

Meet the Author

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A rhyming picture book written to expand pre-reading skills, math skills, and emotional vocabulary for children ages 2-6.





A celebration of creativity and community, this story inspires cooperation as Dilly and friends learn the joy of teamwork, Empathy, Kindness, Colors, and Senses





Promotes problem-solving and environmental awareness as young readers discover how small acts can make a big difference.





Discover the healing power of stories in this heartfelt tale inspired by a real koi fish who touched an entire town. A touching story perfect for classroom discussions about love, loss, and memories that last. Ideal for families, counselors, and teachers who want to help children understand grief in a gentle, hopeful way.





Bring the power of letters to life in a playful story about teamwork, inclusion, and the magic of language. When vowels and consonants can't agree on which club is best, one clever letter—Y—comes up with a plan to bring them together. Perfect for ages 4-7, this interactive author visit includes fun, hands-on literacy activities that build phonics, vocabulary, and collaboration skills—all while making learning letters pure fun!



Holly DiBella-McCarthy is a former educator and current best-selling author. Her *Raising Kindergarten Ready Kids* resources are popular with parents and educators. Her books are written to make learning fun for children and the adults who read to them. You may find Holly in NC, CT, MA, or NH, depending on the month!

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books and extension activities.



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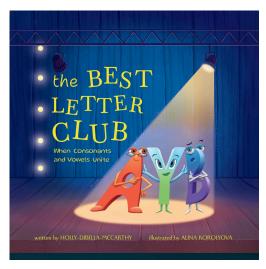
What to Expect During a School/Classroom Author Visit

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The author visit experience is customized to support the engagement, learning goals, and attention levels of primary-grade students (Pre-K-3)

Each author visit includes a dynamic read-aloud, engaging discussion, and age-appropriate follow-up activities that align with literacy and classroom curriculum goals.

Students sing, move, create, and think deeply—leaving with a reminder that learning truly comes alive when stories inspire the heart.



Example:

During a lively read-aloud of The Best Letter Club: When Consonants and Vowels Unite, Holly DiBella-McCarthy engages students with interactive storytelling, movement, and laughter as they explore how letters work together to make words.

After the story, students participate in hands-on literacy activities—such as creating their own classroom "letter club," designing word art, or writing short "unity songs." Each activity is adapted for grade level, aligning with early literacy and social-emotional learning goals.

Students leave inspired to read, write, and collaborate—discovering that when letters (and people) come together, learning feels like magic!

Program Details

- Free hardcover copy donated to your school library
- · Author Visit fee: \$50 per hour, including set-up time
- Travel: Mileage fee applies for locations over 30 miles
- Parent Purchase Program: Discounted, autographed copies of the book before or during the visit
- Customized classroom discussion guides and follow-up literacy activities available upon request

