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LA GRANGE, IL - La Grange author/illustrator Christine Banks is busy planning family-friendly free events this Spring and Summer to promote literacy and the arts via her children's book series, *Adventures of Beanie the Spider*.

Join in the warm weather fun with Beanie the Spider and Christine!

From coloring contests to art exhibits, you'll find ***Adventures of Beanie the Spider*** fun at a variety of local businesses and organizations this Spring and Summer. Meet-the-Author events include readings of the books, games about art, color and spiders, along with prizes for every child visitor. Be sure to save the date for events near you, and stay tuned for the release of more! Follow @beaniethespider on social for the latest announcements.

• **JUST ADDED! MONDAY, MARCH 14th 2022 3pm | National Save-a-Spider Day Celebration at Tates Old Fashioned Ice Cream Shop** | Meet-the-Author event, featuring FREE Save-a-Spider-Day coloring pages. Plus, pick up a NEW Beanie the Spider 16pc jigsaw puzzle or purchase signed copies of Book 2. Tates is the first place to sell signed copies in Illinois! Get your copy an entire month before the book officially releases in April. 25 S Ashland Ave., La Grange, Illinois.

• **NOW THRU MARCH 17th 2022** | Pick up a free ***Beanie the Spider Flavor Adventure*** playing card from **Sips & Sweets Cafe** to play for a chance to win a signed book, plus art supplies. 1 Riverside Road in Riverside, Illinois.

• **TUESDAY, MARCH 22nd 2022 2pm | Meet-the-Author** for fun and games at **Sips & Sweets Cafe** for the Flavor Adventure wrap party! Winner of the contest to be announced. 1 Riverside Road in Riverside, Illinois.

• **JUST ADDED! TUESDAY, APRIL 19th 2022 4pm | Meet-the-Author** for a reading of book 1, plus spider trivia games and prizes, at **La Grange Park Public Library** in celebration of Earth Month. 555 N La Grange Road, La Grange Park, Illinois.

FIND BEANIE THE SPIDER FUN NOW at the **STADIUM CLUB** at The Max in McCook, Illinois. Beanie and her friend from Book 2 are having sporty fun on the Kid's Menu! Also visit **STEAK+VINE** in La Grange, Illinois for free pocket-sized activity cards.

COMING THIS SUMMER...

***The Art of Beanie the Spider* exhibit arrives to the LA GRANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY, June-Aug, with a Meet-the-Author event June 14. (Currently on exhibit in South Haven, Michigan through April.)**

***Beanie the Spider* visits HIGHLAND QUEEN DRIVE IN for a fun Summertime coloring contest! Stay tuned...**

DID YOU MISS EVENTS FROM 2021? Check out all the past (& upcoming) events here:

<https://beaniethespider.com/events>

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About the series: Taking place in a fine art gallery featuring real artwork, *Adventures of Beanie the Spider* is a creative way to introduce young children to art galleries and spark interest in the arts. Inspired by a spider living on one of Christine's paintings, they are sweet stories about imagination, adventure, and friendship. Written in rhyme, they're fun for adults to read to children and for young independent readers alike. Repeatable favorites for the whole family. Enjoy engaging after-the-story activities at the end of each book as well as supplemental online content and FREE printables at <https://beaniethespider.com/>. Book 2 is NOW AVAILABLE!