

## About E\*LIT

The E\*LIT project is organized and managed entirely by S.U. students. E\*LIT is intended to help children (K-12) in Central New York (and beyond) understand the synergy between technology and literacy. This event has been highly successful in motivating children to read, to work collaboratively, and to use technology in productive ways.

With the help of their librarians and classroom teachers, groups of students develop technology-based projects related to a specific author's life and or work.

## About the Center for Digital Literacy

The Center for Digital Literacy (CDL) is an interdisciplinary, collaborative research and development center at Syracuse University dedicated to (1) understanding the impact of information, technology and media literacies on children and adults (particularly those from underserved populations) in today's technology-intensive society and (2) studying the impact of having or not having these literacies has on people, organizations, and society.

To learn more please visit:

<http://digital-literacy.syr.edu/>

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# Center for Digital Literacy

**Presents our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual**

**Enriching Literacy through Information Technology**



**Andrea Davis Pinkney**

**Friday May 15, 2009  
10:00 – 11:30AM**

## About Andrea Davis Pinkney

- ❖ Andrea is the vice president and editor-at-large for Scholastic Trade
- ❖ Andrea has held editorial positions at Essence Magazine, Simon & Schuster and Disney Publishing's Hyperion Books for Children
- ❖ While at Disney Andrea launched "The Cheetah Girls," the "Shanna Show" book series and was founding editor of "Jump in the Sun," the first African American children's book imprint at a major publishing house
- ❖ Andrea served as vice president, publisher and a strategic visionary at Houghton Mifflin where she oversaw the Curious George publishing program and the media tie-in program for the best-selling children's classic "The Polar Express."



- ❖ The Pinkneys have collaborated on several projects. They live with their two children in New York City.

- ❖ Andrea is married to Brian Pinkney, two-time Caldecott Honor recipient and Coretta Scott King honoree. She is daughter-in-law to Jerry Pinkney, the distinguished winner of three Caldecott Medals and the only winner to receive three Coretta Scott King Awards.

## Most Recent Accolades

- ❖ This year, Pinkney was named one of the "25 Most Influential Black Women in Business" by the Network Journal, a publication for Black Professionals.

## Andrea Davis Pinkney as Author

Pinkney has authored more than 20 books for children. The 2008 E\*LIT event will feature the following works:

- ❖ **"Boycott Blues: How Rosa Parks Inspired a Nation"** (Amistad, 2008) – the story of the Montgomery bus boycott
- ❖ **"Duke Ellington"** (Hyperion, 1999) – a Caldecott Honor Book and Coretta Scott King Honor Book, illustrated by her husband, Brian Pinkney
- ❖ **"Silent Thunder, A Civil War Story"** (Hyperion, 1999)
- ❖ **"Ella Fitzgerald"** (Hyperion 2002)

