

Rick is now offering full-day virtual visits or single presentations/workshops. Please see below for program details. He is also happy to structure a visit according to your needs.

Get in touch with Rick regarding pricing and scheduling at the [CONTACT](#) link on his website.

MY AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR JOURNEY

Rick shares the whole process of how he makes a book from developing ideas, doing research, writing and rewriting the story, sketching the characters, to creating the final art. He shows editorial comments, completed illustrations, and the final printed sheet. For the finale he does a drawing demo and encourages everyone to draw along with him!

50 minutes All ages

WRITE A GREAT STORY!

Rick shows the group how to write an exciting adventure in this writer's workshop. We begin with the most important detail: What does your character want more than anything in the world? This process works for writing fiction or nonfiction. Each student will write their own story.

50 minutes Grades 2 – 8

MAKE YOUR WRITING MORE EXCITING!

The group will focus on using figures of speech to enhance storytelling. Rick will cover many different forms of figurative language like, simile, metaphor, hyperbole, onomatopoeia, and personification using quick writes to drive home the differences between them.

50 minutes Grades 2 – 6

READ-ALONG! DRAW-ALONG!

In this presentation Rick reads one of his books and shows how he made it. Then he takes the group through a drawing demonstration. He'll show the kiddos that they can draw anything in the world simply by using shapes. Grab some paper and crayons. We're going to draw!

30 minutes Pre K and up

WORDS AND ART IN ACTION!

The group will write a short story (just a couple sentences) using the most exciting verbs. Then Rick will lead the group through a drawing demonstration showing how he would illustrate the new story. Kiddos are encouraged to write and draw with him.

50 minutes K – grade 5

YOU'RE AN AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR!

RESIDENCY

In this this residency Rick takes the group through his process of writing and illustrating a book. Each participant will write and illustrate their own 8 page book.

4 day format (50 minutes each day).

Day 1: Rick introduces his books and shows the process of how his books come together, then fresh from those insights, students will write their own first draft.

Day 2: Students will rewrite their story, adding details and exciting verbs.

Day 3: Students will begin to illustrate their story.

Day 4: Students finish up their book by creating a dynamic cover.

Grade 1 - 6