

Ann Braden

Granger Middle School is delighted to welcome author Ann Braden for a visit on Wednesday, May 14th. Ms. Braden will talk with students about her career as an author and discuss her new book, *Into the Rapids*.

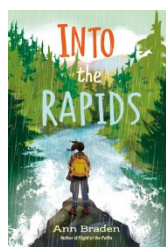
To guarantee a personalized, autographed copy of any of these books, please return this order form with payment to the LMC (exact cash, check payable to Granger MS or order online via the Granger Webstore) by Friday, May 9th.

If you miss that date, there will be a limited supply of signed books available for purchase through May 15th. *Questions about orders? Contact joan_fitzgerald@ipsd.org.*



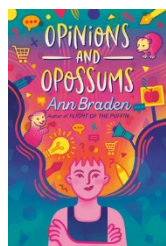
_____ *Into the Rapids*, \$17.99 (Hardcover)

Sometimes even a girl who likes to rely only on herself needs to be brave enough to ask for help.



When a super-storm hits Addy's remote mountain town, knocking out the bridge and cutting her home off from the main road, she worries that she won't be able to get to the survival camp she's been looking forward to attending. The camp's the place where her parents met, and where Addy plans to hone her skills and honor their legacy. But now there's no power and it's also like a light has been switched off in her mom, who's been triggered by the raging river and memories of Addy's dad dying in a similar storm. The two of them are feeling particularly stranded as they've never bothered to befriend any neighbors. But now Addy keeps running into her classmate Caleb on the hill above her house where they both go to get cell service. Caleb's frantic about a missing neighbor, and Addy's amazed to see how he's able to connect with folks to get help. Then Caleb offers to help her get to camp—but can she trust him? She always thought of him as an enemy—but maybe she was partially to blame for his frostiness? The storm has brought so many questions swirling to the surface and has made Addy feel it's time to take some leaps of faith. When she agrees to travel with Caleb by canoe, this sets off a remarkable string of events and the biggest test of her survival skills.

_____ *Opinions and Opossums*, \$8.99 (Paperback)



Agnes has been raised to keep her opinions to herself, but how do you keep silent when you're full of burning questions?

Agnes has been encouraged not to question authority by her mom—but that's especially hard in religion class, where it bugs her that so much gets blamed on Eve and that God's always pictured one way. Fortunately, Agnes' anthropologist neighbor, Gracy, gets Agnes thinking after they rescue an opossum together. Playing dead didn't serve the opossum well, so maybe it's time for Agnes to start thinking for herself. And when Agnes learns that some cultures picture God as a female, she feels freed to think—and write—about things from new perspectives. As she and her best friend, Mo, encourage each other to get out of their comfort zone at school as the quiet kids, they quickly find it's sorta cool seeing people react when they learn you are very much full of thought-provoking opinions.



_____ *Flight of the Puffin*, \$8.99 (Paperback)

Libby comes from a long line of bullies. She wants to be different, but sometimes that doesn't work out. To bolster herself, she makes a card with the message You are amazing. That card sets off a chain reaction that ends up making a difference in the lives of some kids who could also use a boost—be it from dealing with bullies, unaccepting families, or the hole that grief leaves. Receiving an encouraging message helps each kid summon up the thing they need most, whether it's bravery, empathy, or understanding. Because it helps them realize they matter—and that they're not flying solo anymore.

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