



**Elementary School Kennedy Center
Workshop / Classroom Observations**
**Character Interviews:
A Dramatic Approach to
Reading Comprehension**

Workshop
Wednesday, February 18, 2009 • 8:30-11:30 am
Classroom Observations
Thursday, February 19, 2009 • Begins at 8:30 am

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Workshop Leader: Lenore Blank Kelner

Join author, educator and drama specialist Lenore Blank Kelner for an exciting participatory experience. In this workshop, teachers discover how to create and host an imaginary talk show, "Books Alive!", in their classrooms. Students portray characters from a book and answer questions in role. The questions encourage the students to make predictions, draw inferences and examine the theme of the text. An amazingly fun way to achieve and assess reading comprehension!



Lenore Blank Kelner is a professional actress, director, writer and educator. Since 1981, Ms. Kelner has directed her own educational theater company, Interact Story Theatre which performs in schools, museums, libraries, and theaters all over the United States.

Ms. Kelner serves as an education consultant to the Maryland State Department of Education as well as school systems and schools nationwide. She has trained thousands of teachers in how to integrate drama into everyday classroom instruction.

In addition, Ms. Kelner has written two books on drama and has taught students in all grades, pre-K through college. She is the recipient of the 2004 Creative Drama Award from the American Alliance for Theatre and Education.

This workshop and classroom observations are for Arts Integration Ambassador teams from participating PDAE grant schools. Others are invited to attend by contacting Sue Downs at sdowns@unf.edu or 620-4411