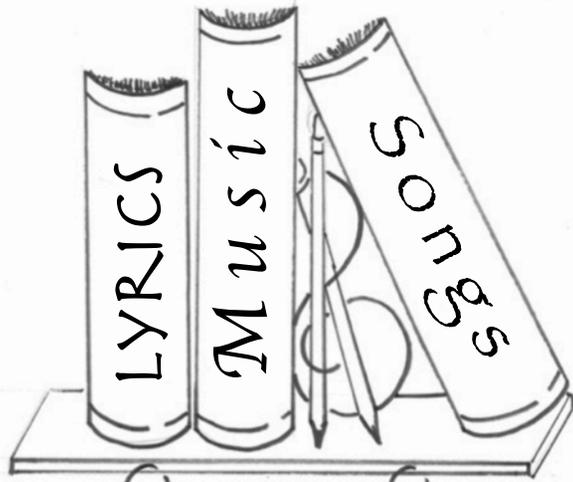


**Are you looking for a fresh way to bring a special book alive for your students?**



**Living  
Bookshelf**

**We will help your students in grades 4 -8 analyze and extract concepts from a chosen book so that each classroom brings a moment of the book to life in a song.**

### **Here's what you do:**

- In consultation with Living Bookshelf, you choose a book for your students and teachers to read and study before the artists arrive.
- Choose 5 - 8 classes or groups of students to participate in the project (100 or more students).

### **Here's what we do:**

- Living Bookshelf provides a study guide to help students and teachers prepare for the teaching artists.
- A lyricist/teaching artist will spend two sessions in each classroom helping the students choose an event from the book, identifying a subject for their song and writing lyrics expressing the chosen moment in the book.
- A composer/teaching artist will continue the creative process with two additional sessions, teaching the basics of song writing and creating music for the lyrics.
- Culminating activity: an assembly presenting the songs, performed by Broadway style performers.

### **Benefit for the Students:**

- Students will assist at the rehearsal of the professional performers.
- Students will have the satisfaction of hearing their songs, arranged and performed by professionals.
- The songs will be recorded during the assembly and the school will receive a CD of the performance.
- Each student will receive a printed copy of the final version of the song their class wrote.

### **Additional Possibilities**

Living Bookshelf will customize the Bookshelf project to fit your needs

Here are some suggestions:

- Involve an art teacher to help students create backdrops for the performance.
- Create invitations and a program.
- Enrich the performance with student instrumentalists or singers.
- Choose a book with a living author and bring the author to the school for workshops.
- Include student introductions to each song in the assembly.

*Living Bookshelf addresses many of the Common Core Standards for grades 4-8 for Reading, Writing, Speaking & Listening and Language*

### **Our Mission:**

**Through the arts, we enhance the unique potential of the language arts program of each school.**

**Living Bookshelf** is a consortium of teaching artists: lyricists, composers, singers, musicians and visual artists.

**Living Bookshelf** is based in Blue Bell, PA., Living Bookshelf was incorporated in 2010, and is an outgrowth of "Arts for Anyone".

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### **Book List**

Living Bookshelf has created a preferred Bookshelf list (available upon request). We will gladly consult with you about books used in your current curriculum.



Living Bookshelf is administered by:

**Connie Koppe: B.S. Music Education  
M.M. Opera performance**

Connie Koppe is one of the original founders of "Arts for Anyone". She has been a teaching artist in elementary and middle school classrooms for more than 3 decades, writing songs, writing plays and teaching about all aspects of opera and musical theater.

**Bunni Feingold: B.S. Education  
M.ED.: Reading**

Bunni Feingold has had an upper elementary teaching career spanning more than 30 years, including four years as a consultant and teacher for gifted and talented students.

### **Teacher comments:**

"My students gain a real sense of ownership with these songs."

"Living Bookshelf has given my students more confidence in their poetic writing skills."

### *Student comments*

"I didn't know I could write a song."

"We studied metaphor before, but now I get it."

### **Author comment:**

"I am blown away by how much creativity the kids put in."

Wendy Mass

### **Song quotes:**

"Secrets are important  
They can change a life  
When you have a secret,  
You feel different inside"

*Based on "The Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler" By E.L. Kronigsburg*

"We saved the world, but that's not the end,  
There's always a villain, a problem to mend,  
So, we start again, a sneeze is the sound,  
A beginning for all as the world goes around."

*Based on "NERDS" by Michael Buckley*

**Living Bookshelf** will copyright all songs produced during the bookshelf project. Each school will be granted blanket permission to make copies of the written music and CD produced by their students.