



## Authors & Illustrators Speak Up for PA Libraries

The Pennsylvania Library Association is proud to introduce the “**PA Forward Speak Up! Authors & Illustrators Speak Up for PA Libraries**” initiative.

On **Nov. 6, 2014**, we’d like Pennsylvania authors and Illustrators of all genres to show their support by speaking or presenting a program at a local library. As a partner and spokesperson, you can help underscore the key role Pennsylvania libraries play in the economic, social and educational fabric of our state.

We all know that libraries are caught in a terrible bind: Usage is up in unprecedented numbers, yet tight city and state budgets are closing library doors, reducing collections and resources, and ultimately reducing access when it’s needed most. We hope to make a difference by mobilizing the individuals whose works are the very reason libraries exist : authors like you. You appreciate libraries as a quiet space in which to write or do research, as well as a repository that houses your books and immortalizes your words and ideas. Now, it’s time to give back.

If you are interested in participating, please visit:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QF6YH52>

and provide us with the information about you and what sort of speech or program you could contribute. We’ll match authors and illustrators with a local venue during the summer and early fall.

If you have any questions, feel free to email Margie Stern at [mstern@delcolibraries.org](mailto:mstern@delcolibraries.org).