



# INSPIRE STUDENTS TO GET OUT AND PLAY!

Bring author Marlene Byrne and the **PROJECT PLAY** writing clinic to your school.



## School Offering

Writing about something you love makes all the difference. What better than backyard games as a subject for a school writing clinic!

Marlene Byrne, author of Project Play books, can attend your school to talk with students about the challenges of writing, how a story becomes a book, and what it takes to publish.

She will introduce Project Play books, a series of books aimed at teaching children nostalgic backyard games and inspire students to get out and play. Project Play works to motivate families and children to make unstructured play, where creativity, negotiation and teamwork rule, a priority.

Project Play offers writing clinics to grammar schools with two curriculum options based on the grade level of the students.

### For Grades K-3

This simple story project involves a 15-minute discussion about writing and a 30-minute presentation in which the group works to create the necessary elements of a story about games. The group helps create the setting, characters, and outline for the book. Teachers are provided a worksheet that they can use in their classroom, so that each student can create their own "game" book story.

### For Grades 4-6

These older students are assigned a tougher project. After a 15-minute discussion about being an author, the group will discuss character development, settings and then create a three chapter story. Three worksheets are available, and depending upon size of group and time allotted, the worksheets can be done with the group or as a classroom project.

*"A highlight of our school year was on April 14th when Marlene came to spend the day with our students in celebration of National Library Week. Marlene's enthusiasm for writing, playing, and for life in general is contagious. She made a lasting impression on my students, and I saw positive results in their writing."*

*Mrs. Deb Gruenwald  
Third Grade Teacher,  
School District of Grafton, WI*

Get the books for your school library at a discounted price!

To order or schedule a free Project Play Writing Clinic at your school, contact Robin at 847.647.7500 or [robind@celticchicago.com](mailto:robind@celticchicago.com).

