

#pblitchat

#pblitchat - writing for & with children

Holiday mode around the globe. We talked about finding your space with kids underfoot - of just the busy-ness of life.

Trending Words

@karencollum, @katapel, -, i'm, @katgirl_studio, @pbworkshop, writing, kids, it's, @michelledevans, @brooks_jones, time, @lyndashoup,

Event Participants





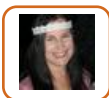
Don't forget #pblitchat is on in 9.5 hours. We'll be talking about writing for kids while you're raising kids. School holiday topic :)

05-Jul-11 00:34 | KarenCollum



And don't forget #pblitchat is happening just 7 hours from now! Hope you join me for some picture book chit-chat.

05-Jul-11 03:07 | KarenCollum



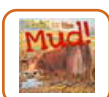
I've just realised I'm home ... and could possibly join in with #pblitchat ! yippee

05-Jul-11 08:48 | MichelleDEvans



Checking in early for #pblitchat in 50mins. It's holidays in lots of places, so we're talking writing for children, writing with children.

05-Jul-11 09:06 | KatApel



@KarenCollum I'm here! Had to come home again, as internet doesn't work over the paddock. Warmer shower inside the house, too! :P #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 09:13 | KatApel



Finally remembered the password for this account - lost in the transition to new computer. Sooo... I'm back - & #pblitchat is on in 10mins.

05-Jul-11 09:44 | pblitchat



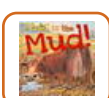
Topic: Writing for children, writing with children. It's school holidays in many places - how do juggle the two? #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 09:45 | pblitchat



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05-Jul-11 09:54 | KatApel



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05-Jul-11 10:01 | pblitchat



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05-Jul-11 10:01 | KatApel



@KatApel hello! mmm picture books... #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:02 | MichelleDEvans



@MichelleDEvans Oh yay. A smiling face. Someone to talk with. How are things? #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:03 | KatApel



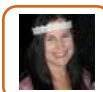
Hi everyone! I'm here for #pblitchat. Living the topic tonight - writing for kids while raising them :)

05-Jul-11 10:04 | KarenCollum



@KatApel I'm great.. but my tweet isn't showing up in the tweetchat stream... hmm might have to go check another #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:04 | MichelleDEvans



@KarenCollum think the kids are ready for routine again - has been 2 weeks ;) #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:07 | MichelleDEvans



@KarenCollum Camping is good fun. Kids have mastered the jaffle irons and can cook almost anything - well. Handy. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:07 | KatApel



@KatApel What are you implying? That I'm the noisy one? #youmayberight #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:07 | KarenCollum



@KatApel are you tweetcamping? #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:07 | MichelleDEvans



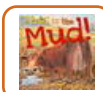
@MichelleDEvans That's right - you're a week ahead of us. We're only in first week of holidays down here. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:08 | KarenCollum



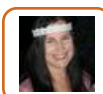
@KarenCollum @KatApel perhaps USA are sleeping off their 4th July #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:08 | MichelleDEvans



@MichelleDEvans @KarenCollum Gotta admit, yesterday I didn't get writing done. Can we? When can? #boys Today was editing PB. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:08 | KatApel



@KarenCollum and we started earlier than we should have... #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:08 | MichelleDEvans



@KatApel I'm missing QLD today :(Specifically, the weather. It was 6 degrees at home today & nowhere for kids to play undercover #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:09 | KarenCollum



@MichelleDEvans We had to come home. Wireless didn't work over the paddock. Boys very quiet... Wondering if they're sleeping. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:09 | KatApel



@KatApel @MichelleDEvans Hehe. Great to hear your boys enjoying themselves. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:09 | KarenCollum



@KatApel @KarenCollum .. hey do either of you like bling ? I have a giveaway this week <http://michelledevans.blogspot.com> #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:09 | MichelleDEvans



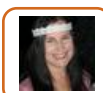
@MichelleDEvans @KatApel I reckon you're right about 4th July. Everyone was up way too late watching fireworks. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:10 | KarenCollum



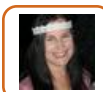
@KarenCollum Was chilly cold in the van last night - especially the canvas ends. Brrrr. Mild enough for boys to wade today. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:10 | KatApel



@KatApel @Karen Collum... yes today was super warm #paradise #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:11 | MichelleDEvans



@KarenCollum thank you xx #blogdesignchange #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:13 | MichelleDEvans



@DeeScribe hello!!! #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:13 | MichelleDEvans



On the upside, I may be cold but I'm spending the next few days at my mum's place. That beats the weather :) #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:13 | KarenCollum



@KarenCollum @MichelleDEvans Ha. Did Mrs Collum see the 'You might also like:' list at the bottom? Reason to smile. #M'sblog #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:13 | KatApel



@DeeScribe Hurray! You can join. Just the #pblitchat hashtag like you did - but we're a little off topic tonight. Only we-4.

05-Jul-11 10:14 | KatApel



@DeeScribe Hello! Jump in, Dee. Right on time. We're a very small group tonight. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:14 | KarenCollum



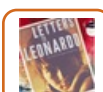
@KatApel oh it's random... what came up? Samuel's Kisses? :D #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:15 | MichelleDEvans



@KatApel @MichelleDEvans Was there something relevant to me in the 'You might also like...'? If so, it wasn't on my screen... #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:15 | KarenCollum



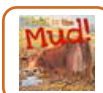
Hey I found you #pblitchat:)

05-Jul-11 10:15 | DeeScribe



@DeeScribe We think it may be because of 4thJuly celebrations. We have @MichelleDEvans @KarenCollum you & I. :) #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:15 | KatApel



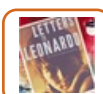
@MichelleDEvans @KarenCollum Yes - was Samuel's Kisses. But I didn't have enough room for that in previous tweet. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:15 | KatApel



Hello everyone! #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:16 | brooks_jones



@MichelleDEvans Hi Michelle #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:16 | DeeScribe



I'm finding the ages of my kids (especially the twins) an awkward stage for me to have time to write. No more day sleeps *cry* #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:16 | KarenCollum



@brooks_jones hello!! #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:16 | MichelleDEvans



I have another ? for you all: do any of you know of any good online crit groups? Mine has all but dried up #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:17 | brooks_jones



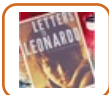
What time is it there? It's like 3am here #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:17 | KatGirl_Studio



@brooks_jones My twins are 3 & although they are pretty good I need a stretch of time to really get into my writing. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:18 | KarenCollum



@KarenCollum hard when day sleeps disappear. Then it's hard to find writing time until school starts - unless you are night owl #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:18 | DeeScribe



Usually school holidays is a time for boys to be busybusybusy outside -&I can write. Not this time. Is ok. Have done good things. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:18 | KatApel



@MichelleDEvans I host #storyappchat, 9 PM ET on Sunday nites #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:18 | brooks_jones



@KatGirl_Studio Hello! Did you wake up or haven't been to bed yet? It's 8pm here. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:18 | KarenCollum



@brooks_jones I've never had any luck finding one - WriteOnCon are going to help us ... soon.. I hope ;) #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:18 | MichelleDEvans



@DeeScribe I can do the night owl bit - but getting up in the morning is the killer!!! #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:18 | KarenCollum



@KatGirl_Studio Hi there, congrats on the release of your book! #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:18 | brooks_jones



I also think moving to a colder climate has impacted me significantly as kids spend heaps more time indoors. #rain #sleet #cold #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:19 | KarenCollum



@brooks_jones sounds like fun.. will have to look for it #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:19 | MichelleDEvans



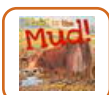
@DeeScribe Night owl is all well&good - if kids aren't early birds. Speaking from experience - night owl with early bird chicks! #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:19 | KatApel



@MichelleDEvans We have a blog, with chat transcripts! <http://bit.ly/jPrO3L> #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:20 | brooks_jones



@KatGirl_Studio Are you busy on a project? Or just not sleeping? #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:20 | KatApel



@brooks_jones I'm an early bird writer too:) #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:22 | DeeScribe



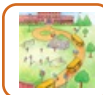
@brooks_jones If you come back on a busy day, there might be a couple who could help you here. Some have formed crit groups... #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:22 | KatApel



@KatGirl_Studio Oh wow! You are a night owl. What time do you get up? #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:22 | KarenCollum



Stopping back by to get my tweeter recharged! Any breaks in routine really through me off my schedules. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:23 | PBWorkshop



@KatApel Thanks--you guys chat every other week, correct? #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:23 | brooks_jones



@brooks_jones Yeah - 1st & 3rd (&5th if there is one) Tuesday. <http://bit.ly/bL4Lkg> #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:25 | KatApel



@KarenCollum 11:30 am usually #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:25 | KatGirl_Studio



@PBWorkshop Great to see you. You've been on holidays - is that right? #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:26 | KatApel



@KarenCollum everyone in my house is asleep between 12 and 6am so I can get a lot of work done. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:26 | KatGirl_Studio



@KatGirl_Studio that sounds like the hours I'd like to keep... but for family #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:26 | MichelleDEvans



@brooks_jones Yes, 1st, 3rd & 5th (if there is one) Tuesday of the month. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:27 | KarenCollum



@KatGirl_Studio I would LOVE to be able to do that!! Though I don't know that I could stick it to 4:30am... #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:27 | KatApel



@KarenCollum I structure my day to be the most productive #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:27 | KatGirl_Studio



Have issues with great ideas (words, phrasing, other inspirations) hitting you when you can LEAST pursue them, then fading...#pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:27 | PBWorkshop



@KatGirl_Studio That would be ideal for me! Except that I've got kids LOL #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:28 | KarenCollum



@KatApel I can work with noise as long as it's not my kids making it! Struggle with keeping one-ear-out... #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:31 | KarenCollum



@brooks_jones @KarenCollum #pblitchat@PBWorkshop I am STILL ruing the 'brilliant' ideas I've had - not written down ... and forgotten.

05-Jul-11 10:31 | KatApel



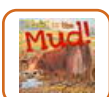
@KatApel Thx! I lurked a short while on the last chat- favorite new books- and loved the transcript! #pblitchat Good to be back now.

05-Jul-11 10:32 | PBWorkshop



@PBWorkshop I admit sometimes I revisit my earlier brainstorms and think "what was so great about that again?" #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:32 | brooks_jones



Boys are usually in bed before #pblitchat, but on account of the camping/hols, we all came home for #pblitchat, which is why computer games.

05-Jul-11 10:32 | KatApel



@PBWorkshop I haven't yet managed to have sensible time at library to chase that list. #favenewbooks #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:33 | KatApel



@brooks_jones @PBWorkshop I figure if the idea doesn't hold up over time it wasn't as great as I thought it was. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:34 | KarenCollum



Wow! I'm online at the same time as #pblitchat Can I join you?

05-Jul-11 10:34 | lyndashoup



YES!!! (Hello. :D xx) RT @lyndashoup: Wow! I'm online at the same time as #pblitchat Can I join you?

05-Jul-11 10:34 | KatApel



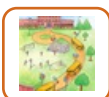
@lyndashoup Absolutely! We're chatting about the dilemmas of finding time to write. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:35 | KarenCollum



@KarenCollum Yep--and sometimes that can be pretty depressing! But at least it helps weed out the weaker ideas #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:35 | brooks_jones



Speaking of keeping an "ear out", ever catch the kids saying/doing something you know would be grt in bks, but no story wth it? #PBLitchat

05-Jul-11 10:35 | PBWorkshop



@PBWorkshop @brooks_jones #pblitchat@KarenCollum I'm still amazed at the gems #NaPiBoWriWee produced. Unplanned, under pressure. Who knew?

05-Jul-11 10:35 | KatApel



@PBWorkshop I often get snippets of gems from my kids. My book FISH DON'T NEED SNORKELS came from something my eldest said. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:36 | KarenCollum



sigh- sad but true... @KarenCollum it wasn't as great as I thought it was. #PBLitchat

05-Jul-11 10:36 | PBWorkshop



@KarenCollum Gifts from the muse? Did he get a treat for that one? #PBlitchat

05-Jul-11 10:37 | PBWorkshop



@KarenCollum What a cute idea! #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:38 | brooks_jones



@brooks_jones I used to panic & think I only had one chance - now I think creativity is cultivated. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:38 | KarenCollum



@PBWorkshop He got a book dedicated to him LOL #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:38 | KarenCollum



@PBWorkshop @brooks_jones #pblitchat@KarenCollum So far, a lot are standing up. Which surprises me. Still working on 2010's. #NaPiBoWriWee

05-Jul-11 10:38 | KatApel



@brooks_jones I've had so many people say, "What a simple idea - why hasn't anyone ever thought of that before." #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:39 | KarenCollum



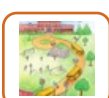
I also remember someone telling me something v early in my career: Your best work hasn't been written yet. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:39 | KarenCollum



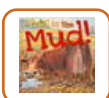
@KarenCollum IMHO--that's one of the hallmarks of a GREAT story idea! #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:39 | brooks_jones



@KarenCollum Even better! If I say something great, can I expect the same? ;P #PBlitchat

05-Jul-11 10:39 | PBWorkshop



@PBWorkshop @KarenCollum My boys gave me a great idea today... and want to earn commission if it's ever published!!!! #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:39 | KatApel



RT @KarenCollum: I also remember someone telling me something v early in my career: Your best work hasn't been written yet. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:40 | MichelleDEvans



@brooks_jones Oh thanks =^.^= #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:40 | KatGirl_Studio



I really like that because it takes the pressure off to write THE book. I write the book for now & trust I will keep writing :) #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:40 | KarenCollum



@KatApel I'm always busy on a project. But mostly I'm a night owl #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:40 | KatGirl_Studio



@brooks_jones Yes! Take the ordinary & put a twist on it & you have something spectacular, I reckon. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:40 | KarenCollum



@KatGirl_Studio Have you had a book released today/recently?? Please share details :) #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:41 | KarenCollum



I can sleep through a lot so they don't wake me when they get up and i'm pretty quiet so i don't wake them.
#pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:42 | KatGirl_Studio



and we live in a 2 story so it's good for separating sound like that #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:43 | KatGirl_Studio



@lyndashoup Sticky notes are great! I have a pretty red notebook that is for recording inspiration only. I love my red notebook! #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:43 | KarenCollum



@KarenCollum 2 actually not today though #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:43 | KatGirl_Studio



@KatGirl_Studio Sounds like a great set-up. I'd be a night owl if I didn't have to get up to the kids in the morning.
#pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:43 | KarenCollum



@KarenCollum Does it go everywhere with you? Anyone started keeping those kinds of notes on handhelds?
#PBLitchat

05-Jul-11 10:43 | PBWorkshop



@KatGirl_Studio I knew about one of them...but the second? #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:43 | KarenCollum



@KatApel I have a Word document those ideas eventually go into as well. I guess I work culmulatively. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:44 | lyndashoup



@KatGirl_Studio that is so exciting, congratulations x #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:44 | MichelleDEvans



@lyndashoup I know I don't catch all my ideas. Maybe I need to bring the sticky notes into play. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:44 | KatApel



@PBWorkshop I do record ideas on my iphone if i'm out & about #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:44 | KarenCollum



@KarenCollum My debut YA novel came out in e-form in late May and in print on the 15th of June #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:44 | KatGirl_Studio



@KatGirl_Studio TWO! Excellent. I did see one a couple of weeks ago - but not a second. That's exciting. :P
#pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:44 | KatApel



I'd love an iphone .. to write notes and to use Dragon? voice to text #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:45 | MichelleDEvans



@KatGirl_Studio I remember the koi fish one. You've been busy! That's wonderful for you - all your hard work paying off :) #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:46 | KarenCollum



@KatGirl_Studio What's the title of that one? (Koi) #PBlitchat

05-Jul-11 10:46 | PBWorkshop



I've illustrated a few PB's but the novel was the first one I ever wrote. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:46 | KatGirl_Studio



@KatApel @KarenCollum I use the iPhone as well. I'll write a word, a phrase, an idea on anything, with lipstick if no pen around #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:46 | lyndashoup



I mean I've written other books but that's the first one to come out #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:47 | KatGirl_Studio



@lyndashoup @KatApel Lipstick LOL We're not fussy - JUST GET THE IDEA WRITTEN DOWN!!! #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:47 | KarenCollum



<http://itunes.apple.com/au/app/dragon-dictation/id341446764?mt=8> - Dragon dictation - free app #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:47 | MichelleDEvans



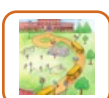
RT @lyndashoup: @KatApel @KarenCollum I use the iPhone as well. I'll write a word, a phrase, an idea on anything, with lipstick if no pen around #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:47 | KatApel



@KatGirl_Studio What a satisfying feeling for you. I'm just diving into writing a YA novel... It's daunting but fun. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:47 | KarenCollum



@KarenCollum Who has lipstick? #PBLitchat Will crayons work?

05-Jul-11 10:48 | PBWorkshop



@MichelleDEvans Thanks! Will check it out. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:48 | KarenCollum



Currently I'm working on a few other books and the visual novel game translation of the novel for a game company #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:48 | KatGirl_Studio



@lyndashoup That's good. I confess, I have scratched words into my leg with a twig. Not deep, of course!! Just key words. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:48 | KatApel



@PBWorkshop crayons definitely work, but you need a bigger piece of paper to get your idea down. Doesn't work on back of hand #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:48 | lyndashoup



@PBWorkshop @KarenCollum Crayons would do the job :) #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:49 | KarenCollum



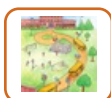
@KatGirl_Studio Excellent- I'll try to get a copy to feature in the fairy tale twists part of upcoming workshop for teachers #PBLitchat

05-Jul-11 10:51 | PBWorkshop



@KarenCollum I wrote Daemons in the Mist relatively fast. 53k of it I wrote in 21 days. Editing took longer than writing it #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:51 | KatGirl_Studio



My chronic letter transpositions are a topic I want to use in a PB but haven't developed a story around it - yet! #PBLitchat

05-Jul-11 10:52 | PBWorkshop



@KatGirl_Studio That's awesome. When I have the opportunity I can write at warp speed too - editing is plain hard work though!! #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:52 | KarenCollum



@DeeScribe yes Korat is going to be picking up a few of my books. another pub is considering my PB i wrote and illoed #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:52 | KatGirl_Studio



When I look back through my PB MSs, I see most of my stories (& chapter books) are in some way inspired by my kids - &for them. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:53 | KatApel



Guess their disruption to my writing time is allowable, therefore. :P #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:53 | KatApel



And NovelEXP a division of CWS Software has optioned a few of my works to be made into visual novel games #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:53 | KatGirl_Studio



@KarenCollum yes, I have just come out of an easy season.. now miss nearly4 is quite needy again - just a season #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:53 | MichelleDEvans



@KatGirl_Studio That's so exciting for you! Big things ahead :) #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:53 | KarenCollum



@KatGirl_Studio Are you agented or all this work free lance? So grat to ahve your success established and rolling while young! #PBLitchat

05-Jul-11 10:54 | PBWorkshop



@KatApel That's the paradox - I get frustrated at the lack of time to write but my kids provide me with so much inspiration. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:54 | KarenCollum



@KatApel Your kids R exactly the reason why capturing the words, phrases/ideas is key. Maybe you don't write the book for years. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:54 | lyndashoup



@DeeScribe I am =^.= It's been rough, i graduated during one of the worst years in economic history #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:54 | KatGirl_Studio



@KatGirl_Studio wow that is all so fantastic :D #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:55 | MichelleDEvans



@MichelleDEvans Yes! I know it is just a season & I don't want to wish away these wonderful times with my kids. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:56 | KarenCollum



@DeeScribe but things keep getting better each year and I've met a few cool people who like my work in the past few years #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:56 | KatGirl_Studio



@lyndashoup Yes - well, there is that, too. Writing over the paddock today. No internet. No twitter. Lots of walks to the fire!! #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:57 | KatApel



@lyndashoup @KatApel LOL I actually wondered if that would happen to me. Am best when I'm juggling a dozen things at once. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:57 | KarenCollum



@PBWorkshop they make such fun books. that last one was about a kid who ate too many animal crackers and turned into a lion #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:57 | KatGirl_Studio



@lyndashoup @KatApel I do one day dream of going away with a group of writers for a weekend retreat. But I'd miss my kids! #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:57 | KarenCollum



Anyone have kids who actually WANT to hear about what life was like when you were a kid? #PBLitchat

05-Jul-11 10:57 | PBWorkshop



So maybe the take-home from our chat is make the most of your circumstances. Write anyway/anyhow. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:58 | KarenCollum



@PBWorkshop My kids still struggle with the concept that I was a child once :) #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:58 | KarenCollum



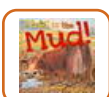
@KarenCollum I'm pretty badly dyslexic so it's especially hard for me. Thankfully I have a nice editor who understands =^.^= #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:59 | KatGirl_Studio



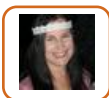
@KarenCollum I'd love a week long retreat ;) @lyndashoup @KatApel #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:59 | MichelleDEvans



Boys' quotes are not just precious family keepsake - are treasure trove of inspiration. Gradually catching the stories. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:59 | KatApel



Great chat, thanks everyone... off to lectures again :\ #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 10:59 | MichelleDEvans



@KarenCollum A writer's retreat sounds dreamy. I decided to make my own by setting intention when I can #2minutewriterretreat #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:00 | lyndashoup



@PBWorkshop no agent just me. I go to a lot of events and meet cool people. I'm a pretty social creature #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:00 | KatGirl_Studio



I'm going to have to love you & leave you. So great to have you all join us tonight - but we've got to get back to the campfire... #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:02 | KatApel



@KatApel @lyndashoup Family writer's retreat? Where the dads look after the kids? LOL #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:02 | KarenCollum



@PBWorkshop is 27 still considered young, I just don't know anymore. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:02 | KatGirl_Studio



@lyndashoup I like that. Even I can find a #2minwritersretreat :) #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:03 | KarenCollum



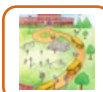
For those who haven't joined us before - or at this time... you can read more here; <http://bit.ly/bL4Lkg> 1st/3rd/5th Tuesday. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:03 | KatApel



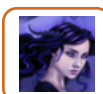
@KatApel I take my "writer's retreat" when waiting to pick up family members. #2minutewritersretreat #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:03 | lyndashoup



Thx to all for ideas and inspiration. 'Twas good to be back- #PBLitchat

05-Jul-11 11:03 | PBWorkshop



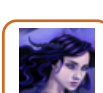
@PBWorkshop I'm kinda a work-a-holic so i have a lot of pots cooking at once #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:03 | KatGirl_Studio



@KatApel thanks, Kat. It was fun to join. I love summer #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:04 | lyndashoup



@PBWorkshop codger? #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:04 | KatGirl_Studio



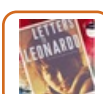
Lovely to chat with you all tonight. We'll be back in a fortnight! In the meantime, happy writing! #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:04 | KarenCollum



@lyndashoup I find the 90min drive-time alone (occasionally) is very productive! #thinkpulloverscribble #2minutewritersretreat #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:04 | KatApel



@KatApel Enjoy the camping #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:05 | DeeScribe



@KatApel Enjoy your camping! #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:05 | KarenCollum



RT @DeeScribe: @KatApel Enjoy the camping<< Great minds think alike, Dee :P #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:05 | KarenCollum



@KatGirl_Studio Sounds like you have worked really hard and your success is so well deserved:) #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:06 | DeeScribe



@KarenCollum I worked my butt off to get where i am and refused to listen to people who said i couldn't #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:06 | KatGirl_Studio



@KatGirl_Studio You are an awesome role model for them! Proof that anything is possible :) #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:06 | KarenCollum



@MichelleDEvans Sorry - your retreat tweet slipped down my stream. Will include you in our dreams. :P #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:07 | KatApel



@KarenCollum sadly not all kids have that drive. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:07 | KatGirl_Studio



@KatGirl_Studio what's that phrase? "The harder I worked, the luckier I got"? Good on you for backing yourself. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:07 | KarenCollum



@KatGirl_Studio You are an inspiration. You go girl! #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:08 | lyndashoup



@KarenCollum I adore my editor he doesn't fault me my disability and also doesn't think my ideas are crazy. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:08 | KatGirl_Studio



@DeeScribe Thank you #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:08 | KatGirl_Studio



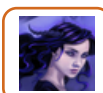
@KatGirl_Studio Your story is awesome. Congratulations for having that belief and determination. Go get 'em! #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:09 | KatApel



Off to make the most of my writing time. Happy writing everyone:) #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:09 | DeeScribe



@KarenCollum I wish i could reach more of them. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:09 | KatGirl_Studio



Okay. Seriously going this time... 'Night all. :P See you in two weeks. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:10 | KatApel



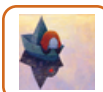
@KarenCollum oddly all the female artists who work for CWS are dyslexic. We make little jokes about it. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:10 | KatGirl_Studio



@KatGirl_Studio No. :(Sometimes it's that unexplained drive inside someone that gets them through. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:10 | KarenCollum



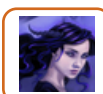
@KarenCollum @KatApel Hi! Sorry I missed tonight. Having a wonderful time at the IRSCCL conference though :) #Pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:13 | ChloeKillen



@lyndashoup lol you should have seen the rant i put up about it after coming back from a party one day. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:13 | KatGirl_Studio



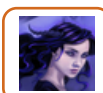
@lyndashoup there are 2 things i just can't tolerate. people thinking learning disabled means dumb and bullying #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:14 | KatGirl_Studio



@KatApel I get it from my mom. In K they told her i was dumb. She told them to go screw themselves and put me in diff school #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:15 | KatGirl_Studio



@KatApel I graduated HS with honors and was in the top of my class in College. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:16 | KatGirl_Studio



@KatApel But when i see these kids still getting beaten down 15-20 years later it's heartbreaking #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:17 | KatGirl_Studio



@KarenCollum Don't know. I do know that a lot of dyslexics write non-linearly #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:18 | KatGirl_Studio



it's one of the reasons i learned Skype. To be able to reach more kids and spread the word. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:19 | KatGirl_Studio



I also tell people at local events that i will go to any school free of charge and talk to the kids about whatever they like #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:19 | KatGirl_Studio



Because i worked at it people now are shocked to find out I'm dyslexic and only use 2 fingers to type. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:21 | KatGirl_Studio



Oh did you all leave? Just realized I'm the only one here. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:23 | KatGirl_Studio



Sorry I know i talk a lot... #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:25 | KatGirl_Studio



Ok well, night everyone. well night for me anyways. #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:26 | KatGirl_Studio



@KatGirl_Studio Sorry! I had kid-issues to deal with. I wasn't bored, promise!! #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 11:47 | KarenCollum



@valeriestorey =^.^= I went exploring last night then wandered into #pblitchat

05-Jul-11 19:22 | KatGirl_Studio