

ABOUT DR. BECKER

Dr. John Becker is a writer of books and magazine articles about nature and wild animals for children. All three of his degrees are from The Ohio State University in the field of Education. Dr. Becker has been an elementary school teacher, a college professor, an administrator at the Columbus, Ohio, Zoo, and he has worked in the field of wildlife conservation as the Executive Director of the International Society for Endangered Cats. He currently lives in Delaware, Ohio, and teaches writing at The Thurber Writing Academy. He also enjoys visiting schools and libraries to share his love of writing with children and their families. In his spare time, Dr. Becker likes to read, go hiking, ice skate, and play tennis.



Dr. Becker's latest book, *Mugambi's Journey*, is a fictional picture book written for Gingham Dog Press. He has also written a series of nonfiction children's books for KidHaven Press entitled "*Returning Wildlife*," as well as a series of nonfiction picture books for beginning readers with Seedling Publications. He previously co-authored a college textbook for Peek Publications. Dr. Becker has written articles about wildlife for *Highlights for Children*, *Boys' Life*, *Chickadee*, *Hopscotch For Girls*, *Zoolife*, *Animals*, *Wildlife Conservation*, *Wild Outdoor World*, and *Georgia Wildlife* magazines. He is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators.

COMMENTS FROM LIBRARIANS

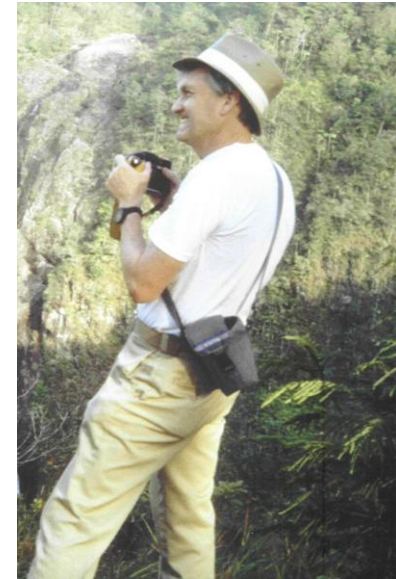
"I would like to recommend Dr. John Becker as a visiting author. Dr. Becker has so much to offer the students. He is an author, an animal expert and a teacher. He changes his presentations to meet each grade level and inspires young people to learn through the research process. Our fourth grade students said, 'That guy was cool.' As a first year school librarian, he was so easy to host. He sent all his information in a packet, including possible schedules. He was also willing to eat lunch with the students, which was a real treat for the selected kids. Dr. Becker visited our school for three days. He is very affordable and willing to go above and beyond what is expected of him." Leslie Jordan, Librarian, Saint Timothy School, Columbus, OH

"Pataskala Public Library was privileged to host a visit from author John Becker. John presented to 90 children and their parents. The children were totally enthralled with the story of Mugambi, the young cheetah. It was quickly apparent that John was a master storyteller and a master teacher. He interacted with the children effortlessly, asking questions and extracting very enthusiastic responses. John brought with him video excerpts of an actual safari on which he had gone. He narrated the video with amusing anecdotes, which, again, kept the children totally tuned in with the program. I would highly recommend John Becker to appear at library programs. His programs are very family friendly and entertaining." Cathy Lantz Pataskala Public Library

"Dr. John Becker presents a colorful, informative and entertaining program. He has done his HOMEWORK and presents this information in an enticing manner. There were children from early childhood ages to adults present at his program and all were enthralled." Clare A. Fiser, Youth Services Associate, Defiance Public Library, Defiance, Ohio

DR. JOHN BECKER LIBRARY VISITS

Featuring:
Mugambi's Journey,
Returning Wildlife Series, and
Seedling Books



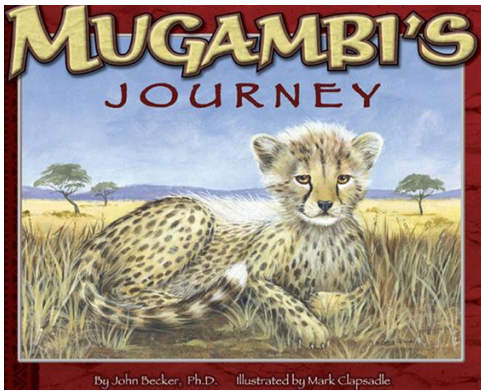
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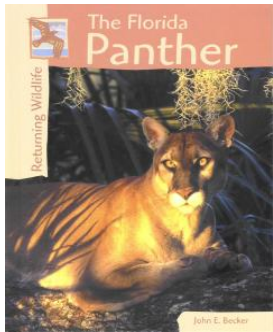
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Select one of the following programs:



"Mugambi's Journey"

An exciting adventure based on *Mugambi's Journey* and the author's travels to Africa. During his visit the author will talk about how he created this story after observing a mother cheetah and her three cubs on his first trip to Africa in 1985.

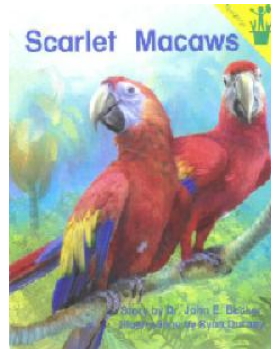


"Returning Wildlife Series"

An overview of the entire "Returning Wildlife" series with an emphasis on the heroic efforts of many individuals, governmental organizations, and private conservation organizations to restore species to healthy population levels once again.

- "North American River Otters"
- "The North American Beaver"
- "Bats"

- "The Bald Eagle"
- "Wild Turkeys"
- "The North American Bison"
- "Manatees"
- "The Florida Panther"
- "Grizzly Bears"
- "Gray Wolves"
- "The American Alligator"
- "Green Sea Turtles"
- "California Condors"
- "Gray Whales"
- "Northern Elephant Seals"



"Seedling Books"

A presentation focusing on the Seedling books written by the author and the ways in which he creates nonfiction picture books for early readers.

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| "Hawks" | "Scarlet Macaws" |
| "Owls" | "Snow Leopards" |
| "Camels" | "Cheetahs" |
| "Giraffes" | "Kangaroos" |

Program costs:

\$250.00 per hour (no additional charges)

- Programs are age-appropriately geared for children of all ages, and/or family audiences.
- Each presentation is 45-60 minutes in length.
- Dr. Becker will sign books that will be available for purchase.
- Programs outside Ohio also require travel expense, lodging, and meals reimbursement.

LIBRARY VISIT Program Application

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Day _____

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Program(s)

_____ **Mugambi's Journey**

_____ **Returning Wildlife**

_____ **Seedling**

Program Length

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_____ Other (please specify)