2006 ALAN Workshop:
“Young Adult Literature: Key to Open Minds”
Nashville, Tennessee, November 20 & 21, 2006, Monday, 8-5:30; Tuesday, 8-4

The 2006 ALAN Workshop, held as part of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) annual conference, will have the theme “Young Adult Literature: Key to Open Minds.” You will want to stay for the entire two day program, as the concluding presentations on Tuesday will be as exciting and important as those taking place earlier! As part of your workshop registration, you will receive a year’s membership or renewal to ALAN, plus a large cloth book bag filled with donated books from our generous participating publishers. You will also receive an invitation to the ALAN Reception—a delightful “wine and cheese” gathering—the Sunday evening before the workshop begins, also given by our wonderful publishers.

During the workshop presentations and breakout sessions, we’ll be discovering ways to connect teens and reading though YA books, ways to expand horizons and experience new perspectives via YA literature, and ways to think about the issues of intellectual freedom in using, recommending, and providing YA literature in our work with teens. To get us started, our keynote speaker will be the inspiring and insightful editor of Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA) magazine, Cathi Dunn MacRae.

You will be hearing from a wide array of YA authors who will speak out about their contributions to the literature, how they create it, and how they connect with teens through it. There will be many new and upcoming YA authors represented who are enriching and expanding the literature, as well as those who have already contributed many fine works that have become YA classics. With that in mind, here is a preview of the authors who will be in Nashville for individual talks, breakout sessions, and/or panel presentations:

Peter Abrahams
Courtesy of HarperCollins

Edward Bloor
Courtesy of Random House

Coe Booth
Courtesy of Scholastic

Cecil Castellucci
Courtesy of Candlewick

Judith Ortiz Cofer
Courtesy of Scholastic

Sneed Collard
Courtesy of Peachtree

Penny Coleman
Courtesy of Holt

Chris Crutcher
Courtesy of HarperCollins

Terry Davis
Author of Vision Quest, and more
Of course, you will also want to enjoy the fabulous ALAN Breakfast on Saturday morning, featuring guest speaker Naomi Shihab Nye (courtesy of HarperCollins).

Please join us in Nashville in November 2006!

Information about registration, breakfast tickets, lodging, etc., is available through the NCTE web site at www.ncte.org. You are assured a fun and enlightening experience, as we explore Young Adult Literature: Key to Open Minds.