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Conservation enthusiast and award-winning children's book author Jennifer Keats Curtis featured at local educational events

WHAT

Maryland native Jennifer Keats Curtis is no stranger to the publishing world. Her first children's book, *Oshus and Shelly Save the Bay*, won the Frederick Douglass Award. In 2006, she released *Turtles in my Sandbox* from Sylvan Dell Publishing. *Turtles* went on to become an ASPCA Henry Bergh Children's Book Award Finalist. And in the coming year, Curtis will release *Baby Owl's Rescue*—a picture book about a stranded baby owl and the proper way to care for it, inspired by the work of real life rehabilitator Kathy Woods. Jennifer has always been a nature enthusiast, and writing has been her outlet. "I love animals of all kinds," she said. "And while my brother is a vet, it is far better for me to research and write about animals than to attempt to do any kind of work on them." For more information about Jennifer and her upcoming picture book release, visit the Sylvan Dell website at <http://www.sylvandellpublishing.com>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 28, Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education Conference, "Exploring Diversity in Our Environment," Ocean City, Presentation
- March 2, Summit School, Edgewater, School Visit
- March 30, Arnold Elementary, Arnold, School Visit
- April 7, White Marsh Elementary, Trappe, School Visit
- April 24, Eldersburg Elementary, Eldersburg, School Visit
- April 17, Mutual Elementary, Port Republic, School Visit
- April 20, Gibson Island Country School, "Bay Days," Pasadena
- April 27, Barstow Elementary, Prince Frederick, School Visit
- April 29, Cromwell Valley Elementary, Towson, School Visit
- May 4, Fort Smallwood Elementary, Pasadena, School Visit
- May 11, Huntington Elementary, Huntington, School Visit
- May 13, Windy Hill Elementary School, Owings, School Visit
- May 21, Montgomery County Young Author's Event, Rockville, School Visit

MEET JENNIFER

Jennifer Keats Curtis wants to help bring children close to the animals in their own backyards. By combining language arts with science in a storybook setting, she hopes to bring species conservation and protection to life, helping young children understand important ecological issues and what they can do to help. She plans to donate a portion of the royalties for *Baby Owl's Rescue* to the Phoenix Wildlife Center. For more information about Jennifer, visit her website at <http://www.terrapinbook.com>.

GET IN ON THE ACTION

Take advantage of Jennifer'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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