



Mr. B and the Books

Create a song inspired by a book

Mr. B, a certified teacher and performer, will come to your school and create an unforgettable performance. In this 50-minute book-focused assembly, students will hear songs inspired by books and poems they have read in class or at home. Songs inspired by iconic authors like Shel Silverstein, Dr. Seuss, Harper Lee and Maya Angelou.

Spark creativity through communication and collaboration

Incorporating Common Core State Standards and 21st Century Skills, **Mr. B and the Books** engages students in critical thinking and collaborative work that results in lyrics inspired by curricular literature. Through musical and lyrical expression, students will find connections between literary themes and their own lives, leaving the program with a new perspective and a tune in their hearts.

Performance and learning all in one assembly

Students will learn about the instruments on stage as well as live looping, beat-boxing and even opera! Through musical forms like call and response, steady beat and 12 bar blues, Mr. B will guide students to co-write a song inspired by the book you choose. Through this basic songwriting instruction, Mr. B will guide the students in a world premiere of their new song and capture the live performance in an audio recording your school will cherish for years to come.



Audience: PreK-12

Capacity: 400

Preselect a unique book for your school, or one book off the **Book Titles list** from previous **Mr. B** assemblies

Presentation Time: 50 minutes

Set-Up : 30 minutes minimum; 45 to 60 minutes preferred

Take-Down: 20 to 30 minutes

Arrival: 45 to 60 minutes before presentation time. No assistance needed beyond accessibility to performance area.

Classroom Teacher Requirements: Read and discuss chosen book prior to assembly date. During the assembly (and/or workshops), please join your students in the creative process!

Technology Requirements: **Mr. B** is able to bring a sound system, or use the existing one in your assembly space.