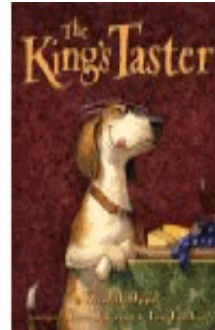


SD 23 students to see Kenneth Oppel during Education Week 2010!



During Education Week, 2010, the Central Okanagan Teacher Librarians' Association (COTLA) is pleased to welcome Kenneth Oppel who will speak to over 4000 SD 23 students at the Kelowna Community Theatre and a variety of SD23 schools. **Oppel will also have a free presentation to all members of the community on Thursday, March 4th at 7:00pm at the Kelowna Community Theatre.** There is no need to sign up, just come and enjoy. These events are organized by COTLA for Education Week and are made possible, in part, by donations from Capri Insurance, Harmony Honda, and CanWest Media's "Raise a Reader" Program (via the Daily Courier and Project Literacy Kelowna).

About Kenneth Oppel

Kenneth Oppel was born in British Columbia but currently resides in Toronto. Oppel has written 22 books to date, many of them fantasy novels. He is perhaps best known for his Silverwing series which has sold over a million copies worldwide and for novels such as *Airborn*, winner of the Governor General's Award for Children's Literature in 2004. His latest book, *Starclimber*, the third in the Airborn series, won the Honour Book, 2009 CLA Children's Book of the Year award. Oppel has won countless other awards for his work including the Michael L. Printz Honour Book Award and the Ruth and Sylvia Schwartz Award. You can learn about Oppel at www.kennethoppel.ca

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