

# E. M. Kokie School and Library Visits



**E. M. Kokie enjoys engaging with readers and writers of all ages and levels, and with the teachers and librarians who work with them (or who are readers or writers themselves). Emily is available for school and library visits, conferences, and workshops, both in person and *via* Skype. Presentations and themes can be tailored for adults, or high school or junior high students. While Emily prefers to work with smaller groups of students, her daily rate can include multiple workshops, book discussions, and a combination of medium and small groups.**

While Emily is happy to develop a presentation or workshop on a specific topic or theme, she has presented to and worked with groups of adolescents and adults on a wide variety of topics related to literature for adolescent readers, creative writing, the business of publishing, and research, including:

**EMILY'S JOURNEY TO BECOMING AN AUTHOR:** A presentation that looks at Emily's journey from lazy student and library fugitive to practicing lawyer to published author. Includes the process and inspiration for each novel or published short story — such as the genesis of the idea, the process to finding the story, research tips, and struggles with getting the story "right" — and offers inspiration for teens and adults who want to write, but are afraid, intimidated, or lack the confidence to pursue their dreams.

**BOOK DISCUSSION:** A small group discussion with participants who have read one or more of Emily's books. The discussion can begin with a brief presentation about the inspiration, process, and research for the book(s), the process toward publication more generally, or a specific aspect or theme of the book(s) to be discussed.

**THE MECHANICS OF VOICE:** Breaking down the mechanics that combine to form a compelling narrative voice. An interactive workshop with examples from published books and exercises that encourages attendees to ask important questions about the voices of their characters and the narrative choices they are making. Can be offered for various levels and formats including a one-hour presentation, or workshops of various lengths.

**RESEARCH TIPS & TRICKS — OR LESSONS I LEARNED THE HARD WAY:** Beyond the basics of research, some of the lessons I learned the hard way, both as a practicing attorney and an author, such as the human elements at play in tailoring research subjects and searches, reliability of sources, and thinking outside the search box. Can also be tailored as a presentation on more basics of using the internet for research – tips and tricks, advocacy, balance, ethics, and judging the reliability of a source.

**CRITIQUE:** From beginner to pro, tips for getting the most out of peer critique and for fostering a positive learning experience for giver and receiver of critique.

**FINDING YOURSELF IN THE LIBRARY:** A presentation about my journey from reader to library fugitive to attorney to author, including discussion about the mirrors, windows, chutes, ladders, and secret rooms adolescent readers can find in books, and diversity, under-representation, and recommended readings that can cause adolescent readers to question and think more critically about their world, to gain emotional experience and empathy, and maybe even find themselves in books. Can be tailored to adults who work with adolescents or the adolescent readers themselves.

Fees vary depending on the number and nature of the proposed presentations, workshops, or discussions, whether in person or *via* Skype, and the level of preparation the visit, presentation, or workshop will require. For more information about Emily's fees or to inquire about her availability, please contact Emily at [emkokie@gmail.com](mailto:emkokie@gmail.com).