

# CONTEMPORARY MG WORKSHOP

**DO YOU WRITE – OR WANT TO WRITE – REALISTIC STORIES FOR KIDS? JOIN AUTHORS STEPHANIE FARIS, GAIL NALL, AND BROOKS BENJAMIN TO LEARN HOW TO MAKE YOUR BOOK FEEL REAL TO THE KIDS OF TODAY.**

## WHEN

**SATURDAY, JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>  
10 am – 4 pm (EDT)**

## WHERE

**SPENCER CO. HIGH  
SCHOOL LIBRARY \***

**520 Taylorsville Road, Taylorsville, KY 40071**

## HOW MUCH

**\$70 for SCBWI  
MEMBERS/\$95 for  
OTHERS (Lunch included)**

**\*We're able to offer the event at a low cost due to the generosity of the librarian opening the library to us at no cost, so please bring a new or gently used MG or YA novel to donate to the library.**



STEPHANIE FARIS is the author of the middle grade books *30 DAYS OF NO GOSSIP* and *25 ROSES*, as well as the *PIPER MORGAN* chapter book series. An accomplished freelance writer, her work has appeared in *Writer's Digest*, *The Writer*, *Pacific Standard*, *Mental Floss*, and *The Week*, among many others.



GAIL NALL lives in Louisville, Kentucky with her family and more cats than necessary. She once drove a Zamboni, has camped in the snow in June, and almost got trampled in Paris. Gail is the author of the *Aladdin/S&S* middle grade novels *OUT OF TUNE*, *BREAKING THE ICE*, the *YOU'RE INVITED* series (co-authored with Jen Malone), and the upcoming *BEST.NIGHT.EVER.* (co-authored, 8/15/17). She is also the author of the young adult novel, *EXIT STAGE LEFT* (Epic Reads Impulse/HarperCollins).



BROOKS BENJAMIN lives in Tennessee with his wife and their incredibly spoiled dog. *MY SEVENTH-GRADE LIFE IN TIGHTS* (Delacorte/Random House) is his first novel.



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**Love to read and write realistic fiction for kids? Want to make your books the best they can be? Join authors Stephanie Faris, Gail Nall, and Brooks Benjamin for a day devoted to writing contemporary middle grade novels! The Contemporary MG Workshop will include presentations on mastering the elements of a compelling contemporary MG novel, including Plot, Character, and Voice. There will be writing exercises, so bring a pen and paper. The workshop will also include a rountable discussion regarding the presenters' roads to publication.**

## **Additional information:**

**The event will include lunch. Vegetarian options will be available.**

**Location: Spencer County High School Library, 520 Taylorsville Road, Taylorsville, KY 40071. Conveniently located near Louisville, Taylorsville is less than 15 miles from I-64, the Bluegrass Parkway, and the Gene Snyder Freeway.**

**The Spencer County High School librarian has generously agreed to give up a summer Saturday so that we can have a wonderful space for the workshop at no cost, which has allowed us to offer a very reasonable tuition to you. **Please bring a new or gently used MG or YA book to donate to the library.****

**Cancellations: Refunds will be available only if there is an existing waiting list or if the event is cancelled. SCBWI Midsouth will withhold a \$15 handling fee if the registrant cancels. No refunds of any amount will be available after June 3, 2017 unless the event is cancelled.**