



NGCP Webinar Chat Transcript

The Power of Stories

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Brenda Britsch: Welcome! Please introduce yourself. Let us know where you're joining from and share your favorite children's book.

Liz Hale: Hi. Liz Hale - Dayton Metro Library - OH

Kristen Kellogg: Hi, I'm from Reno Nevada. My favorite book would be the giving tree.

nathan vieth: Nathan vieth joining from Lincoln, NE

nathan vieth: Lifelong educator and recent author

Teresa Campuzano: Hi! My name is Teresa. I am a Librarian for a County Office of Education in Northern California. My favorite children's books right now are: This is a School and The Word Collector.

Jill: Jill Johnson, Teacher, Rochester, NY, Fav book-Charlotte's Web

nathan vieth: Personal favorite because I am the author: Remy the Lonely Dragon

Brenda Britsch: Learn more about NGCP: <https://ngcproject.org/>

Meg D: Andrea Beaty's books such as Rosie Revere, Engineer

Amanda Sullivan: I love those too!

nathan vieth: The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe has always been one of my favorite books.

Amanda Sullivan: Classics! I loved those growing up

Brenda Britsch: Join us for upcoming webinars and events:

<https://ngcproject.org/events-announcements>

The Discovery: My name is Jacquie and I am from Reno, NV. One of my favorite children books is "5 Monkeys Reading in Bed".

Jaime Hubbard: Jaime from Indianapolis, IN there are several books I love to use to introduce STEM ideas, but currently working on developing a program around How to Code a Sandcastle or How to Code a Roller Coster

Amanda Sullivan: Jaime, I LOVE both of those books too!

Brenda Britsch: Subscribe to NGCP monthly e-newsletter: <http://ow.ly/Zuds30qwpOK>

Rayel Starling - Globe Public Library: Rayel Starling Globe Public Library Library Director Too many favorite books to choose just one. Last book I really enjoyed is The Last Holiday Concert by Clements

Amanda Sullivan: I'll have to check out that book!

Brenda Britsch: Giana's Mission: https://www.amazon.com/Gianas-Mission-Discovering-Passion-Learning/dp/B0FLG2YMWY/ref=sr_1_1?crid=122S577J5XT6C&dib=eyJ2ljoMSJ9.3VOQTocK1kQQueSH_ThQyw.i7LPpvODqdCZMj8L-7Ftnv6-yu09pHAN52n7YhxNqfY&dib_tag=se&keywords=giana%27s+mission&qid=1765999647&s=books&sprefix=giana%27s+missio%2Cstripbooks%2C103&sr=1-1

Meg D: Math Tales with Sandy and Ruca by Daisy Podmeyer

nathan vieth: Congratulations on getting your book published! It is an exciting accomplishment!

Meg D: SWENext's Constance & Nano comic books, available digitally for free on SWE.org or to order print copies through your local SWE section

Amanda Sullivan: If you have any questions for our speakers as they are presenting, please let us know in the chat and we will ask them soon!

Jill: I love that Kim tries to bring back the wonder and joy through STEM lab. Kim, do you have a favorite stem project for primary students?

Amanda Sullivan: Great question, Jill! I will ask that during our Q&A!

Meg D: Work: Interviews with People Doing Jobs They Love by Shaina Feinberg and Julia Rothman

Meg D: Bag in the Wind by Ted Kooser

Amanda Sullivan: Thank you all for sharing your favorite books, we're all building our booklists now with everything you've put in the chat 😊 Keep sharing!

Brenda Britsch: Kim's Website: www.collazocove.com

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Jill: Another question for Kim; How did you find university mentors for your girls in the coding club?

Amanda Sullivan: Great question, we'll ask this too!

Meg D: For collegiate student involvement, contact university engineering and science departments for student sections of professional organizations such as SWE, IISE, ASME, ACS, ASCE, ...

Dale McCreedy NE TN: Interested in how you connected with your illustrators.

Amanda Sullivan: Good question - I'm curious about that too! We'll ask it during the Q&A

nathan vieth: Thank you, Kim!

Meg D: Kim, your books sound great! Thank you for sharing.

Brenda Britsch: Terysa's Website: www.terysasolvesit.com

Brenda Britsch: Find Terysa's books: <https://a.co/d/cpdetCx>

Brenda Britsch: Terysa's Social Media Handles: @terysasolvesit on Facebook, Instagram, Tiktok, and Youtube

Meg D: What Do You Do With an Idea? by Kobi Yamada

Meg D: Mazie's Amazing Machines by Sheryl Haft

Amanda Sullivan: I love that book! And lots of accompanying activities! We had Sheryl for an NGCP webinar last year :-)

Meg D: The Most Magnificent Thing by Ashley Spires

Meg D: Steven Caney's books

Jill: Terysa-I love that you incorporated yourself and your family into your books. Do you have any advice for young authors?

Amanda Sullivan: Thank you for that question, Jill! I think others will be wondering this too. We'll ask her soon.

nathan vieth: If I may add my input: Just write. Write for fun! Write all your ideas. You never know when something great will result! Like Terysa said with her dad and his pencil for jotting down basketball plays I always have something to write down ideas.

nathan vieth: Thank you Terysa! Inspiring ideas!

Jill: Thank you for your wonderful ideas!

Darwin: I'm sure I've missed this but, will you share the book list online? And will the video be online ?

Amanda Sullivan: Yes, the chat will be saved online with the recording and slides so you can find all the books mentioned!

Meg D: Sir Cumference and the Dragon of Pi by Cindy Neuschwander and others in that series

nathan vieth: i would love to share the link to my book via my local bookstore!

nathan vieth: [https://francieandfinch.indielite.org/search?q=remy the lonely dragon](https://francieandfinch.indielite.org/search?q=remy%20the%20lonely%20dragon)

Meg D: Next Time You See science-oriented book series by Emily Morgan and her Picture-Perfect Science books

Dara Potts: Do you have certain activities that you suggest to couple with your books?

Dara Potts: I work with multiple ages

Amanda Sullivan: thanks for that question!

Jill: Must go! Thank you so much! This was so enjoyable and informative.

Amanda Sullivan: Thanks for coming!

Terysa Ridgeway: Here are the books co-written with my little ones. Both focus on bravery and self-affirmations <https://www.amazon.com/How-Tickle-Monster-Cairo-Ridgeway/dp/195719913X>
<https://www.amazon.com/Please-Dont-Turn-Off-Lights-ebook/dp/B09ZJ7V6CH>

Amanda Sullivan: I can't wait to check these out - thanks for sharing!

Brenda Britsch: Want to learn even more about using children's books to counter stereotypes and spark STEM learning? Here are a few NGCP resources on the topic:

- Webinar recording: Meet Author Sheryl Haft, author of Mazie's Amazing Machines - <https://ngcproject.org/resources/meet-stem-picture-book-author-and-founder-lets-engineer-sheryl-haft>
- Booklist: Picture books to break stereotypes in STEM (and beyond!): <https://ngcproject.org/resources/picture-books-break-stereotypes-stem-and-beyond>
- Webinar recording: Breaking stereotypes through children's books: <https://ngcproject.org/resources/breaking-stereotypes-through-childrens-books>

Meg D: Family Engineering from MTU - <https://www.mtu.edu/family-engineering/>

Teresa Campuzano: This has been such a great webinar! What awesome authors. I appreciate the work they are doing!

Meg D: DiscoverE - <https://discovere.org/>

nathan vieth: Here is a better link for Remy the Lonely Dragon - <https://francieandfinch.indielite.org/book/9781647031275>

Meg D: Bedtime Math - <https://bedtimemath.org/>

Brenda Britsch: Thank you all for joining us! Please complete our post-webinar survey: <https://forms.office.com/r/90pt6611mQ> and if you enjoyed this webinar, support the work of the National Girls Collaborative: <https://ngcproject.app.neoncrm.com/forms/donation>

nathan vieth: Yes, thank you so much!

Liz Hale: Thank you!

Dale McCreedy NE TN: Great session - love them all!

Gaby Gonzalez (she/her): Thanks everyone!!!

Kim Collazo: Thank you all! Can't wait to connect!