

# Storytime Newsletter

Baker, Bradford, Union County Libraries

## Reading Tips for Parents of Toddlers

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Being a toddler is all about **action**. Encourage continued language development and interest in books and reading by keeping things lively and engaging. Everyday experiences are full of opportunities to engage in conversation and develop language skills. The tips below offer some fun ways you can help your child become a happy and confident reader. Try a new tip each week. See what works best for your child.

**Don't expect your toddler to sit still for a book.** Toddlers need to **move**, so don't worry if they act out stories or just skip, romp, or tumble as you read to them. They may be moving, but they are listening.

**Recite rhymes, sing**

**songs, and make mistakes!** Pause to let your toddler finish a phrase or chant a refrain. Once your toddler is familiar with the rhyme or pattern, make mistakes on purpose and get caught.

**Choose engaging books.** Books featuring animals or machines invite movement and making sounds. Books with flaps or different textures to touch keep hands busy. Books with detailed illustrations or recurring items hidden in the pictures are great for exploring and discussing.

**Keep reading short, simple, and often.** Toddlers frequently have shorter attention spans than babies. Look for text that is short and simple. Read a little bit, several times a day.

**Encourage play that**

**involves naming, describing, and communicating.** Set up a zoo with all the stuffed animals. Stage a race with the toy cars. Put your toddler in charge and ask lots of questions.

**Every day is an adventure when you're a toddler.** Choose books about everyday experiences and feelings. Your child will identify with the characters as they dress, eat, visit, nap, and play

**Ask questions.** Take time to listen to your toddler's answers. Toddlers have strong opinions and interesting ideas about the world. Encourage your toddler to tell you what he or she thinks. You'll build language skills and learn what makes your toddler tick at the same time.

....readingrockets.org

### Storytimes at the Libraries

#### **Bradford Co. Public Library**

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays in  
January

10am and 1pm

Toddler Time  
Fridays in January  
11am

904-368-3911

It's story  
**TIME**  
@your library™

## Author/Illustrator of the Month

**Tedd Arnold:** Birthday  
— January 20, 1949

New York Times bestselling author and illustrator of over 60 books. Tedd Arnold was born in Elmira, New York in 1949. Tedd moved with his family to Florida at age 10 and soon began his first art

lessons, held in an abandoned dentist's office in downtown Gainesville. He finished school and graduated from the University of Florida with a BFA. He met Carol, who became his wife. For 10 years he worked in text-book illustration, graphic

design, and advertising. During that time, Carol received a master's degree in early childhood education and taught kindergarten.

Tedd became interested in the picture books his wife read to her (continued on page 2)

### **TumbleBooks**

Online book service, watch a picture book or read along with the audio.

[www.newriver.lib.fl.us](http://www.newriver.lib.fl.us)

### **Dial a Story**

Stories for young children, changed weekly.

496-2542

or

1-888-4ATALE1

(1-888-428-2531)

# Books to Share

## Take Me Out To The Ball Game

By: Jack Norworth

This is a unique offering of a book and CD, recorded by Carly Simon, featuring the classic song. Batter up. Get out the peanuts and Cracker Jacks, and get ready for fun with America's national sport. The unofficial anthem of baseball has never sounded or looked better than it does in this joyful edition, complete with a CD featuring the inimitable Carly Simon.

## Grandma's Feather Bed

By: Christopher Canyon

Hooray for feather beds! Huge and soft, the perfect place to play ... and before you know it ... sleep. One of John Denver's most popular songs brings back favorite childhood memories.

## Mama Don't Allow

By Thacher Hurd

Saxophone-playing Miles and his Swamp Band find a bevy of sharp-toothed, long-tailed alligators who love to listen to their music. But little do Miles and his band know what the alligators plan for them

at the close of their jubilant all-night ball! Inspired by a traditional song, this vibrant picture book is "ebullient, fast-paced, and funny."

## Do Your ABC's, Little Brown Bear

By: Jonathan London

As Little Brown Bear and Papa Brown Bear romp their way home, Little Brown Bear names the game he plays for each letter-from a grass fight to splashing in the pond to whistling through an acorn hat. Even the youngest readers will enjoy spotting other animals and objects in the artwork to correspond with each letter in this charming alphabet adventure.

## The Very Cranky Bear

By: Nick Bland

Thoughtfulness and caring for others are the take-home messages in this simple, rhyming tale. On a cold, rainy day in the jingle-jangle jungle, four friends, Moose, Lion, Zebra, and Sheep, find a warm cave where they can play. The cave, however, is occupied by a very cranky bear. Three of the friends believe that what Bear

needs is something to make him more like them fancier, with stripes, like Zebra; or antlers, like Moose; or a mane, like Lion. Unassuming Sheep knows, though, that what Bear needs is some tender, loving care.

## Treasure

By: Suzanne Bloom

Goose believes that the paper in Bear's hand could only be a treasure map. And X marks the spot-but for what? Soon Bear and Goose are on a wild-goose chase for hidden treasure in this warm and adorable story.



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young students. Each evening he studied them cover-to-cover. When his first son, Walter, was born, Tedd and Carol happily took turns doing the bedtime read-aloud. He tried writing and illustrating his own stories, accumulating rejection slips for six years.

He moved his family to New York City as a book designer for a large publisher, where his second son,

William, was born. Tedd's first book, *No Jumping on the Bed!*, was inspired by Walter's bed jumping in their aging Yonkers apartment building. Tedd soon quit his day job and moved back to his hometown, Elmira, to write and illustrate books and raise a family. Tedd, Carol and three cats live there today. Both Walter and William are now grown and married.

Tedd's first book, *No jumping on*

*the Bed!*, became an IRA-CBC Children's Choice book, *Green Wilma* (a PBS Storytime featured title) and *Parts* (Parents Magazine 50 All-time Best Children's Books). He is also a two-time winner of the ALA's Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor for *Hi! Fly Guy* and more recently, *I Spy Fly Guy*. ...scholastic.com

