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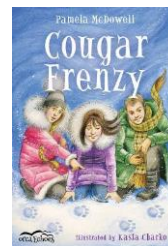
### Presentations for Schools, Libraries and Groups

Presentations focus on Pamela's fiction and non-fiction titles and are suitable for class-sized groupings of no more than 35 students. Half-day and full-day rates are available and a variety of presentations can be selected.

#### ***Cougar Frenzy: Facts vs. frenzy***

Grades 1 – 4 30 - 45 minutes

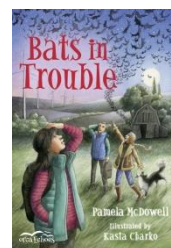
Cougars are shy and secretive – and seldom seen. Learn cool facts about this amazing animal, including how a late-night visitor to Waterton inspired the book ***Cougar Frenzy***. This presentation includes stunning visuals and examines how scientists study cougars in the wild using GPS technology. Are there ways humans and cougars can safely coexist? Discussions of life cycles and environmental stewardship provide opportunity for further connections in the classroom. The session concludes with a reading from ***Cougar Frenzy***.



#### ***Bats in Trouble: A real-life scientific puzzle***

Grades 1 – 4 30 - 45 minutes

Bats may be tiny, but they are ecological superheroes! This presentation will inspire young readers to watch for nocturnal creatures, including bats, in their own backyards. The focus is on the unique features of bats and the conflict between bats and wind turbines, which inspired this story. How can we balance species conservation and energy development? And why should we? The session concludes with a reading from ***Bats in Trouble*** and some origami, if time permits.



#### ***Salamander Rescue: A story inspired by nature***

Grades 1 – 4 30 - 45 minutes

Salamanders are cool! Amazing facts and photos will grab young readers' attention and light their curiosity for the natural world around them. Focus is on the unique life cycle of amphibians and physical features specific to the long-toed salamander – including how Waterton's population of long-toed salamanders inspired this story. This presentation can be a springboard for story writing, research projects, and great discussions about environmental stewardship. The session concludes with a reading from ***Salamander Rescue***.



#### ***Ospreys in Danger: Is it a bird? What is an osprey anyway?***

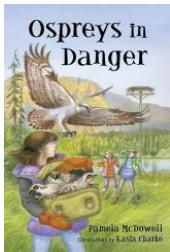
Grades 1 – 4 30 – 45 minutes

Ospreys are skilled fishers, devoted parents, and distant travellers. This presentation focusses on the amazing features of this species, its life cycle, migration, and the physical characteristics that make it unique. Striking visuals enhance this presentation, including video clips from web cams in osprey nests all over the world. Cross curricular links are made with Language Arts, Social Studies, and Science, and the session concludes with a reading from ***Ospreys in Danger***.

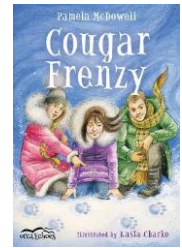


## Focus on Fiction – Based on Fact

Grades 4 – 6 45 minutes



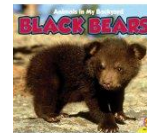
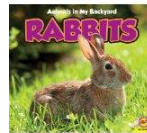
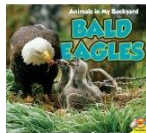
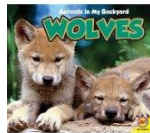
The stories in Pamela's fiction series were inspired by actual events that occurred in Waterton Lakes National Park. This presentation will explore getting a story started using the writer's mantra: *what if?* Once an idea is sparked, how does the writer develop it and publish it as an illustrated book? Examples of manuscript drafts and rough sketches will demonstrate the work involved and career opportunities in the publishing industry.



## Animals, Animals

Kindergarten – Grade 1 30 minutes

This presentation introduces the writing process and how a non-fiction book is created. Science curriculum correlations are developed, specifically how living things meet their needs to survive through food, habitat, physical features, etc. The relationship between print and pictures provides excellent enrichment for early literacy programs.



## Testimonials

*The content and pacing of the presentation was perfectly suited to the age and ability level of the students. The variety of photos of real bats combined with interesting facts and anecdotes quickly captured the students' interest. I highly recommend Pamela as a presenter to support classroom inquiry and language arts projects – or to simply rekindle a love of reading.* – Kathy Inglis, Teacher Librarian, South Park Family School, Victoria, BC

*After your amazing visit, the class got busy creating their own non-fiction books. We showcased their release on the New Books shelf last month with a flurry of checkouts and pride. Thank you for inspiring.* – Glennys Vevang, Librarian, CBE

*Pamela was an engaging presenter for our Kindergarten students. She spoke to them with warmth, using words they could understand. A short group activity allowed students the opportunity to think like a non-fiction writer.* – Stephanie Carter, Teacher, Edison School, Okotoks, AB

## About Pamela

Since 2010, Pamela has written more than 50 non-fiction books for children. Her chapter book series centres on prickly, furry, slimy, slinky species of Alberta, developing the theme of environmental stewardship. *Cougar Frenzy*, *Ospreys in Danger*, *Salamander Rescue* and *Bats in Trouble* are published by Orca Book Publishers and are available in Canada and the United States. Young readers will be excited to hear that a fifth book, *Fire on the Mountain*, will be released Winter 2022.

Pamela's first career was in education, teaching junior high and high school in Alberta and British Columbia, and her AV-enhanced presentations have been developed with curriculum connections for different grade levels. Longer visits and workshops can be tailored according to need. Pamela lives in Calgary, Alberta.