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Innovative Elementary School Programs

Featuring....

- *Artifacts from Columbus sites
- *A live Peregrine falcon!
- *Original paintings from the book!
- *Three break-out stations for a more hands-on student experience!

*Each program lasts 60- 75 minutes depending on the grade level of the students.
Two programs can be accommodated in a single morning.*



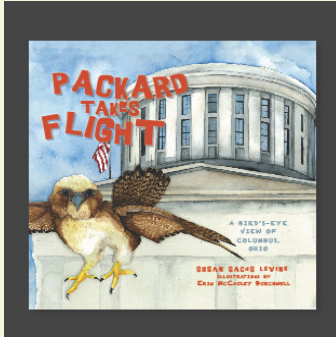
What schools Are saying:

"The Packard program is wonderful! It is a "must see" for every school. The breakout sessions are very educational and well presented. Being a Math-Science based school, it was a great compliment to our curriculum".

-Joyce McKitrick, Library Assistant
Georgian Hts. Alt. ES @ Old Wedgwood

A great program! Meeting both the author and illustrator made for a very engaging and informative morning. The students and teachers really enjoyed learning fun facts about the Columbus sites in the book and hearing about the illustration process. They even got to see an original painting and the "dummy" book. And, of course, Legacy the peregrine falcon was a show stopper!"

-Bridget O'Reilly
Librarian, Our Lady of Peace School



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A Typical Program:

We begin with a reading of ***Packard Takes Flight*** by the author, Susan Levine. Abby Bramlage, from the Ohio Bird Sanctuary, then brings out a live peregrine falcon so the students can view this magnificent bird up close and learn about it's features and habits.

At this point, students are divide into three groups. They travel to stations for a 10-12 minute presentation on the following :

1. Columbus Landmarks : Author Susan Levine will lead a "grab bag" game that allows students to learn interesting historical facts about the Columbus sites featured in the book.

2. Illustrations : Illustrator Erin Burchwell describes how she painted the pictures and how the paintings were then scanned and printed into the final book.

3. Peregrine Falcons : Abby Bramlage, falcon expert, will share facts and information about the peregrine falcons that reside on the Rhodes Tower downtown.

Meet the Author:

Susan Levine started her career in packaged goods marketing with Procter & Gamble and then moved on as VP of Marketing and Environmental Affairs with SIG, an international packaging company. A wildlife enthusiast, Susan has traveled extensively to learn and study about endangered species. After the birth of her two children, Susan focused her energy on being a Scout leader, volunteering at a pre-school for children with special needs, and serving as an enrichment specialist at her children's schools . It was in this role that she identified the need for a children's picture book about the city of Columbus. In ***Packard Takes Flight, A Bird's Eye View of Columbus, Ohio***, Susan blends her interest in wildlife with her knowledge of Columbus to create a book that entertains and teaches young children, while being a great resource about the city for teachers and parents.



Meet the Illustrator:

Erin Burchwell grew up traveling through much of Eastern Europe as a child, thus her love of color and rich exposure to European arts are evident in her work. She graduated with a B.S. degree in Education and Dramatic Productions in 2001. After teaching high school drama and elementary art for 7 years she had her daughter and decided to stay at home and pursue her dreams of publishing. In October 2010, she published her first book as illustrator, ***Packard Takes Flight: A Bird's Eye View of Columbus, Ohio***. Since then Erin has pursued several other book projects while promoting her first book with school visits and book signings across the state. Her passion for the arts is evident in her volunteer activities, which include teaching children's art classes, designing theatre sets as well as serving on various arts-related fundraising committees in Lancaster and Columbus.

