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South Haven, MI - The premiere exhibition of *The Art of Beanie the Spider*, based on the children's book series, *Adventures of Beanie the Spider*, arrives at the South Haven Center for the Arts March 9 - April 30, 2022.

*Experience the real-life version of Beanie the Spider's fine art gallery!*

The illustrations in the children's book series, *Adventures of Beanie the Spider*, feature real artwork by artist-turned-author/illustrator, Christine Banks. Now through April, these actual artworks will be on display for the very first time, at the South Haven Center for the Arts in South Haven, Michigan. View a variety of drawings, acrylic paintings, digital art, film and digital photography, all used in the creation of the first two books in the series. Be among the first to view an exclusive sneak peek at a painting used in book 4, which is not yet scheduled to be released for nearly a year!

South Haven is the very first place where you can buy copies of *Adventures of Beanie the Spider*, both **books 1 & 2**, available for purchase at the South Haven Center for the Arts, while supplies last. Special note: Book 2 does not release publicly until April 22nd, 2022, which means folks in South Haven will be the first to hold a copy in their hands, well over a month before online pre-orders ship. They are signed by the author, too! Quality hard cover books, loaded with eye catching illustrations and stories written in rhyme, with extra activities included at the end of each book.

*Adventures of Beanie the Spider is teaming up with local South Haven businesses to promote reading, the arts, and good old-fashioned fun!*

- **NOW THROUGH APRIL, 2022 | *The Art of Beanie the Spider***: an exhibit of behind-the-scenes sketches, prototypes and artwork used to create the first two books of the *Adventures of Beanie the Spider* series. **South Haven Center for the Arts**, 600 Phoenix Street, South Haven, Michigan. Gallery Hours: Wednesday 11-4 Thursday 11-6 Friday 11-4 Saturday 11-4
- **NOW THROUGH APRIL, 2022 |** Pick up a South Haven-themed *Beanie the Spider coloring page (free!)* at **Phoenix Street Cafe**. While supplies last! 523 Phoenix Street, South Haven, Michigan

Be sure to find *Adventures of Beanie the Spider* at your local **South Haven Memorial Library**!

DID YOU MISS EVENTS FROM 2021, such as Beanie's 2021 South Haven visits? Check out all the past events here: <https://beaniethespider.com/events>

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Photo: Walk through a life-size layout of artwork, identical to the art gallery featured in the *Adventures of Beanie the Spider* books.

About the series: Taking place in a fine art gallery featuring real artwork, *Adventures of Beanie the Spider* is a creative way to introduce children to art galleries and spark interest in the arts. Inspired by a spider living on one of Christine's paintings, it's a sweet story about imagination, adventure, and friendship. Written in rhyme, it's fun for adults to read to children and for young independent readers alike. A repeatable favorite for the whole family. Enjoy engaging after-the-story activities at the end of the book as well as supplemental online content and FREE printables at <https://beaniethespider.com/>.