

Announcement from Catherine Balkin, ALAN Authors' Bureau Coordinator

Dear ALAN Member:

Since the purpose of ALAN is to promote the reading, teaching, and appreciation of literature for adolescents, the Board has created an ALAN Speakers Bureau to advance the reading and use of young adult literature in schools, libraries and other settings.

We are currently collecting speakers' names for a posting on the ALAN website. If you are interested in becoming a guest speaker at school, library, or university functions, or if you already do a lot of speaking, a mention on the ALAN website could generate a number of requests for you.

If you would like to be included, please provide us with your name, address, phone number, and email address, and tell us your honorarium range, how many presentations you are willing to do each day, your audience preference (YAs only, adults only, both), what kinds of subjects you are comfortable with and how far you're willing to travel. On the

ALAN website, we will publish only your name, school or university affiliation, city and state. All requests for speaking engagements will be filtered through the Speakers Bureau.

In return for this service, we ask that you pay ALAN a finder's fee of 15% of the honorarium you receive from each speaking engagement. The money that ALAN receives from this service will go back into the membership by way of grants, programs, etc., to advance our stated purpose. A satisfaction survey will be sent to each school or university after the speaker program, and upon request, we will be happy to share the results of the survey with you.

If you are interested in joining the ALAN Speakers Bureau, or if you have any questions, please contact Catherine Balkin at telephone 718-857-7605 or Catherine@BalkinBuddies.com. Also, if you were previously on the ALAN Speakers Bureau and wish to continue to be on it, please contact Catherine Balkin with the above mentioned details. We look forward to working with you on this enterprise.