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COMMUNITY READS

Celebrating the Work of Author and Illustrator

TOMIE dePAOLA



We are pleased to continue our tradition of celebrating reading through our annual **COMMUNITY READS** project! This year, we will celebrate the work of beloved children's author and artist Tomie dePaola whose 200+ books have delighted generations of people, young and old. From his tales of Strega Nona and his native American legends to his autobiographical picture books and novels and informational books, Tomie appeals to children of all ages. In conjunction with the Community Reads project, our annual cultural enrichment program will focus on Italian culture, a great connection to dePaola's Italian-themed books. This year's Community Reads project will include:

- A home reading incentive through April 8 in which families are invited to read at least 15 of dePaola's books.
- An Author's Day celebration at school where children throughout the school will read a piece of their writing aloud. Date: TBA.
- Community Reads Celebration Night on April 8 with projects, crafts, food, games, and fun. This year, each activity will be coupled with a dePaola book that will be read aloud during the activity.
- Classroom reading aloud of various dePaola books and guided reading groups using dePaola's books to teach targeted reading and comprehension skills.
- A classroom project based on a dePaola book which will be provided for you (1 hardcover copy.) Please select your book and tell peter ASAP. Projects may include: art, writing, drama, pod-casting, and the first of its kind Tomie dePaola Film Festival! Projects will be displayed at the Community Reads Celebration Night on April 8. (Details coming soon!)
- Daily Italian language and vocabulary on morning announcements.
- Italian themes art, literature, geography, and culture during art and library classes
- Italian dancing, music, opera, and performances through our cultural enrichment program

Visit these websites about
Tomie dePaola to

LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHOR

FIND OUT ABOUT HIS BOOKS

DOWNLOAD ACTIVITIES

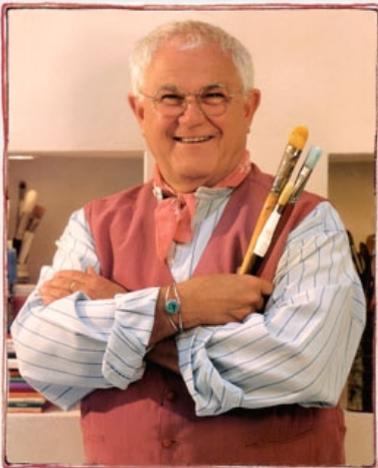
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TOMIE HIMSELF*

www.tomie.com

www.readingrockets.org/books/interviews/depaola

<http://www.kidsreads.com/authors/au-depaola-tomie.asp>

<http://tomiesblog.blogspot.com/>



Some Books by Tomie dePaola

Strega Nona

Big Anthony and the Magic Ring

Strega Nona's Magic Lessons

Merry Christmas Strega Nona

Strega Nona Meets Her Match

Big Anthony: His Story

Strega Nona: Her Story

Strega Nona Takes a Vacation

Brava Strega Nona

Strega Nona's Harvest

The Legend of Old Befana

The Legend of Indian Paintbrush

The Legend of the Bluebonnet

**Jamie O'Rourke and the Big
Potato**

Jamie O'Rourke and the Pooka

The Art Lesson

Tom

The Baby Sister

Stage Struck

Now One Foot, Now the Other

Nana Upstairs, Nana Downstairs

26 Fairmont Avenue Series

Bill and Pete

Jingle

*Write and make art
in the style of Tomie!*

Turn a family memory into a story like Tomie did in *Tom*, *The Baby Sister*, and the 26 *Fairmont Avenue* books!

Invent a new tale about Strega Nona and Big Anthony and their friends in Calabria!

Retell a folktale or legend as Tomie did in his Irish and Native American legends!

Paint or draw a picture like Tomie!

Invent a personal "signature" like Tomie's tiny red heart that appears in all his books!

*Tomie writes in many
different genres and
for many different ages
and levels of readers!*

Enjoy some of Tomie's

MEMOIRS

LEGENDS

FOLKTALES

RETOLD TALES

INFORMATION BOOKS

PICTURE BOOKS

CHAPTER BOOKS