



WONDER NEWS

ANN (ANA) MORRIS, BILINGUAL CHILDREN'S AUTHOR & TRANSLATOR

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WELCOME!

Welcome to Wonder News! I'm glad to share what I think and do with you! People are welcome to contact me to give me feedback and ideas, and to request to be added to my email list. I will add no one without a request. Feel free to share with others!

Visit to my hometown a success!

A great weekend that was full of communication and cooperation! I began on Friday at the Humboldt Public Library in Humboldt, Iowa. They had worked to coordinate a visit for me with the Humboldt Arts Festival that I was attending the following day. They requested a press release and photos. I provided plenty of everything and told them to feel free to use what they thought appropriate. Here is the press release:

Ann Morris to present the children's program at Libraries Rock

As part of the Humboldt Public Library summer program, "Libraries Rock," Ann (Bottelsohn) Morris will present the children's program, "Author's Rock," on Friday, June 15, at 4 p.m., in the Springvale Room at the library. Beginning about 4:30 p.m., she will host a Meet and Greet Q and A program for children and adults. Ms. Morris will have autographed copies of her books available for purchase and will personalize each book sold. This event is sponsored by the Humboldt Library Foundation.

Ann Morris, a Humboldt native, graduated from Humboldt High School in 1973 and is the daughter of Emory and Mavis Bottelsohn. She has always loved English and languages and graduated from Wartburg College in Waverly with a degree in Spanish Education.

Morris taught high school Spanish for 18 years and loved it. She proceeded to work for 12 years for the State of Iowa with Iowa children.

Development. She worked with people from all backgrounds and cultures to help them build their language and education skills. During this time, she began to wish she had more children's books to share with the young people that would accompany their parents to appointments. Inspired by her mother, Morris has loved to write since she was young. In different capacities through work and volunteering, she realized that there was a need for healthy learning stories for children that would also have a message for any adult sharing those books with them. Within the last 10 years, she has focused on children's stories with the intention of recording memorable experiences with young family members and young friends.

Her own youth. She loves to include a learning experience that includes the process of finding answers for which she has a learning

Ann Morris remains in Iowa, where she has dedicated her talents to writing children's books in English under the name of Ann Morris and a Spanish version of the same story under her Spanish name of Ana Morris. She also writes poetry and was published as early as 10 and 12 years of age through a children's magazine called "Wee Wisdom".

She is equally proficient in English and Spanish and is visible in the city of Des Moines. She champions the same goal as her first various minority causes, especially those that involve education. Her contribution in two languages serves a dual purpose: It provides reading material and positive interaction potential for the young readers of each native language and it provides a reading challenge for those learning the other language.

She has participated in many author fairs and readings, has read to and addressed numerous elementary and junior high school students, which she enjoys deeply.

Her ultimate goal is to provide a positive adult role model for a curious child and a learning experience, which may be a learning

process or a new outlook for the child in the story.

Mommy and Mikel Go for a Walk was her first pair of books released by AuthorHouse Publishing. It has been republished by Mascot Books and is a wonderful improvement to the original on Saturday, June 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Humboldt County Historical Museum. Ann Morris's website is www.authorannmorris.com.

Her third pair, recently released, *Everything is Different*, is a wonderful illustration by Heather Narkowicz and deals with a young boy from the USA visiting his grandparents in the UK.

Her newest book, a toddler bedtime story, will include both languages in the same book. Her next project with her publisher is a rhyming book about her grandchildren, followed by a cute story called *The Very Particular Puppy*. She has also begun her first early to mid-grade chapter book, which may turn into a series.

More ideas are in the future as she plans a trip to Spain with her sister Beth (Bottelsohn) Meyer in September. This trip is a mission of the heart that will certainly have a tale to tell.

Ann Morris will also be selling and signing her books at the Humboldt Arts Festival sponsored by the Humboldt Area Arts Council on Saturday, June 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Humboldt County Historical Museum. Ann Morris's website is www.authorannmorris.com.

They had a summer program called "Libraries Rock!" and one of the weeks was "Authors Rock!" Guess who the author was?

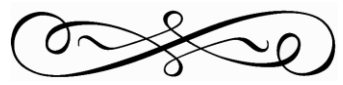
I had hoped my new book would be ready to feature, but I had a nice crowd, the best ever for a library visit, with former teachers, friends from church, former neighbors, and children of all ages.

Since there were several boys of at least mid-elementary age, I decided to read my most recent book, *Everything Is Different*. I usually stand, but they had a chair for me. It was so rewarding to interact with the kids and adults and to see how enthused they were. I always love that about school visits, too.

Afterwards, as I had declined a fee for my visit, they allowed me to sell books. The older ladies gathered around and chatted while they bought books. What a homecoming!



In addition to that, they promoted my visit through the library and had people register!





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The following day was the Humboldt Arts Festival, and it was hot! The whole week had been hot!

I had some photos taken of my booth, but I don't know who took them. I had plenty of visitors! Friends, neighbors, people I didn't know...It was great!

I even had a friend bring several bags of items to donate to my friends in Ghana! Thank you to Ginger Hundertmark!



The key, I decided, was to always have an updated press release ready, updated photos, maintain in communication with the event coordinators, and always have my camera ready to have someone else take pics if I am presenting! Of course, I took several selfies with special friends, like my friends since elementary school who graciously keep inviting me back each year!

Thanks to my friends Margaret and Kevin Tellier!



Works in Progress

No news is good news, so I hope to have *Do It Again!* in my hands soon! I have three shows in July, so it would be nice to have a new feature!

Love, Grandma is being edited, *The Very Particular Puppy* is waiting in line, and this past week I had a cartoony thread going through my head. Finally, I got up in the middle of the night and wrote my first silly little tike book not even based on a memory. My son (Mikel) liked *Buzz the Bee*, so maybe others will, too. I'm planning to start writing more short books in paperback to expand my price accessibility to my readers.



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Book Review!

I read a cute kid's book I'd like to share with you: I've only Got Three Hands, by Sigal Adler, 5 star review:

Children have a challenge when it comes to cleaning their rooms and picking up after themselves. Parents have different ways of dealing with this, but I liked the way this was presented. A young monster doesn't like to clean his room each day, but he loves to have bedtime stories read to him. Mom takes a long time to clean up for him, and reminds him, as he waits and watches her do the work. After a few nights of story time neglect, the young monster gets the message and cleans his own room. He is rewarded with not only story time, but his mom has time to sing to him, too.



~ Sometimes a book is the only thing that can make the world right again ~

Anonymous

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My website will get you a signed book:

www.authorannmorris.com

Facebook Author page:

<https://www.facebook.com/AnnMorrisChildrensAuthorLanguageConsulting/>

The books are on Amazon:

<http://www.amazon.com/-/e/B00C8G2V8S>

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