

## **Read Out Loud 2019:**

### *Vampires Don't Wear Polka Dots*

**by Debbie Dadey**

In this, the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Read Out Loud, we invited Debbie Dadey. She has published 166 books and sold over 43 million copies of her books. We decided to feature *Vampires Don't Wear Polka Dots*, the first book in her very popular series, *The Bailey School Kids*.

23 schools in both District 60 and 70 participated by reading *Vampires Don't Wear Polka Dots* to 77 classrooms, totally 1,681 students.

Over the course of the two day event, 1,591 students and teachers attended one of six sessions at Rawlings Library to hear our author. Ms. Dadey shared with the classes how she became a writer.

#### **In-class Workshops**

This year, classes could request an in-class workshop on creating your own graphic novel, led by PCCLD staff. 3 classes took advantage of this option, which reached a total of 45 students. The students were very excited to see the fun activities that they could partake on Ms. Dadey's website. They created some beautiful story maps. The teachers enjoyed having the workshop as an addition to the presentation.

Below is the participation breakdown for these events:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Participation</b>
In Class Reading	1,681
Attend Presentation at Rawlings	1,591
Circulation	200

In-Class Workshops	45
<b>Total Participation</b>	<b>3,517</b>

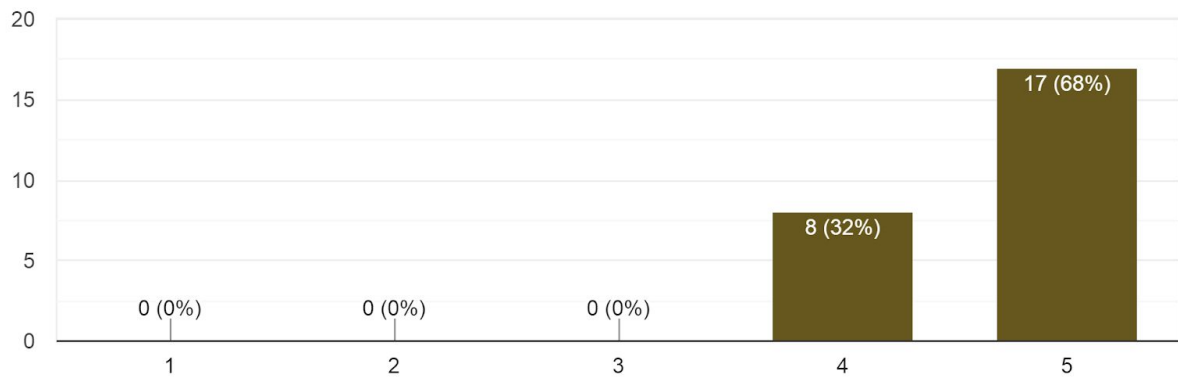
**Circulation Stats: Total 200**

Item Type	Check- Outs	Renewals	Returns	Total Transactions
<b>Paperback</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>200</b>

We collected feedback from teachers after the visit to see what they thought, and 25 of 71 responded. Here are the results:

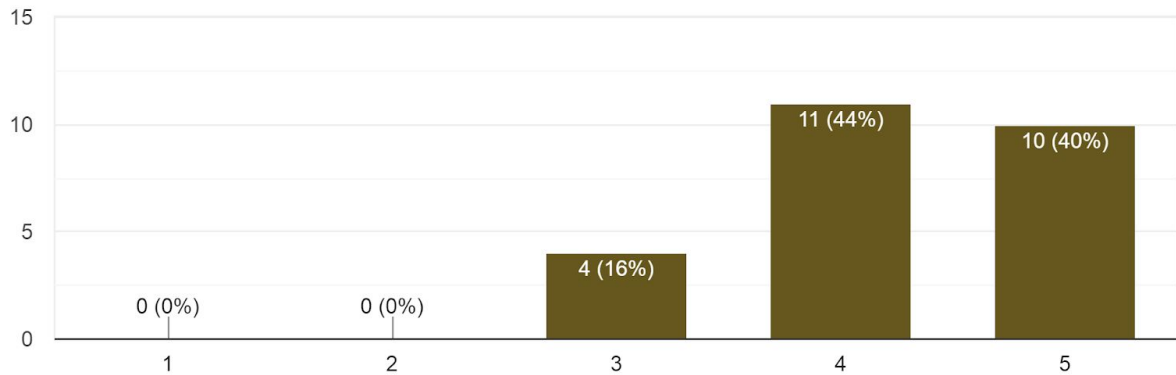
This program got my students excited about reading.

25 responses



## This program got my students excited about writing.

25 responses



## What did you and/or your students like most about this program?

Seeing some of their favorites titles on the PowerPoint.

The author was very entertaining, and my students LOVED the book when we read it.

Questioning the author

I liked the focus on how writing is never perfect the first time and they have to keep trying!

We liked seeing the author of the books we enjoy reading.

They loved that she had enthusiasm about her books and what she did. It was kid friendly and the students were engaged.

My class loved the speaker. Great job!

Hearing how the author creates her stories. I like that she knows how to talk to students and keep them engaged.

The author was engaging!

The author was very fun to listen to and kept the kids engaged.

The writing examples and the connection between real life and the characters.

they enjoyed meeting her and the program was engaging

She was so engaging and exciting

Reading the book before meeting the author.

It was so exciting for the kids to actually see an author up close and personal. They say everyday when we are done writing, "remember Debbie Dady said to read your work out loud." Love it!!!

They really liked the stories told by Debbie.

The students loved the book and the author's enthusiasm!

They loved Debbie's energy! They also loved the writing process explanation.

They thought the author was funny and entertaining.

Meeting the author and listening about all of the books that they have wrote and how they became a writer.

The excitement the author brings up close and personal for the students.

We loved the animation of the author, Debbie Dadey.

Hearing about how the author had to change the endings and different parts of the book

**Key people in the successful execution of this event:**

Magi Wren – YS – Organized registrations, contacted teachers to confirm visits, and mailed books to classrooms.

Elizabeth Flores – Purchased classroom and circulating copies of the books. Provided circulation statistics after the event.

Jacque Collins, Natalie Gallegos, Maria Kramer, and Sharon Rice– Assisted during the programs to help students find the Ryals Room – and get back to their buses safely, provided tours of the library, and over saw lunches.

The Friends of the Library – Providing consistent support to this program!