



The Two Way Interactive Connection in Education (TWICE) Organization is pleased to offer these fine ASK programs to you and look forward to your participation in our TWICE/ASK interactive distance learning programs.

Please be sure to check your school calendar before registering for these programs. These programs are geared towards no more than 35 students per session time. If you have more than 35 students please select an additional time/session for the additional students.

The ASK Program, (Authors Specialist, and

Knowledge), provides students with the opportunity to ask questions to an author or a knowledgeable educational specialist in the subject they are reading about in the book. The program uses excellent children's and young adult literature, journal writing and interacting via interactive video conferencing to promote reading for comprehension and understanding.

For questions about the schedule or books contact Denise Jobe at denise@twice.cc
For Admin support for the CAPspace webpage or your account contact Sue Porter at sue@twice.cc

TWICE/ASK Information

Cost: \$50 for each TWICE Organization Members; \$100 for non-members or individual members. Membership Forms and details are on the TWICE website at [TWICE Organization Website for Membership Forms](https://www.twice.cc/) (<https://www.twice.cc/>)

You will be billed accordingly for the ASK program after you participate in the event.

If you need to withdraw from the ASK event after you registered for it you must do so at least 10 days before the date of the video conference otherwise you will still be billed for it.

These programs are multipoint: Each session is shared with up to four classes participating and each class will take a turn in asking questions or interacting with the author or specialist.

A requirement in participating in an ASK program is that the students read the book and prepared questions prior to the date of the interactive video conference. Details of how to obtain the book is in the description of the scheduled program below. If the author does sell their own books you can request an autographed copy. And let them know you are participating in the TWICE/ASK program and you may receive a discount.

Don't Forget to RENEW YOUR 2019 -2020 TWICE MEMBERSHIP TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE ASK PROGRAMS ALONG WITH MANY FREE SPECIAL EVENTS AND COLLABORATIONS

Time Zone: Michigan is in the Eastern Time zone and follows Daylight Savings Time. All times on the schedule below is in EST.



Introduction to the TWICE/ASK Program

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The ASK Program (Authors Specialists and Knowledge) The Literature Based Interview Process

1. Have the students read the book.

2. Keep a journal. When you have finished reading for the day, you and your students should individually write down your thoughts. Don't summarize a segment but tell how it makes you feel. Enter the world of voice journaling.

3. Write questions. When you have finished reading the book and made your final journal entries, it will be time to start writing questions. Students should write the chapter and page number that corresponds with each question.

By reviewing their journal entries, the students should be able to write questions about those parts of the story that most interest them.

The purpose of this exercise is to better understand the story in terms of:

- what the story is about
- a deeper look into the characters
- where the story takes place
- how the author sounds or uses words
- what the broad issues within the book are

4. Show examples. As the teacher, you should also write some example questions to show how it should be done.

5. Place the students in pairs or groups and encourage them to **select their best four questions.**

6. Conduct a round robin elimination process. When your students have selected their best four questions, ask each group to read their questions to the class. Eliminate duplicate questions among the groups.

7. Revise the questions. When the elimination process is completed, each student should have at least two unique questions to ask in the interview, one for the interview and one for a backup question in case their original question was asked by the other classes.

8. Conduct a practice session. Have each student stand and read his or her question in a confident manner. This is very important. This practice session will prepare the students to interview the author or specialist.

9. Ask the questions. On the day of the interview, introduce the author/specialist to the class. Each student should stand and ask his or her question so that the guest can see and hear the student clearly.

***** **PLEASE** listen to the questions that are asked by the other classes that you are sharing the distance learning program with. There are many "REPEATED" questions that are not necessary. It is up to you the teacher to have the students in your class have at least 2 questions each prepared for the program.

10. Debrief after the interview. Take some time after the interview to review and debrief with the students. Ask them what they learned and what they liked about the interview.

11. Write a review of the book on Amazon or Goodreads. This can be done individually or by the whole class.

12. Cross-curricular extensions. Teachers should of course relate the literature selection to other curricular areas they wish to include such as the arts, creative or expository writing, poetry, mathematics, science, sports, social studies, etc.

Dr. Raymond P. Kettle - University of Michigan-Dearborn

Teachers should review the book(s) before using them with their students. The grade level suggested is a recommendation. The teacher will need to decide if the book is appropriate for their students.

Registration information and all other correspondence will be sent via email through Google Gmail.

You should follow the ASK program steps in preparing your students for this program. Classes that follow this process do a better job with the ask questions to then students who just read the book and make up questions. These questions can contain author/specialist specific questions but please focus on the content / subject area of the book.

How does this program correlate with the Common Core standards?

*****The below standards are taken from the ELA Unit Framework from the "A Crosswalk to the Michigan High School ELA Unit Framework and High School Content Expectations Michigan Department of Education from the website http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-28753_64839_64848-301827--,00.html

Below are the "Key Features" of the ELA Standards:

- ☐ **Reading: Text complexity and the growth of comprehension**
- ☐ **Writing: Text types, responding to reading, and research**
- ☐ **Speaking and Listening: Flexible communication and collaboration**
- ☐ **Comprehension and Collaboration**
- ☐ **Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas**

Note on range and content of student speaking and listening

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Schedule of ASK Events for 2019 -2020

TWICE/ASK "Freddie Fernortner #3: A Haunting We Will Go" with author Johnathan Rand
October 21, 2019

Sessions times are: 9:30 until 10:30; 11:00 until 12:00 and 1:15 until 2:15

Grades 1st, 2nd and 3rd; Chapter book, 96 pages; ATOS 3.2

Genre: Action and Adventure; Mystery, Fiction

Description: When Chipper explains that a haunted house might be nearby, they decide to investigate. Just what is the mysterious shape in the window? Floors creak. Doors slam. It must be haunted! Join Freddie, Darla, and Mr. Chewy as they bravely explore the ruins of a haunted house in the woods.

[A Haunting We Will Go book link to Purchase Book and Author's Website](https://americanchillers.3dcartstores.com/Freddie-Fernortner_c_3.html)
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TWICE/ASK “Career Exploration: Career Expectations” with educational specialist Kathy Jamieson from the Michigan State University Extension Program

DATE: November 1. 2019

Session times are:

9:30 am until 10:30 am; 11:00 am until 12:00 pm; and 1:15 pm until 2:15 pm.

Grades: 5 and Up.

Description: What careers are out there? What career is a good fit? What kind of education will I need? How do I prepare for finding and keeping a job? If these are questions, you're asking, 4-H's career preparation opportunities can help you find the right path. More information can be found at [Website for Specialist background, Kathy Jamieson](https://www.canr.msu.edu/people/katherine_jamieson) (https://www.canr.msu.edu/people/katherine_jamieson)

TWICE/ASK “Ellie McDoodle Diaries: Have Pen, Will Travel” with author Ruth McNally Barshaw

November 12, 2019

Sessions times are:

9:30 am until 10:30 am; 11:00 am until 12:00 pm; and 1:15 pm until 2:15 pm

Grades: 3 – 5; Chapter book 192 Pages

Guided Reading P; DRA Level 38

Genre: Fiction; Graphic Novel. Subjects: Vacation, Family, Friends, Sports, Humor, Journaling, Drawing

Ellie McDougal (better known to her friends as Ellie “McDoodle” because she loves to draw) is a nearly-twelve-year-old prisoner...of her aunt, uncle, three annoying cousins, and her baby brother, Ben-Ben. Sentenced to a week-long camping trip with them while her parents are out of town, Ellie is absolutely, positively determined to hate every single minute of the experience. Thank goodness she at least has her sketch journal, in which she records all the excruciating (and okay, very funny) details. art graphic novel, part confessional journal, part wilderness survival guide.

Website for author is: [Author Ruth Barshaw website](https://ruthexpress.com/) (<https://ruthexpress.com/>)

Books can be bought at Bloomsbury Publishing at [Bloomsbury Publisher where book can be purchased](https://www.bloomsbury.com/us/series/ellie-mcdoodle/). (<https://www.bloomsbury.com/us/series/ellie-mcdoodle/>)

TWICE ASK “Fieldhouse” with author Scott Novosel

October 24. 2019

Session times:

11:00 am until 12:00 pm and 1:15 pm until 2:15 pm

For Grades 5-8; Chapter Book; Hardcover; 64 pages

Genre: Graphic Novels, Comics; Biography

Subjects: Basketball, Sports, Inspiration, Perseverance, Motivation

Description: In March 1995, Scott Novosel started for the Kansas Jayhawks in the Big 8 Championship game. For the next 20 years he crafted the book Fieldhouse, based on his true story, to inspire not only KU basketball fans, but everyone with a dream! Fieldhouse entertains its readers as well as teaches them to embrace adversity through challenges, teamwork, grit, and a positive attitude! This event takes place during March Madness!

Books can be bought through Amazon or any online book store. The website for this book is at [Author Scott Novosel Website](http://fieldhousebook.com/). (<http://fieldhousebook.com/>)

TWICE/ASK "Turk and Runt: A Thanksgiving Comedy" with author Lisa Wheeler

November 19, 2019

Session times are:

9:30 am – 10:30 am; 11:00 am – 12:00 am; and 1:15 pm – 2:15 pm

Grades: 1 – 3. Picture Book, 32 pages. AR Points: 0.5, AR Quiz No. 65709 EN, ATOS Book Level: 2.8.

Genre: Fiction; Holiday.

Subject: Animals-Turkeys; Behavior; Holidays-Thanksgiving Day; Humor.

Description: Turk's parents are proud of him, the biggest, strongest, most graceful bird at Wishbone Farm. "He's a dancer," says his mother. "He's an athlete," says his father. "He's a goner," says his little brother, Runt. But no one ever listens to Runt -- even after people with seasonal plans and roasting pans begin showing up at Wishbone Farm, or even after the juiciest turkeys are chosen, one by one. "Chosen for what?" Turk asks. No one wants to hear Runt's answer. But you will laugh at what he has to do to get his family's attention. They are, after all, turkeys.

You can purchase the book on the author's webpage at [Author Lisa Wheeler where book can be purchased](http://www.lisawheelerbooks.com/turk.html). (<http://www.lisawheelerbooks.com/turk.html>)

TWICE/ASK "Money Management" with specialist Kathy Jamieson from the Michigan State University Extension Program

Date: November 26, 2019

Session times are:

Grades: 4th and Up

No book is required although a Teacher Guide and Miscellaneous Lesson Plans will be available in PDF format for you to download once you register for the program in CAPspace.

Description: Students will learn the basics of money, budgets, spending and advertising rationale. Website for Kathy Jamieson is [Website about Specialist Kathy Jamieson](https://www.canr.msu.edu/people/katherine_jamieson) (https://www.canr.msu.edu/people/katherine_jamieson)

TWICE/ASK "Scrambled States of America" with author Laurie Keller

January 15, 2020

Session times are:

9:30 am until 10:30 am; 11:00 am until 12:00 pm; and 1:15 pm until 2:15 pm

Grades: 2 – 5. Picture book, 40 pages. AR Points 0.5, ATOS Book Level 4.4, AR Quiz 31560 EN, Lexile AD510L. Genre: Realistic Fiction, Fantasy, Adventure. Subjects: U.S. States-

Geography, Picturing America, Puzzles, Comparisons. Description: "One day, Kansas wakes up grumpy. The other 49 states are stretching, yawning, and pouring maple syrup onto each other's pancakes, but irritable Kansas announces to his kindly neighbor Nebraska that life is dull and changes must be made. Books that claim to "make geography fun" usually have to be taken with a dose of skepticism: so often, the teaching is there and the entertainment isn't. This delightfully quirky and original book shows how it should be done." --Richard Farr.

You can purchase a book and find lesson plans on the author's website at [Author Laurie Keller Website](http://www.lauriekeller.com/index.html) (<http://www.lauriekeller.com/index.html>)

TWICE/ASK "American Chillers #4: New York Ninjas" with author Johnathan Rand

January 27, 2020

Session times are:

9:30 am - 10:30 am; 11:00 am - 12:00 am; and 1:15 pm - 2:15 pm

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Grades: 4 – 8. Chapter book, 200 pages. AR Points 3.0; ATOS Book Level 3.8, AR Quiz No 73506 EN. Genre: Fiction, Mystery, Fantasy. Subjects: Adventure-Danger; Myths; Science Fiction; Ninjas; Bullies; New York. Description: A strange discovery that leads to a night of Halloween horror! Mike, Brad and Sara are trick-or-treating in Albany, New York when Mike makes a mysterious discovery. Not realizing any danger, he and his friends ignore the new find and get ready for a Halloween party that night at their school. Their night is about to be turned upside down. For Mike's discovery reveals an ancient secret. A secret hidden for a long, long, time. A secret that leads to a dangerous mission. Mike, Brad, and Sarah set out . . . but they soon find out that their mission won't be as easy as they thought. And if their dark ninjas can stop them, they will!

You can purchase the book at the author's website [American Chiller Website and to buy book](https://americanchillers.3dcartstores.com/4-New-York-Ninjas_p_7.html) (https://americanchillers.3dcartstores.com/4-New-York-Ninjas_p_7.html)

TWICE / ASK “The Book of North American Owls” with specialist Christine Funk from the Troy Nature Center

January 31, 2020

Session times are:

9:30 am until 10:30 am; 11:00 am until 12:00 pm and 1:15 pm until 2:15 pm

Grades 3 – 6; Soft Cover Book, 64 pages

AR Points: 1.0; ATOS Book Level 6.7; AR Quiz No. 58193 EN

Genre - Non-Fiction, Informational

Subjects - Animals-Owls; North American, Science

Description: Everything you ever wanted to know about owls on the North American continent. Includes a detailed, illustrated glossary with maps showing residence and breeding ranges. This is a balanced, entertaining, and informative selection book. The attractive drawings, clean format, and generous size contribute to this appealing treat for nature fans.

This book can be bought at any online retailer. Here is the Amazon link [Amazon link where book can be bought](https://www.amazon.com/Book-North-American-Owls/dp/0395900174). (<https://www.amazon.com/Book-North-American-Owls/dp/0395900174>)

TWICE/ASK “Balto and the Great Race” With an educational specialist from the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race Committee.

February 5, 2019

Session Times Are:

9:30 am until 10:30 am; 11:00 am until 12:00 pm; and 1:15 pm until 2:15 pm

Grades: 3 – 5. Chapter book, 94 pages. AR 2.0; AR Quiz No. 31070 EN; ATOS Book Level: 6.3;

Lexile® Measure: 870L. Genre: Historical Fiction, Autobiography and Biography, Adventure.

Subject: Sled Dogs, Courage, Bravery, Heroism, Disease and Illness Prevention, Balto, Nome-Alaska, Dog Sledding, Dog Racing, Diphtheria

Description: It's 1925 in Nome, Alaska, and a tragedy strikes. Dozens of children in the remote town of Nome become sick with diphtheria. Without special medication, they will perish — and the nearest supply is 650 miles away. The only way to get the medication to Nome is by sled, but can the sled dogs get there in time? Heading bravely into a brutal blizzard, Balto leads the race for life!

You must acquire a copy of the book and read to your students prior to the date of the ASK Event. You can purchase a book and find lesson plans on the author's website at [Author website to learn about Balto and buy the book](http://www.codykimmel.com/Balto.html). (<http://www.codykimmel.com/Balto.html>).

TWICE/ASK "Jumpin' The Rails" with author Sheila Slavich

Date: February 11, 2020

Session times are: 11:00 am until 12:00 pm and at 1:15 pm until 2:15 pm

Grade: 4th, 5th, 6th; Chapter Book, 274 pages

Genre: Time Travel, Historical Fiction

Subjects: Civil War: 1860's;

"Aleks and Adam have grown up together as best friends and fail to see the difference in the color of their skin. But when they accidentally find themselves transported to the 1860s they experience first-hand what it's like to suffer the atrocities of bigotry in the south at a time when slavery was the norm. So when Aleks returns to the present but discovers Adam is still trapped in the past, he is gravely concerned for the safety and well-being of his friend. Desperate to find where and when Adam is, Aleks tries to return to the past so he can bring his friend back. This fast-paced story is full of fantastic adventures intertwined within real-life historical events. Author Sheila W. Slavich breathes life into the events of the Civil War, making moments of yesteryear as real and vibrant as they once were. Reluctant readers will revel in the story and may even develop a fascination for Civil War history. Recommended for home and school libraries, Jumpin' the Rails earns the Literary Classics Seal of Approval.

Author's website [Author Sheila Slavich website](https://sheilawslavichauthor.com/) and a trailer of the book is on YouTube at [Trailer of book on YouTube Link](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Trailer of book on YouTube Link) (<https://sheilawslavichauthor.com/>). You can purchase the book at [Book Store website to buy book](https://squareup.com/store/Slavich-bookshop/) (<https://squareup.com/store/Slavich-bookshop/>)

"Mississippi Trial, 1955" with author Chris Crowe

Date: February 26, 2020

Session Times are: 11:00 am until 12:00 am and 1:15 pm until 2:15 pm

Grades: 6 to 12, Chapter book, 229 pgs.

AR Points 9.0, ATOS Book Level 5.5, AR Quiz 59706 EN

Lexile 870L

Genre: Historical Fiction, Contemporary Realistic Fiction, Drama

Subjects: Family Relations, Civil Rights, Racism, Murder, Mississippi, Till, Emmett 1941-1955

Description: While visiting relatives in Mississippi, Emmett Till, 14, spoke "ugly" to a white woman and was subsequently tortured and murdered. Two men were arrested and tried for this heinous crime, but in spite of substantial evidence, the men were found not guilty. Crowe has woven the plot of his novel around these historical events. Hiram, the fictional main character, who had lived with his grandparents in Mississippi as a child. Now 16, he returns to visit his aging grandfather, where he meets Emmett.

For more information about the book and the author the website is [Author Chris Crowe Website and to buy book](http://chriscrowe.com/about-chris-crowe/) (<http://chriscrowe.com/about-chris-crowe/>)

TWICE/ASK "Watch Out.... Storms Ahead! Owlie Skywarn's Weather Book"

Students will be asking questions to an educational specialist from the South Eastern NOAA Meteorology Office in Whitelake, Michigan.

March 9, 2020

Session Times Are:

9:30 am until 10:30 am and 11:00 am until 12:00 pm

Grades: 1 – 3. Picture book. Description: This is a 44-page worksheet book incorporating all the fragments of the 'Owlie Skywarn's Weather Book' series. The book includes chapters about all-weather circumstances with quizzes and storm worksheets along with Weather Hazards, Weather and Weather Warnings, Fill in the Blanks, Crossword Puzzle. The book has a couple of

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empty pages for the notes, an answer sheet to all activities, and a resources page with some weather-related web links.

You must acquire a copy of the book, Free PDF available at [Free PDF book of "Watch Out Storms Ahead"](https://www.weather.gov/media/owlie/Owlie11.pdf) (<https://www.weather.gov/media/owlie/Owlie11.pdf>)

TWICE/ASK "Kids Everything Weather" by Kathy Furgang

Students will be asking questions to an educational specialist from the South Eastern NOAA Meteorology Office in Whitelake, Michigan.

March 9, 2020

Session Times Are:

12:45 pm until 1:45 pm and 2:00 pm until 3:00 pm

Grades: 4 – 8. Paperback, 64 pages. Lexile® Measure: 950L. Genre: Informational, Science.

Subjects: Climate, Weather, Science & Math, Earth Science. Series: National Geographic Kids: Everything Series

Description: Weather can be wild, freaky, and fascinating! How does it all happen and how do we know what we do? All kids need to know about weather, and all of its power will be found in the pages of this colorful, energetic, and accessible book. Packed with fun facts and amazing photographs, *Everything Weather* gives kids an in-depth look at these amazing natural phenomena.

You can purchase a book at this website [Random House Website where book can be bought](https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/217867/national-geographic-kids-everything-weather-by-kathy-furgang/9781426310584/) (<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/217867/national-geographic-kids-everything-weather-by-kathy-furgang/9781426310584/>)

TWICE/ASK "Marine Mammal Adaptions" with an Educational Specialist from the Alaska Sealife Center. Because of the time and season difference we had to arrange special times for this program.

(This is a 50-minute program due to time difference from Alaska)

March 30, 2020

11:00-11:50 am; 12:00-12:50 pm and 1:00-1:50 pm

Grades: 1 – 4. Genre: Science Informational

Subjects: Animal Adaptions, Science, Nature, Alaska, Sea Lion, Seals. Description: Discover how these mammals are able to thrive in Alaska's frigid waters by observing our own resident harbor seals and sea lions. Use the scientific method to experience and explain the function of blubber.

The book recommended for this program is "Marine Mammals of Alaska: A Field Guide for Children" from the authors website at [Website where book can be purchase at Ocean Otter Publishing](http://oceanotterpublishing.com/bookshop/) (<http://oceanotterpublishing.com/bookshop/>)

TWICE/ASK "The Perfect Pet" with Educational Specialist from the Macomb County Animal Control

April 1, 2020

Session times are:

11:00 am until 12:00 pm and 1:15 pm until 2:15 pm

Grades: K – 3; Picture Book 32 pages; Lexile® Measure: AD210L

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Subjects: Animals / Pets; Social Themes; New Experience; Family; Social Themes.

Description: Meeting the basic needs of companion animals; Ways to interact with pets safely and responsibly and the importance of showing kindness and respect to animals. A funny book

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to share with kids who really, really, REALLY want a pet! Margie Palatini and Bruce Whatley have created a hilarious picture book that handles a topic every parent and child will relate to—choosing that perfect pet. The author has links to online stores that sell her books on her website at [Website where book can be bought](http://www.margiepalatini.com/books-3/the-perfect-pet) (<http://www.margiepalatini.com/books-3/the-perfect-pet>)

"A Cool Summer Tail" This is with an Educational Specialist from the Buffalo Zoo

Date: May 27, 2020

Session times are: 9:30 am until 10:30 am; 11:00 am until 12:00 pm; 1:15 pm until 2:15 pm

Grades 2 - 4, Picture Book, 32 pages

AR Points 3.4, Lexile: AD700L

Genre: Informational Text, Nonfiction

Subjects: Animals-Summer, Animal-Adaptions, Heat-Habitats, Nature-Science, Seasonal Changes, Humans vs Animals, Compare & Contrast

Description: How do humans stay cool in the summer? A Cool Summer Tail tells us about all of the different ways that animals and humans alike are able to stay cool in the hot summer sun. When summer heats up, animals find ways to stay cool. Do they dig under the dirt, grow special summer hair, or only come out at night? The author inhabits the minds of young animals who wonder if human children prepare for the change in seasons in the same way that they do. The animals listed below is what the focus will be on for the video conference with the Buffalo Zoo.

These animals at the Zoo help us to discuss strategies that animals use to stay cool (use water, dust baths, shade, burrows, adaptations, etc):

Lion, Giraffe, Poison dart frog, Meerkat, Lizard (example: blue tongued skink), Tortoise or river turtle,

Gorilla, Rainforest birds (examples: roseate spoonbill, scarlet ibis, and parrot), Lesser hedgehog tenrec, Two toed sloth

This book can be bought from the publisher at [Book can be bought at publishers website.](https://www.arbordalepublishing.com/bookpage.php?id=CoolSummer) (<https://www.arbordalepublishing.com/bookpage.php?id=CoolSummer>)

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