture book, *This Wolf Was Different*. Beginning with a read-aloud of the book, participants will be challenged to imagine themselves in the distant past. Volunteer opportunities will help bring this to life! We will think about why this story was told from the point of view of the wolf, not the human, and have an honest and motivational conversation about feeling different in your community, school, or family. The presentation will also include information on how picture books are written, as well as Q&A time with Katie.

**Ages:** Recommended for **Grades K-5**, though can be flexible with advance notice.

#### **Title: THE SCIENCE OF WRITING**

**Description:** In this 45-minute presentation, participants will discover how basic principles behind science and engineering can be applied to writing stories. Emphasis will focus on the positive learning opportunity of not getting everything “right” on the first try. Science content will include Newton’s Laws of Motion and the engineering/design process—and will all be kept appropriate for grade levels present. Writing content will focus on revision, research, and word craft. Student volunteers make this a fun, interactive presentation!

**Ages:** Recommended for **Grades 3-8**, though can be flexible with advance notice.

## **SMALL GROUP PRESENTATIONS**

*These 45-minute programs can be done **virtually or in-person!***

**Audience size:** Up to 60 participants per session.

**Requirements:** *For in-person sites:* Projector and screen. Mic and speaker set-up if more than 30 participants. Raised stage area when possible for ease of sightlines. *For virtual sites:* Ability to share my screen.

*Please choose from the following four options:*

### **Title: INTRODUCTION TO FOSSIL HUNTING**

**Description:** What is it like to go on a real fossil dig? Get the insider scoop on how to do actual paleontology work and the large variety of ways you can participate in it. Hear about Katie's adventures out on fossil digs, complete with pictures and hilarious anecdotes. Imagine yourself as a paleontologist!

**Ages:** Recommended for **Grades K-8**, though can be flexible with advance notice.

### **Title: INTRODUCTION TO STARGAZING**

**Description:** Learn how to find planets, stars, and even other galaxies, all while gaining a deeper understanding of these awesome celestial objects! From identifying constellations to discovering how stars work, get your ultimate space questions answered.

**Ages:** Recommended for **Grades K-8**, though can be flexible with advance notice.

### **Title: INTRODUCTION TO SCICOMM**

**Description:** Science Communication is a crucial and ever-evolving career field! Learn about what it means to be a modern “scicommer”. From museums to journalism to social media and YouTube, there’s more ways than ever to teach science to the public!

**Ages:** Recommended for **Grades 3-12**, though can be flexible with advance notice.

### **Title INTRODUCTION TO PUBLISHING**

**Description:** How do you get a book published, anyway? Learn the behind-the-scenes of writing books, working with agents and editors, marketing, and most importantly: persevering—all from an author publishing across age ranges and genres.

**Ages:** Recommended for **Grades 6 – Adults**.

## **WORKSHOPS**

*These 45-minute programs can be done **virtually or in-person!***

**Audience size:** Up to 60 participants per session.

**Requirements:** *For in-person sites:* Projector and screen. Mic and speaker set-up if more than 30 participants. Raised stage area when possible for ease of sightlines. *For virtual sites:* Ability to share my screen. *For all sites:* Writing instruments and paper for participants.

*Please choose from the following three options:*

### **Title: TELL A NATURE STORY**

**Description:** Have you ever wanted to write your own picture book or short story about the natural world? In this workshop, learn how to find a story in nature and make your own creative work out of it. Learn about plot, setting, character, and the power of research to begin creating a nature story unique to you!

**Ages:** Recommended for **Grades K-5**, though can be flexible with advance notice.

### **Title: CREATE YOUR OWN SCIENCE ADVENTURE**

**Description:** Participants brainstorm their own science-themed action-adventure book! This workshop is a thoughtful, step by step guide to creating stories and characters. Enjoy fun exercises designed to challenge skills, expand creative thinking, and—most importantly—explore what makes each of us unique storytellers.

**Ages:** Recommended for **Grades 3-8**, though can be flexible with advance notice.

### **Title: FIND YOUR STORY**

**Description:** Sometimes the process of creating a fictional story and creating *your own life* story can be quite similar. In this workshop, dive deep into the stories and moments that have made you *you* and discover how that can unlock your creative storytelling potential. A mix of a writing workshop, career workshop, and motivational workshop, this is a great offering for those hoping for a boost to find their way in the world.

**Ages:** Recommended for **Grades 6 – Adults**.

## **PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**

*This 30-minute program can be done **virtually or in-person!***

**Audience size:** Up to 30 participants per session.

**Requirements:** *For in-person sites:* Seating area for participants to gather around the presenter. *For virtual sites:* Ability to share my screen. *For all sites:* Enough space for the children to stand up for physical movement!

**Title:** ***THIS WOLF WAS DIFFERENT READ-ALOUD***

**Description:** A read-aloud of *This Wolf Was Different*, as well as a brief talk about how Katie wrote this story, and why! Discussion will include imaginative play and motion, as well as practice with understanding the feelings of others.

**Ages:** Recommended for **Ages 3-6**.

## **VIRTUAL Q&A**

*This 20-minute program is **VIRTUAL ONLY!** Available only to groups that have read or are reading one of Katie's published books.*

**Audience size:** Up to 60 participants per session. First session is free!

**Requirements from virtual site:** The ability to share my screen.

**Title:** **MEET KATIE**

**Description:** A live Q&A session with Katie. Questions can range from how Katie writes books to what it was like working at a zoo growing up, or operating an observatory, or going on fossil digs! Preparing questions ahead of time is encouraged. A perfect brief visit for classrooms and book clubs.

**Ages:** Recommended for **ANY AGE!**

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **Signing opportunities:**

Available with all in-person visits. It is recommended to contact your local bookstore to arrange a method of sales, if you wish to have books available on site, day-of.

### **Pricing:**

Important note: DISCOUNTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOLS WITH DEMONSTRATED ECONOMIC NEED. Please inquire!

For in-person visits, **travel charges** apply to sites over 50 miles away from Boston, MA. (Day trips: gas mileage. Overnight trips: gas mileage/airplane tickets/car rentals or rideshares + hotel costs.)

### **In-person Pricing:**

#### **LARGE GROUP PRESENTATIONS:**

First presentation session: \$600. Additional sessions on the same day: \$300 each.

#### **SMALL GROUP PRESENTATIONS:**

First presentation session: \$500. Additional sessions on the same day: \$250 each.

#### **WORKSHOPS:**

First workshop: \$500. Additional sessions on the same day: \$250 each.

#### **PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS:**

First program: \$400. Additional sessions on the same day: \$200 each.

### **Virtual Pricing:**

#### **LARGE GROUP PRESENTATIONS:**

First presentation session: \$300. Additional sessions on the same day: \$150 each.

#### **SMALL GROUP PRESENTATIONS:**

First presentation session: \$250. Additional sessions on the same day: \$125 each.

#### **WORKSHOPS:**

First workshop: \$250. Additional sessions on the same day: \$125 each.

#### **PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS:**

First program: \$200. Additional sessions on the same day: \$100 each.

#### **VIRTUAL Q&A:**

First program: Free! Additional sessions for the same site: \$75 each.

## TO ARRANGE A VISIT

Please email [Katie.Slivensky@gmail.com](mailto:Katie.Slivensky@gmail.com) and include the following information:

1. Program requested
2. Number of sessions desired
3. Discount rate requested (Preference for discounts will be given to schools with 25% or more economically disadvantaged populations or similarly demonstrated need.)
4. Name of school, library, or other institution
5. Contact information for booker
6. Location of visit site (Yes, even for virtual visits, for time-zone purposes!)
7. Possible visit dates and times
8. Any other questions, concerns, or needs!

Katie typically replies within one work week to email inquiries.

If you would like a custom visit not detailed in this catalog, please reach out to Katie to see if your program needs could be met. There's a good chance the answer will be yes!

For Virtual Visits where an in-person book signing is not possible, Katie can send signed book-plates to your site upon request, with advanced notice.

All information within this catalog is up to date as of November 2023. It is subject to change depending on external factors, including surges in COVID-19.

