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Agents, Editor to speak at Annual Writing Symposium

Central Valley Writers' Workshop's annual writing symposium will feature three speakers this year – two well established agents and an editor from one of the country's largest publishing companies. The symposium will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 25 at the Madera County Library. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Wales Literary Agency owner and agent Elizabeth Wales, Andrea Brown, Literary Agency agent Kelly Sonnack, and New York Publishing Company Tor Books Assistant Editor Stacy Hague-Hill will offer writers an inside view into today's publishing world. Wales Literary agency represents narrative fiction, quality fiction, and is looking for talented storytellers with a special interest in writers from the Northwest, Alaska, the West Coast and the Pacific Rim countries.

Sonnack specializes in children's literature including picture books, middle grade, young adult, and graphic novels. She looks for a good sense of humor, stories that stretch a young reader's imagination, and an authentic voice.

Hague-Hill handles fantasy and science fiction for Tor Books. Tor imprints include Forge, Orb, Tor Teen/Starscape, Tor/Seven Seas, and Tom Doherty and Associates, LLC. Some of the group's authors include Dan Brown, Thomas Harris, Stephen Coonts, and Janet Evanovich.

As a bonus this year, CVWW will sponsor Jay Asher, best-selling author of the young adult novel *13 Reasons Why*, at a Friday night (July 24) reception in Oakhurst's Willow Bridge Bookstore. See www.centralvalleywriters.com for more details.

Cost for the Symposium is \$75 (\$65 before July 11), and includes lunch. Guests are invited to submit the first page of their novel (or non-fiction work) for feedback from the speakers on a first-come, first-served basis as time allows. Proceeds benefit the workshop's yearly symposium and Friends of the Madera Library. Send a check or money order, and the first page of attendee's novel, to Central Valley Writers' Workshop, P.O. Box 503, Chowchilla, CA 93610. For more information contact CVWW President Glenna Jarvis, gjarvis@gmail.com, (559) 665-7381 or visit centralvalleywriters.com.