

Mary Amato's past presentations include the following:

Arts and Education Organizations:

Arizona Library Association, Tucson, AZ
Arizona Reading Association, AZ
Baltimore Writers' Conference, MD
Johns Hopkins University, Washington D.C. campus
Utah Humanities Council, Salt Lake City, UT
Montgomery Co. Public Library "Children's Knowables" Conference, MD
International Reading Association, Toronto, Canada
University of Maryland, Maryland Day, MD
Smithsonian Early Enrichment Center, Literacy Gala, DC
American Society of Ophthalmic and Reconstructive Surgeons, Family Workshop, DC

Libraries:

West End Library, Washington, DC
Glenwood Library; Howard County, MD
Damascus Public Library, Damascus, MD
Long Branch Library, Silver Spring, MD
Dover Library, Dover, NH
Ashburn Library, GUYS READ Program, VA

Upper Schools:

Northwest High School, Gaithersburg MD.
Takoma Park Middle School, MD
Silver Spring International Middle School, MD

Elementary Schools:

Holton-Arms, Bethesda, MD
Oak View ES, Silver Spring, MD
Piney Branch ES, Takoma Park
The Washington School, Phoenix, AZ
Desert Sage ES, Glendale, AZ
St. Bernadette's Catholic School, Silver Spring, MD
Highland View ES, Silver Spring, MD
Grace Lutheran School, La Plata, MD
Stoddert ES, Washington, D.C.
Rancho Santa Fe, Avondale, AZ
Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, Rockville, MD
Rolling Terrace, Silver Spring, MD
Rock Creek Forest ES, Silver Spring, MD
Meadow Hall ES, Silver Spring, MD
Woodlin ES, Silver Spring, MD
Olney ES, Olney, MD
Mill Creek Towne ES, Derwood, MD
West School, Glencoe, IL

Murch ES, DC
Stedwick ES, MD
Montessori of Virginia, Annandale, VA
Seven Locks ES, MD
Berwick Academy, South Berwick, MAINE
Pine Crest ES, Silver Spring, MD
St. Thomas More Cathedral School, Alexandria, VA
Somerset ES Summer Camp, MD
Mill Run ES, Ashburn, VA
Bannockburn ES, Bethesda, MD

Bookstore events:

Barnes and Noble, Bethesda, MD
Barnes and Noble, Newington, NH
Book Stall at Chestnut Court, Winnetka, IL
Aladdin's Lamp Children's Books and Other Treasures, Arlington, VA

Recommendations:

Mary is engaging, articulate, and inspiring. Her enthusiasm for writing is infectious and motivating. She customizes her programs to ensure that she resonates with the particular groups to whom she is speaking – based on their ages, interests, and geography. Most significantly, she is warm, funny, and accessible to the students, facilitating presentations that are more like chat sessions than speeches. Our kids left her program excited to read her books and write their own works. We highly recommend Mary!—Nancy Shaw, PTA, West School, Glencoe, IL

*My students have the first and last words on Mary Amato's visit to our school:
"Mary Amato was like no other author." "She got the audience very involved." "Her talk was action-packed, yet educational - graded, it would be an A+" "I never dreamed of being a writer until I heard her speech." "Ms Amato gave us good writing tips and made me believe if you want to write, you can do it!" –Sarah LoPresti, Librarian Holton-Arms Lower School, Bethesda MD*