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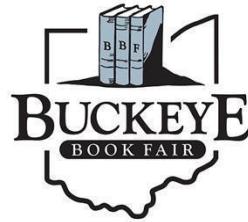
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New York Times Bestselling Author Shannon Hale to Headline Young Authors Conference and Excellence Awards in Wooster on October 30

WOOSTER, OH — The Buckeye Book Fair in partnership with Wayne County Public Library and Tri-County Educational Service Center is proud to announce the 2025 Young Authors Conference and the inaugural Young Authors Excellence Award Ceremony, both taking place on Thursday, October 30 at the Greystone Event Center in Wooster, Ohio. These inspiring literary events will celebrate student creativity, recognize exceptional young writers, and feature a keynote presentation by beloved New York Times bestselling author Shannon Hale.

*Best known for *Princess Academy*, *Real Friends*, and *Kind of a Big Deal*, Shannon Hale has won legions of fans with her powerful storytelling and her advocacy for young readers, especially girls. Her appearance will cap off a day designed to ignite imagination and foster a lifelong love of reading and writing in Ohio's youth.*

During the daytime Young Authors Conference, students in grades 3–8 will participate in engaging workshops with published authors and illustrators, learn about the creative process, and build confidence in their own storytelling skills. That evening, the spotlight will shine on excellence as one outstanding young writer from each participating school will be honored during the Young Authors Excellence Award Ceremony. These students have been nominated by their teachers for their dedication, originality, and passion for writing.

“We believe in the power of stories to change lives,” said Kimberly Jarvis, Executive Director of the Buckeye Book Fair. “By bringing together celebrated authors and emerging young voices, we are nurturing not just future writers—but future leaders, thinkers, and dreamers.”

Both events are part of the Buckeye Book Fair’s year-round commitment to literacy, made possible by generous support from the Ohio Arts Council, local schools, and community partners. For event information, registration, and updates, visit:

👉 <https://buckeyebookfair.org/2025/07/21/brave-bold-young-authors/>

About the Buckeye Book Fair

The Buckeye Book Fair promotes literacy and Ohio’s literary heritage through its annual book festival and year-round programs for readers and writers of all ages. Since 1987, the Fair has connected authors, illustrators, and educators with thousands of readers across the state.

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