

## Feedback from Educators

"My students talked about Chippy Chipmunk for days after Kathy Miller's program. **It was like an indoor field trip!**"

Missy Sarra, Librarian  
Corpus Christi School, Wilmington, DE

"Author visits can be stressful as you're never sure what you are going to get when you book a visit. **I rank Kathy up there at the top**, even among some highly paid, very well known authors. My students eagerly participated, and learned a lot."

Vicky Polk, Library Media Specialist  
Klem North Elementary School, Webster, NY



Example of artwork from Chippy Chipmunk: Babies in the Garden

"Kathy Miller's program was a huge hit in my school. **She was engaging, informative and entertaining:** the three key ingredients for a successful program."

Sean Fallon, Media Specialist  
West Avenue School, Bridgeton, NJ

"Kathy's enthusiasm was contagious as she captivated my students. The integration of Visual Arts, Language Arts, and Science, solidified her presentation as **one of the best that Bethel Elementary has experienced.**"

Melissa Buchanan, Media Specialist  
Bethel Elementary School, Midland, NC

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"Kathy Miller brought a new level of excitement and inspiration to the young authors of our school as **she showed us how to incorporate our surroundings into our writing.**"

Christina Crews, Media Specialist  
Lehigh Valley Academy, Bethlehem, PA

"Kathy geared our assembly exactly as I requested. It tied in with a Science Field Guide project. **She sparked the imagination of our students** and inspired our faculty to get outside with our cameras!"

Jennifer Wyland, Science Teacher  
Kutztown Middle School, Kutztown, PA

"So many teachers told me how much they and their students enjoyed their time with Kathy and how impressed they were with her stories and photography. **She really engaged the students with her well-paced presentation.** We loved the extra touches of nature sounds, drain pipes and the camouflage blind."

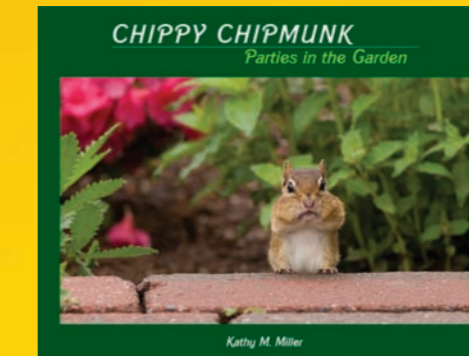
Laura Yazemboski, Librarian  
Minersville Elementary, Minersville, PA

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# Author Visit & Nature Program

**Kathy M. Miller**  
Award-winning Author & Photographer



Wildlife Appeals to a Broad Range of Ages



Relates to the Growing Popularity of Photography





# Author Visit and Nature Program featuring Interactive Lessons and a Multi-media Presentation

## Size and Scope

Age appropriate programs for Pre K - 6. Assemblies with up to 300 students per program. Even the older grades benefit from the information on backyard nature and wildlife photography.

## Curriculum Connections

**Science** - chipmunk and backyard bird behavior

**Art** - photography skills and layout design

**Language Arts** - creating a story from a picture series

## Program Rates

Schools: \$400 / day for one to three assemblies.

May include a Family Night event.

Benefits include discounted books, free books, posters & bookmarks.

*Free visits to qualified schools.\**

Libraries, Preschools & Nature Centers: \$100

*\*Please see the 'Author Visit' section at [www.chippychipmunk.com](http://www.chippychipmunk.com)*

*Travel fees may apply.*

## Program Objectives

Students will be motivated to explore nature, and to use their observations to create artwork and stories.

**Kathy M. Miller, award-winning author and photographer, is also a teacher and cellist with Bachelor's degrees in Music and Elementary/Special Education. She has inspired thousands of students with her interactive and engaging programs.**



Photo by Steve Miller



Photo by Dan Kotran

Students at Sheckler Elementary School enjoying the projected images and video clips.

Having fun learning new photography skills.



Photo by Dan Kotran



A listening activity will challenge the students' ability to identify backyard birds.



Photo by Jessica Dzurek

Blue Mountain Elementary East students participate in a burrow-building simulation, their favorite part of the program.



Photo by Rachel Schultz

With help from Keely, a student from Birdsboro Elementary Center, Kathy demonstrates the proper use of a photographer's blind.

## What's Unique?

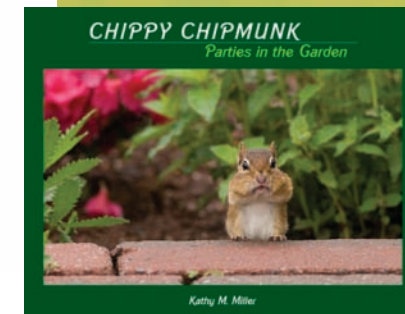
It's a highly relevant program in light of the accessibility of cameras and the nature deficit facing today's youth. Even Kindergarten students have cameras, but typically have received no instruction on how to take good pictures. Wildlife photography is of special interest to older students.



A visit from the Chippy Chipmunk mascot makes the day memorable. Kathy can provide the costume for use by a member of your staff.

## The Author's Award-winning Chippy Chipmunk Book Series

The Chippy Chipmunk series weaves together the best of the visual and language arts, science, photography and storytelling to make backyard nature accessible and fun. These award-winning hardcover, jacketed books contain over 80 photographs and feature fun facts on the end pages.



Named to the Keystone to Reading Book Award List

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