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Imagination runs wild on eight tiny legs in a new children's book by local La Grange artist-turned-author, Christine Banks.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to go inside a beautiful painting?

Join in the *Adventures of Beanie the Spider* as she floats, flies and sails the seas of imagination in her fine art gallery featuring real artwork! Inspired by a spider living on one of Christine's paintings, it's a sweet story written in rhyme about discovery, creativity and friendship.

Enjoyable for adults to read to children and for young independent readers alike, *Adventures of Beanie the Spider* is a great way to introduce children to art galleries and the arts. A repeatable favorite for the whole family with engaging after-the-story activities at the end of the book, as well as supplemental online content and games for all ages.

Adventures of Beanie the Spider is available through Beanie's kid-friendly WEBSITE: www.beaniethespider.com. Coming soon to major retailers such as Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and more! Autographed copies will be available for a limited time direct from the author at in-person events. You may also find the book at your local library.

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

- THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 9AM-12PM | *Beanie the Spider* will visit the La Grange (Illinois) Farmers Market with color games, prizes for every child, and a paint by number community art project for all ages.
- SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 11am | It's artsy fun & games, and story-time live with author/illustrator Christine Banks at the South Haven Memorial Library with friends from the South Haven Center for the Arts in beautiful coastal Michigan.
- NOW thru AUGUST | Pick up a free *Beanie the Spider Flavor Adventure* playing card from any Nonna's GoodLife Pizza or Trugurt location to play for a chance to win book & art supplies prize basket.
- FRIDAY, JULY 16, 2-4pm | Summer adventures continue with *Beanie the Spider* games and prizes at Tate's Old Fashioned Ice Cream in La Grange, Illinois.
- COMING in JULY | More fun to come when *Beanie the Spider* visits her friends at Steak+Vine Restaurant.

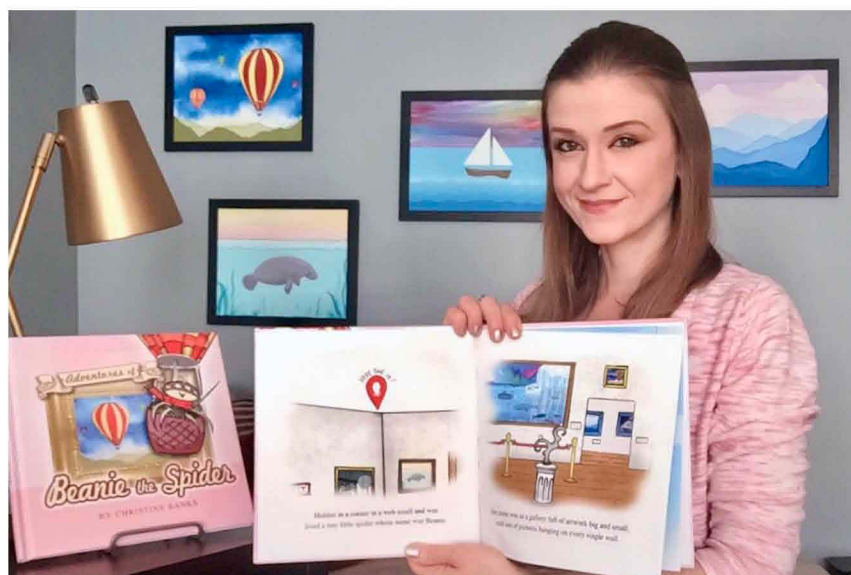
COUNTRY HOUSE RESTAURANT in Clarendon Hills, Illinois wrapped up a *Beanie the Spider* coloring contest with an author meet & greet party June 5th. Over 90 young artists between the ages of 4 to 12 entered to win the grand prize book and art supplies basket.

See all *Adventures of Beanie the Spider* events on social @beaniethespider or www.beaniethespider.com/events.

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Local La Grange artist-turned-author/illustrator, Christine Banks shows pages from her children's book, *Adventures of Beanie the Spider*, in front of the artwork used in the story.