

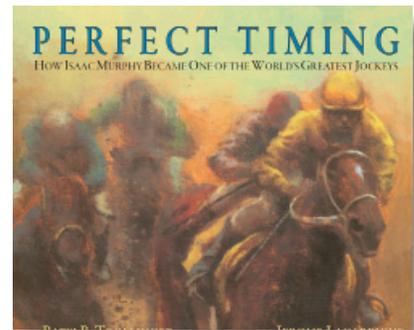
Patsi B. Trollinger

Author of books for elementary and middle grade readers

VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON VISITS



Patsi B. Trollinger began writing stories when she was in third grade. Today, she's still writing and is the author of two books for young readers. *Perfect Timing* is a picture book biography honored by the Junior Library Guild. *Thrill in the 'Ville* is a middle grade novel. • In 2020, Patsi founded the Voices Beyond the Virus project to help children and teens share their pandemic stories with people around the world. • She has done school visits, lectures, and classes in person and via virtual platforms.



What teachers are saying

“Patsi engaged students as fellow writers and shared personal experiences in her development as a writer. Her first visit was so successful, we had her back the following year.”

Linda Woodward, Lee County, Virginia

“Patsi was FANTASTIC!! She shared different methods students used to start writing pieces and engaged the children throughout by asking how they might approach a particular piece.” *Lisa DeFrese, Long Island, NY*

PRESENTATION TOPICS AND INTERACTIVE SESSIONS

TELL YOUR STORY

Patsi encourages students to write and preserve their own stories for people of the future. She shares selections from the Voices Beyond the Virus project and explains how children and teens created those stories.



HANDS ON HISTORY

Students see and discuss a collection of “artifacts” (physical objects) relevant to Patsi’s book, *Perfect Timing*. Together, she and students use the objects to talk about elements of the life story told in that book. If time allows, students do a writing exercise by creating a museum description of each object.

TWO TRUTHS AND A LIE

Students find lots of information when they go online, and Patsi discovers tons of sources when doing research for a book. How do we know what is true? Patsi encourages students to hone their natural skills for critical thinking (used in the game Two Truths and a Lie) and apply those skills in research and reading.

MAKE THE BEST OF OUR TIME TOGETHER

- Maximum 50 kids per session (one or two classes). Up to four presentations per day.
- Suggested length of each session, including Q and A, is one class period (approximately 45 minutes).
- For virtual visits, host should provide a designated monitor.
- Presentations can be adapted to fit grade levels and curriculum needs.