I am currently booking in-person visits for the 2024-2025 school year. In celebration of the publication of my newest book, *One Long Line* (MITKids, 2024), I’ve introduced new programming, samples of which are described below. Feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or if you would like to talk more about a visit to your school!

**School Visit Overview**

In order to accommodate my teaching schedule and research/writing time, I’m only able to book a handful of school visits each year. But I’d love for one of those to be with you and your students! Read on and get in touch through my website if you are interested in moving forward with a booking.

A day-long school visit generally includes up to four classroom or assembly presentations. Presentations to K-3 students are approximately thirty minutes long, including time for student questions and answers. My presentations for grades 4-8 are approximately sixty minutes long, including time for questions and answers.

My fee is $2500 per day for schools located within easy driving distance of Essex County, New York and Worcester County, Massachusetts. Discounts are available for schools I’ve worked with in the past and for multi-day visits, and to schools willing to coordinate a book sale as part of my visit day. I will do a limited number of visits to more distant schools, but travel expenses and overnight accommodation charges will apply. Please contact me for more information.

**Programming Overview**

I’m happy to give my presentations to classroom-sized groups or to full assemblies. The presentations are most effective, of course, if students are grouped by age as much as possible.

Visit experiences are designed to introduce the topics I’ve researched and written about and my main goal is to completely enthrall your students. I’ll push them to ask their own questions about how this beautiful world of ours works, and I’ll make sure they realize that the answers to their questions are discoverable to scientists *as well as to kids like them*.

**Descriptions of Sample Presentations**

I can design a program tailored to any of the books I’ve written, and I’m happy to work with you to highlight connections to classroom curricula. Below are descriptions of just a few of the popular programs I’ve shared with students over the years.

These programs works best if students have not yet read or worked with the book(s) at the center of each presentation. Your students will be clamoring to read the books the moment I leave. Trust me!

**SAMPLE PROGRAMS for UPPER ELEMENTARY and MIDDLE GRADE STUDENTS**

**Science: The Long Line of Learning**

Grades 4 through 8
Program length: 60 minutes

Drawing on the content of several of her published books, especially *One Long Line*, Loree explores the *how* of science with students. The goal of this program is to open minds to the idea that scientists come in a wide variety of shapes and sizes and ages and sexes, work in a variety of locations, and require a surprising variety of tools (plastic ducks, anyone? horsehair paintbrushes?). By the end of this interactive hour, students will realize they themselves have the tools necessary to explore and understand the world they live in. That is, to do science.

**Honeybees: Spreading the Buzz**

Grades 4 through 9

Program length: 60 minutes

Drawing on the content of *The Hive Detectives* and *Honeybee Rescue,* Loree introduces students to the amazing world of a honeybee colony and to a variety of people working to understand the mysterious maladies currently threatening that world. This presentation pulls students into a dramatic real-world crisis—the onset of colony collapse disorder, or CCD—and shows them how the tools and methods of science can be (and are being!) used to study it.

**What's Your Angle?**

Grades 4-9
Program length: 60 minutes

Writers are storytellers, and we have been telling and re-telling the same stories for ages. How do we keep these stories interesting? By telling them from our own unique point of view, that's how. In this presentation, Loree uses slides, props and anecdotes to tell students how several of her books came to be ... highlighting those that have been told by other storytellers before her. Students leave the presentation with an understanding of the bookmaking process as well as an awareness of how to tell unique stories by infusing them with their own passions and interests.

**Getting Your Hands Dirty: A Research Workshop**

Grades 4-9

Program length: 60 minutes

This program is designed to get students thinking broadly *and* deeply when they begin the work of researching their own nonfiction writing. Most of us begin that research online or in the library … but that is not what this workshop is about. Rather, Loree will help students think beyond these beginning resources, pushing them to mine their own lives, passions, and communities, to expand their definition of an ‘expert,’ and to embrace the idea that writing comes to life when writers find ways to explore and experience a topic with their own two hands.

**FOR YOUNGER ELEMENTARY STUDENTS**

**One Long Line of Learning**

Grades K-3

Program length: 30 minutes

Leading students through the fascinating single-file marching habits of the pine processionary caterpillar, Loree will help our youngest reader-explorers to think about the insects and other creatures they witness everyday as both experiments and stories. In this wildly interactive hour, Loree will coach students through a live reenactment of some very unusual caterpillar experiments, as detailed in the book One Long Line. But the end of our ‘study,’ students will x.

**Lepidopta-who?**

Grades K-3

Program length: 30 minutes

In this program, Loree highlights the family of insects known to scientists as lepidopterans: butterflies and moths. Sharing unusual and fascinating stories from her two picture books *Handle with Care* and *You’re Invited to a Moth Ball*, this program provides an understanding of the lepidopteran life cycle as well as tips and tricks that kids need to become lep experts themselves.

**Spreading the Buzz**

Grades K-3

Program length: 30 minutes

Drawing on stories from *The Hive Detectives* and *Honeybee Rescue*, Loree shares the work of scientists studying honeybee decline as well as a beekeeper whose life work is to rescue colonies that build homes in unwelcome spaces. Students will leave this presentation with a deeper understanding of honey bees, their biology, and their importance in our ecosystems.

**Writing Adventures**

Grades K-3

Program length: 30 minutes

In this program, Loree shares the tools she has used to conduct field research for each of her books … and asks students to guess what the book in question was about. This interactive presentation keeps younger students engaged and helps them think about both writing and scientific research in new ways.