



How did author Jon Scieszka earn the title National Ambassador for Young People's Literature? By writing books like *Science Verse* in which a student finds himself caught up in poetic parodies after a teacher's comment about the poetry of science.

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Tip of the Month

Laughter is the best medicine for struggling readers. Use books to tickle their funny bone, and you'll have them hooked on reading. Check out authors like Jon Scieszka, Mo Willems, Jack Prelutsky, and Jamie Lee Curtis.

Link of the Month

The School Library Journal is a terrific resource for reviews on books, multimedia, and technology for children and teens. You'll also find webcasts covering best practices and innovative techniques and booklists for readers of all ages. Go to www.schoollibraryjournal.com.

Activity of the Month

What is the best way to help school libraries in need? Donate to NEA's Books Across America through The NEA Foundation. NEA's Books Across America provides much needed funds to disadvantaged public school libraries. Organize a fundraiser or go to www.nea.org/booksacross and click on "donate." Your contribution will help children and schools around the country.

DECEMBER LITERACY DATES

- ▶ December 15 Bill of Rights Day
- ▶ December 20 American Poet Laureate established

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