



Editor's Note A Librarian's Bucket List

By Sharon Verbeten

About twenty-five years ago, one of my bucket list goals was to find a job to combine my passion and skills for both writing and library science. That dream came true twenty years ago, when I began as editor of *Children and Libraries*.

Another bucket list item I achieved was visiting the Maurice Sendak archives at the Rosenbach Museum in Philadelphia a few years ago. Sendak was my idol, so seeing his work up close and personal was a dream.

I'm sure as librarians, you all have your bucket list items as well. I still have a few I'm working on—maybe someone will read this and help me out! LOL!

1. **Get Jason Reynolds to visit my library.** His energy and inspiration in every video I've seen is contagious. Plus, it would be really cool to take him to lunch!
2. **Recruit Mac Barnett to do a storytime with me.** His wackiness—combined with mine—would pair well. Now, if he only lived closer to Green Bay!
3. **Learn writing discipline from Dan Santat.** Not only is he an amazing talent with diverse skills, but he's super prolific . . . with multiple much-anticipated titles coming out this year.
4. **Find an agent for my picture book manuscript.** My good friend, author Miranda Paul, inspired me to complete the manuscript. Now it's time for the hard work to begin—finding representation.
5. **Attend the 2022 ALA Annual Conference.** OK, that one's on the calendar, and it will be so great to see everyone in person after a long absence. Maybe I can make some contacts to help me with the four items above. Fingers crossed! &

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