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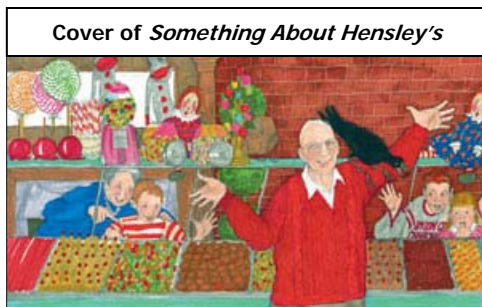
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Press Release

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Children's Author Patricia Polacco to Visit Library October 7



Award-winning children's author, illustrator and storyteller Patricia Polacco will be visiting three branch libraries on Saturday, October 7 to discuss her latest book, *Something About Hensley's*. Ms. Polacco is also the author of many other beloved stories, including *Thunder Cake*, *Rechenka's Eggs*, and *Pink and Say*, an American Library Association Notable Children's Book for 1995.

Patricia Polacco was not always the gifted writer that she is today. She struggled with reading as a child until she learned she was dyslexic at age 14. But, coming from a family of great storytellers, she always loved stories. Even as a child she was skilled at drawing and painting, so she used these artistic skills to convey stories to her childhood audiences.

Undaunted by her learning disability, Ms. Polacco earned a Master's degree in Fine Arts and a Ph.D. in Art History. She started writing and illustrating children's books as gifts for her own kids at age 41 and later began publishing her works. Her Ukrainian, Russian and Irish heritage as well as her experience growing up on her grandparent's farm in Union City, Michigan have influenced many of her stories. Now, she travels to schools and libraries all over the country to share her stories!

Ms. Polacco will visit these branches:

- 10:30 a.m.: Loveland, 649 Loveland-Madeira Road, (513) 369-4476
- 1:30 p.m.: Mariemont, 3810 Pocahontas Avenue, (513) 369-4467
- 3:30 p.m.: Symmes Township, 11850 Enyart Road, (513) 369-6001

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✓ **Information about events at the Main Library and 41 branch libraries is available on the Internet site: www.CincinnatiLibrary.org.**