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UPCOMING EVENTS ALERT FOR SPRINGFIELD AREA

Poet, homeschooler, and published author...

Mother of three Kim Hutmacher does it all in 2009

WHAT

While gathering material for a science lesson on how animals use their appendages, homeschooling mother of three Kim Hutmacher had a difficult time finding material geared toward preschool and early elementary students. Never one to give up on her kids' educations, Kim decided to rectify the situation—she would research and write her own science material. This never-ceasing drive finally came full circle with the 2009 release of Kim's debut children's book *Paws, Claws, Hands, and Feet*. In her book, toe-tapping rhymes take readers on an adventure that leaps from lily pads to icebergs to the tips of trees, all following the beat of paws, claws, hands, and feet. For more information, visit <http://www.sylvandellpublishing.com/Paws.php>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 16, 6:00pm-7:00pm, Gillespie Public Library, Gillespie, Author Visit/Signing
- Feb. 18, 1:30pm-3:00pm, Harvard Park Elementary School, Springfield, Author Visit
- Feb. 28, 11:00am-1:00pm, The Sly Fox Bookstore, Virden, Signing
- **March 7, 10:00am-12:00pm, Henson Robinson Zoo, Wild About Books, Springfield, LAUNCH PARTY!!!**
- March 9, 9:25am-10:25am and 1:35pm-2:35pm, Illiopolis Public Library—Birthday Book Bash, Illiopolis, Reading/Signing
- March 13, 8:00am-10:00am, Illinois Reading Council Conference, Springfield
- April 10, 12:00pm-2:00pm, Children's Museum of Illinois, Decatur, Story Time/ Signing
- April 25, 1:00pm-3:00pm, Earth Day Celebration, Scovill Zoo, Decatur, Reading/ Signing
- May 23, 11:00am-1:30pm, Barnes and Noble, Fairview Heights, Reading/ Signing

MEET KIM

Although *Paws* is Kim's debut children's book, she is no stranger to the written word. She has written numerous pieces of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry for children's magazines and anthologies. She has also written three eBooks for the educational website "A to Z Kid's Stuff" and served as poetry editor for *Wee Ones Magazine* for two years. "I have always loved to write," says Kim. "Creative writing was my favorite subject in school! I almost always write in rhyme. Every word must count. My biggest challenge is finding just the right word. Conversely, my greatest reward is when I'm finally able to find that perfect word."

GET IN ON THE ACTION

Take advantage of Kim's expertise and schedule an interview today! Contact Sylvan Dell publicist, Sara Dobie, at SaraDobie@SylvanDellPublishing.com or (877) 958-2600.

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