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## **Seattle Bookfest 2009 Announces Secret Garden Children's Stage!**

*Saturday & Sunday, October 24 & 25 from 10 AM to 6 PM in Columbia City*

**WHAT:** Seattle Bookfest 2009 announces a great Children's Stage lineup at this month's event. Children's Stage sponsor, **Secret Garden Bookshop**, has enlisted local authors Bonny Becker, Kevin Emerson, and Joni Sensel, who will all read from their work. In addition to author events, there will be daily Mad Libs Parties, a Grammar Bee, and, in the spirit of Halloween, a panel called "Vampires & Werewolves & Zombies, Oh My!"

After a six-year absence, Bookfest is being revived in Seattle's Columbia City neighborhood. The event will take place October 24-25 at the Columbia City Event Center, a former school that's a block-and-a-half from the new light rail.

"We're thrilled that Bookfest has returned to Seattle, and especially to our neighborhood," said Annie Morton, Education Director at Seward Park Audubon Center. "Any opportunity to connect children with the magic and power of books is exciting and well worth the effort."

The Children's Stage will also feature authors such as Sara Anderson, Royce Buckingham, Sundee Frazier, Kathryn O. Galbraith, Sean Beaudoin, Liz Gallagher, Deb Lund, Amber Kizer, Dave Patenaude, Rebecca Dickinson, and Martha Brockenbrough. Book sales and author signings will take place at Secret Garden Bookshop's booth. Publishers' representatives will be on hand to discuss the future of children's and young adult literature beyond the *Twilight* phenomenon. They will be giving out preview editions of upcoming books so that readers can discover a world of reading beyond the much-beloved *Twilight* series.

In addition to the Secret Garden-sponsored Children's Stage, the resurrected fair will feature more than 80 local authors, including poets and writers of fiction, nonfiction, mystery, romance, fantasy, and graphic novels. Furthermore, the fair will showcase over 50 area bookstores, nonprofits, and small but influential publishers as exhibitors. There will be dozens of panels, workshops and special events going on throughout the weekend, including a Scrabble contest, a bookbinding demonstration, and a How-to-Write-a-Novel-in-a-Month workshop.

**WHO:** The event is produced by the Columbia City Cinema, and co-sponsored by the Columbia City Business Association and the Rainier Chamber of

Commerce. Lacking corporate sponsorship, the event has become a grassroots effort with funding and volunteer support coming from the community, the Seattle School District, the Seattle Public Library, and enthusiastic exhibitors.

**WHEN:** October 24-25 (Saturday and Sunday) from 10AM to 6PM on both days.

**WHERE:** Seattle Bookfest 2009 takes place at the former Columbia School, located at 3528 S. Ferdinand Street. It is in the heart of the Columbia City Historic District, between Rainier Avenue and the Columbia City light rail station on Martin Luther King Way. More information and driving directions can be found on the Bookfest website at [www.seattlebookfest.com](http://www.seattlebookfest.com).

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