

SCHOOL VISITS

Where can their imaginations take them?

Bring reading to life in the classroom through a creative, educational program with children's book illustrator John Ferguson and author Julie Goulis.

Ferguson and Goulis have inspired thousands of students through visits to schools in Ohio and beyond. Based on feedback and student reaction, their programs are a big hit with students, teachers and parents – captivating and motivating students from kindergarten up to 8th grade.



Author Julie Goulis and illustrator John Ferguson bring reading to life through a creative, educational program.

DURING THE PRESENTATION, CHILDREN WILL:

- Enjoy animated readings
- Learn how a book is created
- See hand-drawn illustrations before they become final artwork
- Participate in imagination-building activities

DETAILS

Ferguson and/or Goulis are available to visit your school to teach students about illustrating, writing, creating a book, and the importance of reading and using the imagination for full day and half day visits. Each presentation lasts approximately 35 to 40 minutes (maximum recommended group size per presentation is 60-80 students). Parents and teachers are also given the opportunity to purchase discounted, autographed copies of their books.

FEES

Individual

- Full-day illustrator or author visit: \$650.00 + mileage
- Half-day illustrator or author visit: \$400.00 + mileage

Joint

- Full-day illustrator and author visit: \$900.00 + mileage
- Half-day illustrator and author visit: \$600.00 + mileage



INSPIRING THE IMAGINATION

Illustrator John Ferguson and author Julie Goulis are the co-creators of:

- *The Things A String Can Be*
- *Something Shiny, Something Round* (a “Best Book by Local Author” by the Akron Beacon Journal)
- *The Topsy-Turvy Towel* (a Book Sense Top 10 Children's Pick)

Their books are published by Cleveland-based publisher Bubblegum Books (www.BubblegumBooks.com), a company dedicated to stretching children's imaginations. Each one comes with an activity guide that helps teachers interact with students and encourages them to think creatively. Each book also has grade-appropriate classroom guides available.

TO SCHEDULE A VISIT

Stretch your students' imaginations! For more information or to schedule a visit, **please contact Brad Hauber toll free at 1-877-471-5718 or bradh@bubblegumbooks.com.**

CLASSROOM GUIDES AVAILABLE

Incorporate the books into your lessons! Classroom guides for each book are available for grades 1-3 and grades 4-6. The guides were developed with help from teachers to adhere to state standards. Each guide is four pages long and filled with interesting, educational activities. Please email bradh@bubblegumbooks.com for more information.



BUBBLEGUM BOOKS™
stretch your imagination

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Wilcox Primary School, Twinsburg, Ohio*

Educator Comments

(for illustrator John Ferguson
and author Julie Goulis)

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“The kids have been talking about him [John Ferguson] every day since he was here. The teachers also were so impressed with him. He has a great way with students and adults. One of the kids told me that Mr. Ferguson is still like a little kid.”

*Margie Patterson, reading specialist
West Boulevard Elementary – Boardman, OH*

“Julie’s visit was GREAT! I especially liked the interactive part. . . the kids loved it, and the results were awesome! Julie is a doll, and she has a lovely way with the children.”

*Maureen Jones, assistant principal
Cranbury Elementary School – Norwalk, CT*

“It was a delight having John Ferguson visit. He related so well to the students. They were captivated by his stories. I loved how John had the students use their own imaginations to create a picture about a sock. His excitement when viewing the students’ creations made each child feel creative and special.”

*June Pinter, first grade teacher
Albion Elementary – North Royalton, OH*

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