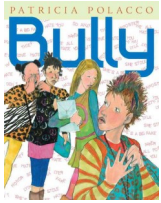


## Oh, the Things You Can Think

# National Bullying Prevention Month



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Author and Illustrator Patricia Polacco has a knack for creating picture books for older readers. Her thoughtful, sensitive stories have addressed a range of issues including cancer, cultural differences, race relations and slavery. Her most recent book, *Bully*, takes on a topic she has written about previously in both *Thank You, Mr. Falker* and *Mr. Lincoln's Way*, but this story depicts how bullying can take place via social media, as well as through direct interactions with peers.

*Bully* describes how Lyla attempts to make friends and fit in at her new school. A new friend encourages her to get a cell phone, a laptop computer, and a Facebook account so that she can "stay connected with the world!" Her parents relent, and her new friend Jamie, who is a computer wiz, helps her set everything up. The cool "celebrity" girls invite Lyla to join their clique -- not for her newfound electronic communication skills, but for her tumbling and cheerleading abilities. [Read more](#)

Posted by Lisa C. on October 23, 2012

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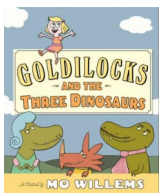
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# Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs



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The versatile Mo Willems, author and illustrator of popular picture books about the much loved *Knuffle Bunny*, the demanding Pigeon, and Early Readers featuring good friends Elephant and Piggie, has unleashed his creative humor into the realm of classic folk tales. *Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs* as retold by Willems, follows the basic plot of the familiar story featuring the three bears and an adventurous blond haired girl. But instead of porridge, the dinosaurs are preparing bowls of delicious chocolate pudding at varying temperatures. They seem to be setting a trap for an "unsuspecting kid" as they loudly announce their departure for "someplace else" --

not necessarily a walk in the woods. [Read more](#)

Posted by Lisa C. on September 25, 2012

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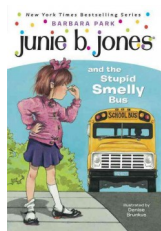
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## Ways To Help Your School-Age Child with Reading



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It seems like a basic concept, a "no-brainer" if you will: the more you read, the better you get at it. But it was good to be reminded of this proven fact at the Literacy Summit sponsored by the Monroe County Community School Corporation last week. Dr. Richard Allington, Professor of Education at the University of Tennessee was one of the featured speakers. He underscored research demonstrating that the number of minutes spent reading outside of school directly correlates to how well you read. Like anything else, reading takes practice to get good at it. A former elementary school classroom teacher before beginning his career as a teacher educator and instructional researcher, Allington also emphasized the importance of allowing children to choose for themselves what to read. "Students must have choice along with interesting texts -- things they want to read," he said. [Read more](#)

Posted by Lisa C. on August 6, 2012

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## Please welcome Famous Brainiac Dr. Jill Bolte Taylor!

Hello, Bloomington Brainiacs - Please use the link above to sign up for a special program which doesn't appear in the Children's Services summer program brochure: Famous Brainiac Dr. Jill Bolte Taylor will join us in the library auditorium on Saturday, July 21, at 11 a.m. to read the classic children's book *Miss Rumphius*, and to chat and answer questions! (And did you know we have Dr. [Read more](#)

Posted by Ellen A. on July 10, 2012

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# Freegal Music: It's For Kids, Too!



freegal In our Move to the Groove program last month, we took a look at how you can find dance music at the library. I had pulled a sampling of CDs from our collection to share with the kids, but also demonstrated how anyone with a library card - and a computer -- can download music for free through Freegal! [Read more](#)

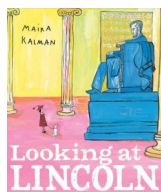
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## Looking at Lincoln



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I've always loved the artwork of [Maira Kalman](#) and was pleased to see she has a new picture book out this year - on good ol' Abe Lincoln. Her presentation of Lincoln is both biographical and based on her own impressions of how he must have felt in certain situations, so to call this book strictly nonfiction might be a bit of a stretch. (Additionally, complex history is, of necessity, oversimplified - so parents and teachers may want to provide more context for children just being introduced to slavery and the American Civil War.) But don't let these small complaints keep you from reading this book with your kids. Kalman provides a child-friendly portrait of Lincoln and his family and adeptly hits the high points in the life of the great historical figure. I especially like her notes on various topics in the back of the book - such as the one that explains that members of the Association of Lincoln Presenters abide by the motto "We are ready, willing and ABE L." For some lovely examples of Kalman's quirky, colorful art, as well as her writing, see her old blog for the New York Times, called "[And the Pursuit of Happiness.](#)" Recommended for grades 2 and up.

Posted by Ellen A. on June 22, 2012

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