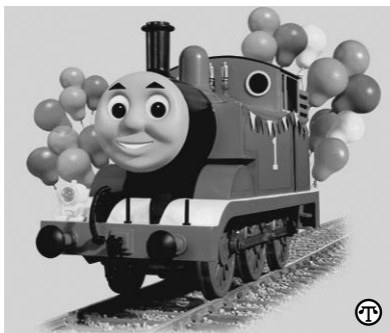


# Pointers For Parents

## Saying “All Aboard” To Trains

(NAPSA)—Classic train stories have been enjoyed by both children and adults alike for generations. This year marks the anniversaries of two of the most beloved train



**It can be easy to encourage a child’s interest in trains.**

stories in literary history. Thomas & Friends celebrates 60 years of making tracks to great destinations while *The Little Engine That Could* commemorates 75 years of spirit and determination.

“Both have been beloved by generations of kids,” says toy and children’s lifestyle expert Chris Byrne. “Kids love trains and their personification but they also love the spirit of these characters who discover that they have within themselves the power to overcome any challenge. The stories inspire, encourage and entertain. It’s a perfect combination.”

In addition, the Day Out With Thomas and Little Engine national rail tours invite children to ride with their favorite engines. Fans can also enjoy Thomas & Friends through new video releases including *Calling All Engines!*, new television episodes on PBS KIDS® and limited edition 60th Anniversary toys and books. Little Engine will celebrate with a new 75th anniversary edition of the book and other merchandise.

For more information on Thomas & Friends, visit [www.thomasandfriends.com](http://www.thomasandfriends.com).