

AUTHOR VISIT

HOW BOOKS COME TO LIFE!

45 min. 2ND-6th graders

Do you enjoy writing or drawing and want to be an author or illustrator? How does a story in your head become a book that can be purchased and checked out from a library? I was always fascinated with children books. I loved reading them and scanning the pictures over and over again! In this presentation I'll talk about how I came to do what I do today, my writing process, and how you get a book published. Kids will see what a manuscript looks like from a messy first draft, to a typed page covered in notes from critique partners and editors, to final work. They'll even get to see how the pictures get revised and how my ideas came to life through illustrations. Students will have an opportunity to learn how they can publish a book at any age! Includes 2 media specialist and guidance hardcover book copies.

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT (Perfect for **National Bully Prevention Month-October**)

40 min. 2nd-6th graders

The *New Me* and *More Than Words* were written with character development and child safety in mind. With so many children/teens having smart phones with Internet access, the prevalence of predators has increased. We are learning now of websites and email campaigns bent on encouraging young people to hurt themselves or others even to the point of suicide. While this is not discussed in the presentation, I believe the theme of these books and presentation can help children avoid becoming victims of these predators and negative behavior. This program begins with an introduction to the theme of the books and some thought-provoking questions. Students will then be led in an interactive and engaging discussion about bullying, self-confidence and how to be a CONFIDENT KID. After a read aloud of *More Than Words*, students are welcome to ask questions.

Book Reading	25 min. Author read aloud only. Includes Q&A session. Local travel included.	Contact me for pricing
1 session	40 min. Your choice of presentation. Local travel included.	FREE
2 sessions	40 min. for each presentation. Pick the same presentation twice or one of each presentation. Local travel included.	Contact me for pricing
4 sessions	All day, plus lunch with students, and a small group author chat (up to 20 students). Local travel included.	Contact me for pricing

Both Workshops Include:

Read Aloud
Interactive Discussion
Q and A Session
Author Signing
Discounted prices on books ordered for students

Items required for my visits:

LCD projector, laptop (for thumb drive), screen, a small table, and a microphone