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The Author Who Played the Kazoo Wednesday, April 9, 2008

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St. Louis author Amy Sklansky presented today from Cooperating School Districts during two videoconference sessions! She read her latest book, *The Duck Who Played the Kazoo*, and then described to the students her creative process— how she is a chef of sorts— cooking up stories. Inspirational ingredients include her favorite books and poems! And of course, she played the **kazoo!**



Here is what we learned about the author from student questions during the morning session:

Amy writes on paper first, then revises on her computer. She does a lot of writing at home, the library, and quiet corners of coffee shops. It took several months to write her latest book. She tried to give herself breaks as she worked on it. Amy is a writer, not an illustrator. She likes to see how illustrators work with her written words. Amy likes being an author and likes sharing her stories with students. She has written only picture books for kids. Amy is the mother of two children, who keep her busy. When she was a child, Amy thought she was going to grow up to be an attorney (just like her dad).

MEET THE AUTHOR!

Time: Sunday, April 13, 2008 4:00 p.m.

Location: Left Bank Books, CWE, St. Louis, Missouri

When a hurricane blows through the lake of a duck who plays the kazoo, it takes all his friends away with it. The lonely duck must rediscover the joys of friendship and revive his home. Told with lilting rhymes and a simple refrain, and filled with soft, cheerful illustrations, St. Louis children's author Amy Sklansky's sweet and zany tale has all the makings of a modern-day nursery rhyme.

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