

**Engaging the Community in Your Store Part 1: ChristianAuthorsNetwork.com** 

Part 2: Mon. 4:30 pm, Room W304F
Don't miss Tuesday—Technology to Build
Community Interaction in Your Store

# Angela Breidenbach

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Angela, the CAN president, is the captivating radio personality on Grace Under Pressure Radio debuting on iTunes this July. She creates laughter with Muse & Writer. A Healing Heart, Abingdon Press, will soon be an audio book!







## **Engaging Your Community Trainers, Part 1**

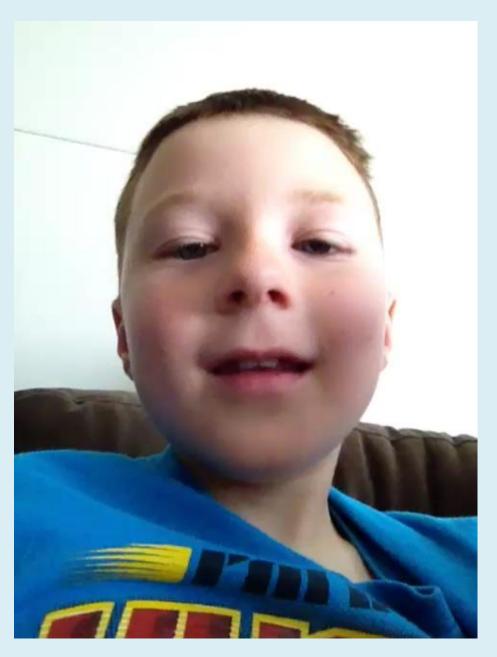
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Retailers: Remember your gift from CAN booth 814!
One per store till gone!

Facetime is Fun!
Invite a CAN author to teach an app or hobby.
Wake up calls from grandchildren...

Marketing idea sample:
Come learn Facetime...
Send a video message...
Learn smart phones
part 1, 2, 3 ...



## **Karen Whiting**

## ChristianAuthorsNetwork.com/Karen-Whiting/

Karen Whiting is an award-winning author of nineteen books. She writes to grow tomorrow's wholesome families today. Her newest release is *The One Year Devotions for Active Boys*.





# **Engaging Mission Trip Participants**



Language Translators

- Easy to use
- Recommended:
  - 1 Iphone: iTranslator
  - 2 Google:
    Android
    Voice
    Translator



# Become the Resource Central for Short-term Mission Participants



- Training: usage of language translating apps
- Create book fund raiser opportunities
- Provide tips for mission trips
- Encourage participants to journal
- Plan a post trip gathering to
- share experiences



# **Book Fundraisers**



- Participants sell book bundles & receive % toward trip
- Sampling of bundle books related to missions
- Connect cultures with fiction: (Jeanette Windle, Kay Marshall Strom)
- 2. Whys of serving: Falling in Love with God by Bob Hostetler
- 3. Global perspective: Praying the News by Craig von Buseck
- 4. Helping family understand: Parents of Missionaries by Diane Stortz

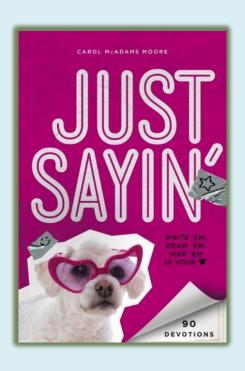
#### **Carol McAdams Moore**

ChristianAuthorsNetwork.com/Carol-McAdams-Moore/

Award-winning author and CAN PR director, Carol, writes for preteens. Her devotionals, Dare U 2 Open This Book, and. Just Sayin', released from Zonderkidz in Sep. 2014.







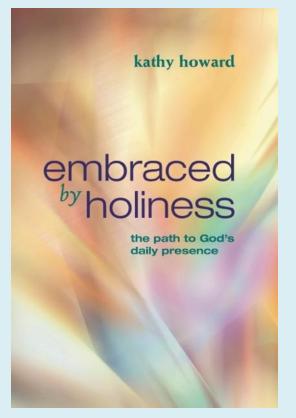
## https://www.pinterest.com/cmcadamsmoore/

- What is Pinterest?
- Why use Pinterest?
- What should I pin?
- How do I get started?

## **Kathy Howard**

## ChristianAuthorsNetwork.com/Kathy-Howard/

Kathy encourages women to live an unshakeable faith for life by standing firm on our rock-solid God no matter the circumstances.



Please see the
Christian
Authors Network
website for
Kathy's handouts
on successful
small group tips.

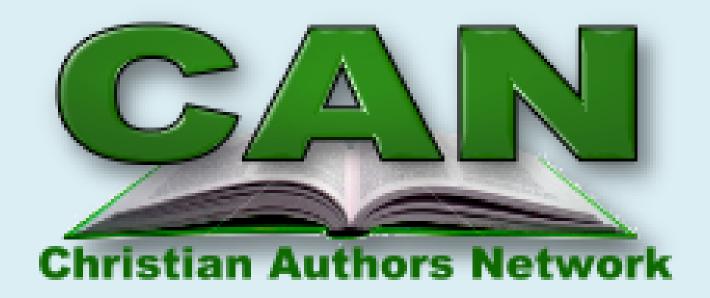


## Did you enjoy your speakers today?

Some of our CAN speakers. Just click on the photo to find out more about each



## **Tools for Retailers**





## **Effective Use of Bag Stuffers**

#### **Stuffers:**

- Bookmarks
- Flyers
- Social Media links Confidence of the Confid
- Coupons
- Special announcements

## **Using Bag stuffers to**

- Get to know customers
- Invitation to return
- Connect customer to local events
- Build relationships
- Share about great books
- Advertise specials

# **Time Management Tips**



- Managing to do lists
- Accountability
- Retailing intentionally
- Retailing with Confidence
- Simplify life
- Realistic perspective
- Smart calendar approach

## Awesome Author Events

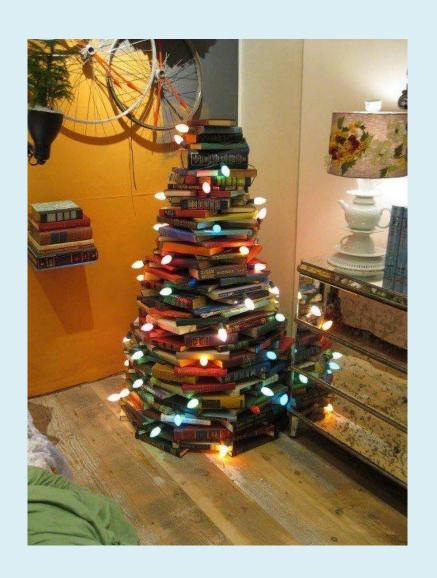


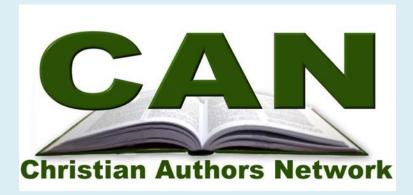
- Mystery theatre
- Crafts for Kids
- Readings
- Interesting topics and relevant issues
- Author teas or coffee house evening
- Hobby and club connected authors

# **Holiday and Special Day Events**

Taste of the season Monthly themed displays Seasonal music and caroling Books related to special dates on display Make every day a special day

- Coupons
- Celebrate the date





# Blog

Monday: encouragement

and inspiration

Tuesday: New releases

Wednesday: Marketing and

speaking

Thursday: Interviews with

CAN authors

Friday: The writing craft



# **Engage Your Community**

- 1 Corinthians 13 retailer
- Host local librarians to see new product
- Start a book fair
- Let youth groups hold bake sales
- Provide book bundles for short term missionaries to sell to raise support
- Host engagement party
- Post community news
- Hold sing-spirations
- Host book clubs
- Recruit volunteers



Love the smiling face of Carol Roeske who was our Sharing The Love pick for a free book at Olivet! Thanks Carol for being a great friend and support to Olivet Book and Gift.



# Tips for Child Friendly Stores

- Kid's corner
- Reading hour
- Activity sheets
- Pajama day
- Teddy bear day
- Video trailers
- Youth book clubs
- Kid's craft and exploration parties
- Scavenger hunt
- Do a child eye level check





# **Easy Book Displays**









# **Social Media Tips**

- Fresh content
- Friendly cover photo
- Share from author sources
- Reply to comments
- Post regularly
- Use photos
- Post products, customers, events



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