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Vermont Interactive Author Talks Launches

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The [Young Writers Project](#) and the [Vermont Department of Libraries](#) are joining forces for a new Vermont Interactive Author Talks series that will engage young people in writing with the live guidance of Vermont authors while at local libraries via high definition video conferencing. The author will be at a host library, and the talk will be streamed live to remote libraries.

The series maximizes the impact of new digital technology at libraries to support reading, writing, and direct discussion between authors and young writers and fosters interaction of young people beyond the borders of their local communities.

All programs are free, and while targeted for those in grades 4 to 12, everyone interested in writing is welcome.

Each Interactive Author Talk will feature a short talk by an author that focuses on an aspect of the writing process, a related writing exercise that participants can accomplish online or on paper, and discussion and questions from participants at all libraries. Following the live event, participants can post their writing on YWP's website, youngwritersproject.org, for further comment and reflection by the author and YWP staff.

The inaugural session will feature author Sarah Stewart Taylor at [Kellogg-Hubbard Library](#) in Montpelier on Saturday, January 30, 2016, at 2:00 p.m., and will link live with [Fletcher Free Library](#), [Rockingham Free Public Library](#), [Rutland Free Library](#) and [St. Johnsbury Athenaeum](#).

S.S. Taylor, a freelance journalist and writing teacher who resides in Hartland, is the author of the [Sweeney St. George mysteries](#), the graphic novel [Amelia Earhart: This Broad Ocean](#), and, with illustrator Katherine Roy, [The Expeditioners](#) series, which includes an online "base camp" called The Expedition Log.

Taylor's talk and exercise will focus on finding story ideas and taking steps to develop them, as well as how she finds ideas for her own writing, and her writing career. Taylor is an engaging speaker, and her works have great appeal for young aspiring writers.

Future talks in the series will be posted on the [Young Writers Project](#) and [Vermont Department of Libraries](#) websites.

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