

An Ecological Look at the Magic In Our Own Back Yard!

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## How to Get the Most from Your Visit with Bob Goodin

I have painstakingly created an educationally significant program that is entertaining for both kids and parents, while still being a highly motivating program that inspires children to read for pleasure. To ensure you get the *maximum* value from your visit, please try to incorporate the following guidelines.

- ✓ Your library program is structured like a play. It is a story with a beginning, middle, and an end. The program takes 45 minutes to perform. Please allow a full 45 minutes for the program.
- ✓ I provide my own introduction. If you want to provide an introduction it should be brief (e.g. "Good morning. Please be on your best behavior for our guest today. His name is Bob Goodin. Please welcome him to our library."). However, even this is not necessary.
- ✓ A big component of the program is the motivational aspect that inspires the students to read for pleasure on their own. To help further this goal I have designed handouts for each program. The Dewey Decimal cards encourage kids to read outside their "comfort zones." Giving these to your readers dramatically increases readership and library circulation among those attending. These handouts should be distributed *after* the program or left in the library near the circulation desk.
- ✓ To insure that every attending child benefits from the program, each one must be able to see. The best way to insure they all can see is to schedule them in smaller groups (the cost of a second show on the same day is greatly discounted--See "Booking info" at [www.bobgoodin.com](http://www.bobgoodin.com). If you have groups larger than 125-150, it is best to have me on a platform, or stage, above floor level. Or have the children in tiered seating.
- ✓ Please provide an area *at least* 4 feet deep and 8 feet wide to set up the show. It's best to seat the kids on the floor leaving about 6 feet of space between me and the first row of kids. They should *not* be seated either *behind* or *to the side* of me. Some kids will want to stay with their parents near the back of the room, which is fine, but they should be encouraged to group together in front for a better view, and for better audience participation.
- ✓ I provide a sound system and microphone, a musical sound track when required for the show, all props and of course, tons of fun. All you need to provide is space, an electrical outlet, and a crowd. I will take care of the rest!

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