



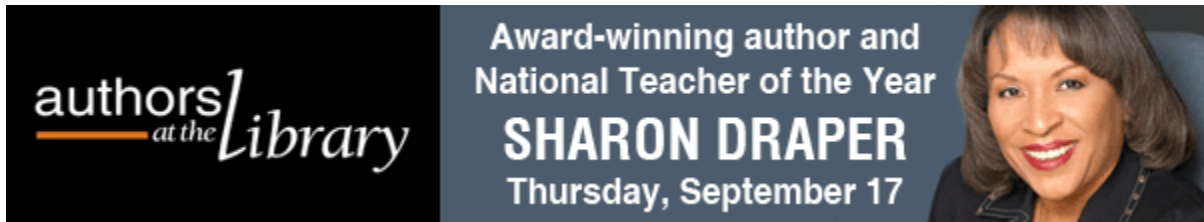
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Louisville, KY (August 28, 2009) - Award-winning-educator-turned-award-winning-author Sharon Draper is right at home in the classroom or in an auditorium. As a professional educator, Sharon Draper spent more than thirty years teaching junior high and high school students in Cincinnati, Ohio how to appreciate the beauty of literature and how to communicate their ideas effectively. As an author, she has written numerous books geared toward children and young adults and enjoys speaking to kids and educators across the country about the writing process, the characters in her books, and how they can become writers themselves. Ms. Draper has been honored as the National Teacher of the Year, is a five-time winner of the Coretta Scott King Literary Award, and is a *New York Times* bestselling author. In celebration of the opening of the Newburg Library, Sharon Draper will join students from Newburg-area middle and high schools on September 17 to discuss the writing process and her book, *Romiette and Julio*, at two events during the school day at the Newburg Library. Later that evening, fans of her writing, educators and families are invited to join the author for a discussion of her work at the Main Library, 301 York Street, at 7 p.m. The evening event is free and open to the public, but tickets are required; call 574-1644.

Special thanks to the Library Foundation for making this event possible.

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