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**CHILDREN'S AUTHOR OFFERING TWO EVENTS
AT THE SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Judy Sierra is a well-known author of children's picture books.

This April, in honor of the Springfield Public Library's 100th Anniversary, award-winning children's author, poet, and folklorist, Judy Sierra, will make two appearances at the library. These fun and participatory events are free to the public.

A family program for children in grades K-5 will be on Tuesday, April 1 at 3:30 pm. Sierra will show pictures of the art from her books as she reads poems. She will also read from her picture book set in Springfield called *Wild About Books*. Fun anecdotes will be shared about creating *Wild About Books*, from getting the idea to working long-distance with illustrator, Marc Brown. Sierra will leave time to answer questions from children.

A presentation, "Writing from Folklore: Authors Do It, Kids Can too" for librarians, educators, aspiring writers and other interested folks will take place on Tuesday, April 1 at 7 pm in the Library Meeting Room. Sierra will talk about her work and how it is connected to folktale style and structure, using art from her books. She will also read from her forthcoming book, *Born to Read*. A question and answer period will round out the event.

Gracious sponsors of this event include: John C. DeWenter, attorney-at-law; SELCO; Siuslaw Bank; Emerald Property Mgt, Inc.; Brandt Financial Services, Inc.; Springfield Utility Board and Springfield Buick.

What: Author Judy Sierra to give two library presentations

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Where: Springfield Public Library