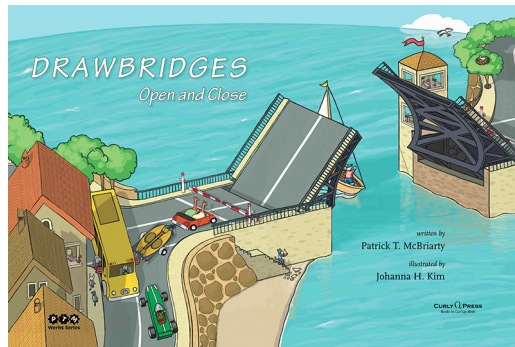


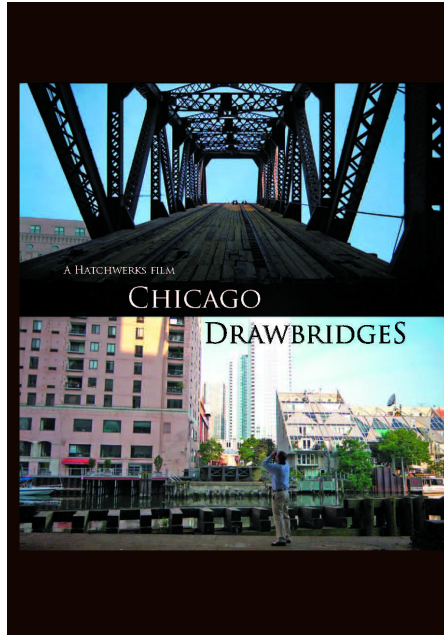


Wendela Boats with Patrick McBriarty will offer the [Chicago River Bridges Tour](#) again for the 2015 season. This 2-hour Specialty Architectural Tour of 20+ bridges is exclusive to Wendella Sightseeing and explores the engineering and architectural significance of the bridges (past and present) interspersed with Chicago architectural highlights. Join us at the Trump Tower Docks on the following dates/times:

- Friday, June 5 - 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, June 18 - 5:45 p.m.
- Sunday, July 19 - 9:00 a.m.
- Thursday, Aug 20 - 5:45 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 17 - 5:45 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 4 - 9:00 a.m.



Enter the Giveaway Contest at Goodreads for a chance to receive a FREE, signed, first edition copy of the children's picture book [Drawbridges Open and Close](#). Released in October 2014 this is the first book in the [PTM Werks Series](#) designed to introduce kids, in a fun way, to STEM topics by answering the "why" questions they often have about the machines all around us, that most adults struggle to answer completely. Experience a day in the life of Bridge Tender Todd (a fox) and his sidekick Ponticat to see the gears, locks, controls, and steps of operating this piece of heavy equipment connecting the busy town of fanciful animal characters, vehicles, and watercraft beautifully illustrated by [Johanna H. Kim](#).



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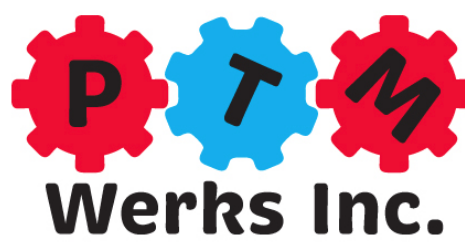
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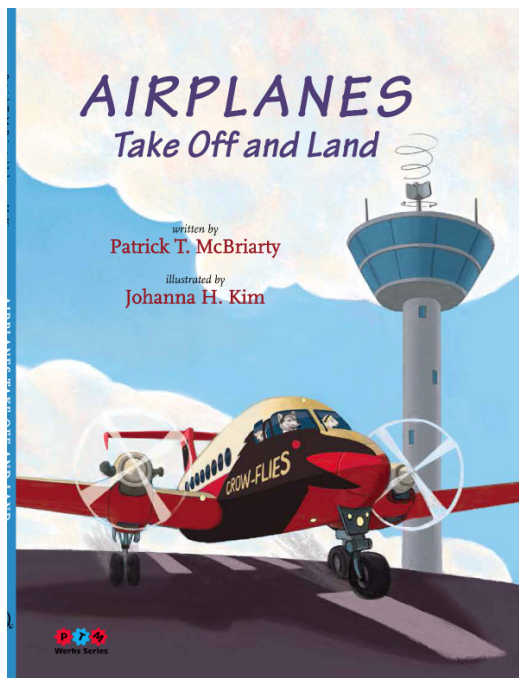


Author and bridge historian Patrick McBriarty has a busy 2015 of Chicago River Bridge Tours and Presentations. Catch one of these informative, entertaining, and historic talks exploring Chicago's fantastic bridges at the [Chicago Boat, RV & Strictly Sail Show](#) on January 15 & 18, for the [Chicago Tour-Guide Professionals Association](#) on January 26, and the [Society for Midland Authors](#) on March 10, plus many more.

For details check out the regularly updated [Talks & Events page](#).



This weekend the PTM Werks.com website was reorganized and received a fresh new look. Check it out for more information about the latest children's books or to learn more about [Chicago River Bridges](#) and McBriarty's upcoming [Talks & Events](#).



Look for [Airplanes Take off and Land](#) in April 2015 -- this is the second book in the PTM Werks Series, and will be followed by a third book in the PTM Werks Series [Crosstown Trains Stop and Go](#) in early 2016.



McBriarty's first book [Chicago River Bridges](#) received a fantastic review from the UK based engineering magazine [Bridge Design & Engineering](#) (click the Read Review button on my [home page](#) to download the PDF). If you haven't picked up this book already this review will make you want to own it. Check out this history and guide to Chicago's bridges -- more than one CDOT engineer owns and uses as a reference in their day-to-day work overseeing the operation and maintenance of Chicago's many bridges. Also on January 7, **Chicago River Bridges** will receive an [Honorable Mention from the Chicago Writer's Association 2014 Book Awards](#) in the traditional non-fiction category.

