

# **What supplies should I ask bookstores and schools to provide for signings?**

Q: What supplies should I ask bookstores and schools to have on hand for autographings?

Each person has their own preferences, but in general schools and bookstores should be prepared with the following supplies: a chair and sturdy table that's comfortable to write at; pens that won't score or soak through the page (many authors and illustrators bring their own pens); sticky notes for customers, or students to print the name of the person to whom the book should be autographed; and a glass of water. There should also be bookseller, teacher, or another person in attendance to assist you, particularly if there is a long line. For crowds, the person in charge should also specify how many books each person can have autographed; if non-book items will be signed; and how long the autographing will last. 8:9/95