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*This monthly newsletter provides the inside scoop on how you can maximize the use of TeachingBooks.  
Please forward pertinent information to your colleagues.*

### Three Neat Opportunities for Your Librarians

Occasionally we hear about innovative, multimedia book-based initiatives that we think some of you would value knowing about. Here are three that you can forward to your school:

#### For Elementary:

1. The Pigeon Wants a . . . contest! <http://www.pigeonpresents.com/>

Have your students draw what they think the pigeon wants next. Your school could win a visit from Mo Willems, creator of *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus*. Entries are due March 3, 2008.

2. Test Drive A New Multimedia Book / Animation Package

Wanted: elementary school librarians interested in piloting Story Cove classroom packs. August House (publishers of authentic stories from cultures around the world) is looking for schools to pilot book / online animation / differentiated lesson plan activities to learn what you think. If interested, contact Rob Cleveland at: [Rob@augusthouse.com](mailto:Rob@augusthouse.com) or 404-442-4422.

#### For Secondary:

3. Attention Teen Readers: Join the inaugural virtual "Festival of Authors" for young adults on Saturday, February 2, from 2pm-6pm (EST) in the 3D virtual world, Teen Second Life (<http://teen.secondlife.com/whatis>). This is a virtual gathering place where teens can learn online skills and interact with peers from all over the world, and this festival is a chance for books, technology, and teens to come together. For details, visit: <http://blogs.cuip.net/dlis/festival-of-authors>

### Meet the recipients of the 2008 American Library Association Awards

Now you and your students can learn about the creators behind the award-winning books! The following suggestions exemplify the type of author/book connections we strive for at TeachingBooks.

- Watch **Coretta Scott King Author Medalist and Newbery Honoree** Christopher Paul Curtis share how and why he wrote his prize-winning book *Elijah of Buxton*.
- Learn about **Sibert Medalist & Caldecott Honoree** Peter Sís' book *The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain* in a brief movie that he and his brother made combining book illustrations with powerful footage from Communist Czechoslovakia.
- Watch Dr. Joseph Medicine Crow discuss his award-winning book, *Counting Coup: Becoming a Crow Chief on the Reservation and Beyond*. The book is the **Middle School Winner of the American Indian Youth Literature Award**.

To explore the multimedia resources associated with all of the winning titles, see the "ALA Awards 2008" QuickSearch, or go to: <http://www.teachingbooks.net/awards2008/list>

