



Frequently Asked Questions

What is PiBoIdMo?

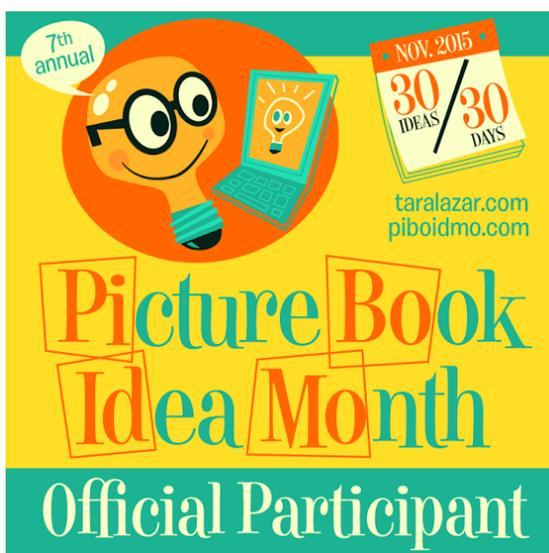
It's Picture Book Idea Month! PiBoIdMo is a free November writing challenge for picture book writers and illustrators. The object is to jot down one picture book concept daily. By the end of the month you'll have at least 30 bright & shiny new ideas! You can then refer to these ideas throughout the year to jumpstart your creativity and write new manuscripts.

Where is PiBoIdMo?

It's hosted on author Tara Lazar's blog at taralazar.com. (The URL piboidmo.com simply redirects to taralazar.com.) Each day a picture book professional will post an article with creative inspiration to help you brainstorm that day's idea. Guest bloggers for 2015 include best-selling, award-winning authors Grace Lin, Ame Dyckman, Pat Zietlow Miller and Arree Chung.

When can I register for PiBoIdMo?

Registration begins October 25th at taralazar.com and closes on November 5th. You do not have to register to participate, but those who do register will be eligible for prizes! You register by simply putting your full name in a comment of the registration blog post and by following Tara Lazar's blog. There is also an optional "Official Participant" badge for you to download and display on your social media site(s).



What if I don't register by November 5th?

Sorry, but registration has to close sometime! You can still participate if you don't register in time (just read the daily posts and jot down your ideas), but you will not be eligible for prizes.

Can I register if I'm already published? Or if I have an agent?

Yes. PiBoIdMo is open to everyone, published or unpublished, agented or not. Adults, kids, anyone.

Where is the comment box?

Scroll to the very bottom of the page, past all previous comments.

How do I confirm that I'm registered?

Go to the registration post (<http://taralazar.com/2015/10/25/piboidmo-2015-registration-is-open>) and make sure the entire post plus comments load completely. Perform a search IN YOUR BROWSER (typically command-F or look in your browser's "edit" menu) for your name. If your name is there, you are registered. Remember, search IN YOUR BROWSER and NOT IN THE WEBSITE SEARCH BOX.

Why don't I see my comment?

The blog is set to semi-moderation mode. If you don't see your comment immediately after submitting, this means it has gone to the moderation queue. The queue will be cleared out a few times daily. Please wait at least 24 hours to see your comment appear.

How do I "win" the PiBoIdMo challenge?

Simply end the month of November with at least 30 new picture book ideas! Then you can sign the PiBo-Pledge (posted in early December) confirming you have completed the challenge. Those who register AND sign the pledge are eligible for prizes, including a consultation with a literary agent, a professional picture book critique, original signed art, plus much more!

How do I prove that I have 30 ideas?

Taking the PiBo-Pledge is on the honor system. If you say you have 30 ideas, we'll believe you. And please keep your ideas to yourself. Don't send them to us and don't post them online for someone to steal. They are your precious creations.

How do I connect with other PiBoIdMo participants?

Join our Facebook discussion group! Search Facebook for "PiBoIdMo 2011". (Yes, that's the correct group name! Facebook won't let us change it.) Press the "request to join" button and wait to be approved.

I didn't receive today's post via email. Help?

Posts go live every morning (EST) but at various times depending upon my schedule, technical glitches, etc. So if you are following via email and don't receive a post first thing, please, be patient. Please do not email asking where it is, as this will only delay the post further. Check the blog directly at taralazar.com for the post. If it's still not there, just sit back and wait. A post goes up every day, guaranteed.

I don't see today's post on the blog. Help?

Please see previous question's answer.

Where are PiBoIdMo posts from previous days?

All PiBoIdMo posts are on the blog with the most recent appearing at the top, the rest following below in reverse chronological order. You can also look in the left column of the blog and pull down the “category” box to select “PiBoIdMo 2015” to see all the posts, appearing in order of most recent first.

Where are PiBoIdMo posts from previous years?

They appear linked by guest blogger’s name at taralazar.com/piboidmo. You can also pull down the “category” box to select “PiBoIdMo 2012” or whatever year you desire. Posts appear in order of most recent first.

Can I guest blog for PiBoIdMo?

Guest blogging is by invitation and is set several weeks in advance of the event. I hold a contest every year for participants to guest blog during Pre-PiBoIdMo. Please join the [Facebook PiBoIdMo discussion group](#) if you want to be part of that contest. It’s announced exclusively to those members.

Can I donate a prize to PiBoIdMo?

Yes, you can! Thank you! Email me at tarakidlit {at} gmail with the subject “Prize Donation”. Please be aware that the prize should be kidlit appropriate. All prizes are given away in December. Please hold onto your prize donation and I will email you with the winner’s address to send to them directly.

Where do I get official PiBoIdMo merchandise?

Use this link: cafepress.com/piboidmo to purchase the Official Idea Journal, mugs, and other cool stuff. If you use this link, \$3 of every purchase (all proceeds) will go to Reading is Fundamental (RIF), helping put books into the hands of underprivileged children. Note: please do not go to the main CafePress and perform a search—we will not get the \$3 for RIF. Please use the link.

Is PiBoIdMo really free?

Yes, it is! I make my living through my picture books. If you enjoy this event, I’d greatly appreciate you supporting my books in any way you can—by purchasing them, giving them as gifts, reviewing them, asking your library and/or bookstore to carry them. Visit taralazar.com/taras-books to learn more about my titles. Thank you!