

Storytime Newsletter

Baker, Bradford, Union County Libraries

October 4-10 – Fire Prevention Week

October 2015

Every year during Fire Prevention Week, the National Fire Protection Association sounds the alarm about keeping our homes and our kids safe from fire. Fire Prevention Week teaches kids the importance of having working smoke alarms in the bedroom.

Location matters when it comes to your smoke alarm. Did you know that roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires reported at night between 11p.m. and 7a.m. when most people are asleep? That's the message behind this year's Fire Prevention

Week campaign. "**Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!**"

Fire Prevention Week Checklist

- ◇ Do you have working smoke alarm on every level of you home?
- ◇ Do you have working smoke alarms inside every bedroom?
- ◇ Does a grown-up test your smoke alarms at least once a month?
- ◇ Do you know the sound of your smoke alarms?
- ◇ Are your smoke alarms less than 10 years old? (If they are

more than 10 years old, you need new ones.)

- ◇ Does your family have a home fire escape plan?
- ◇ Do you know two ways out of every room?
- ◇ Does your plan have an outside meeting place?
- ◇ Does your family have a fire drill at least twice a year?
- ◇ Does everyone at home know how to call the fire department once they are outside?
- ◇ Do you get outside and stay outside if the smoke alarm sounds?

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Storytimes at the Libraries

Bradford Co. Public Library

Preschool Storytime
Wednesdays in October
10am and 1pm
Toddler Time
Fridays in October
11am
904-368-3911

Union Co. Public Library

Preschool Storytime
Thursdays in October
10am and 1pm
386-496-3432

TumbleBooks

Online book service, watch a picture book or read along with the audio.
www.newriver.lib.fl.us

Dial a Story

Stories for young children, changed weekly.
496-2542
or
1-888-4ATALE1
(1-888-428-2531)

Author/Illustrator of the Month

Steven Kellogg:

Birthday —
October 26, 1940

The fascination with books came early in Steven Kellogg's childhood. He spent many hours drawing and creating stories and

learning how the pictures and text should work together. He even developed an activity to play with his sister he called, "Telling stories on Paper." This involved Steven feverishly creating stories

and illustrations that he would hand off to one sister and then the other until they were buried in paper.

Steven noticed early in life that not all grownups enjoyed (continued on page 2)

Books to Share

Possum's Harvest Moon

By: Anne Hunter

One autumn evening, Possum looks up and sees the biggest, brightest harvest moon ever. He decides to have one last party before the long winter and invites all of his friends. But the mice, raccoon, crickets, and frogs are all busy getting ready for winter, and it looks as if no one will come. Possum sits by himself in the clearing until everyone realizes it is not a night or a moon to waste without dancing and feasting, and they all join the celebration.

Pick a Circle, Gather Squares: A Fall Harvest of Shapes

By: Felicia Sanzari Chernesky

Fall is here, with all its wonderful visual delights--not just colors, but shapes! This clever concept book follows a family on a trip to a pumpkin patch and invites children to pick out shapes from the seasonal scenery--apple bushel circles, square hay bales, diamond kites in the autumn sky!

Trout Are Made of Trees

By: April Pulley Sayre



How can a leaf become a fish? Join two young children and their dads to find out, as they observe life in and around a stream. Energetic collage art and simple, lyrical text depict the ways plants and animals are connected in the food web.

Davy, Help! It's a Ghost!

By: Brigitte Weninger

Big brother Dan is in charge of the younger rabbits when their parents leave them alone for the first time, but when baby Dinah spots a ghost, it is brave Davy who devises a plan to scare it away.



Jitterbug Jam

By: Barbara Jean Hicks

Bobo is a young monster who's afraid to sleep in his own bed. He is sure there is a boy hiding beneath it - a boy with "pink skin and orange fur on his head where his horns should be." Bobo's older brother thinks he's a fraidy-cat, but his grandpa, Boo-Dad, knows all about these fearful creatures. And Boo-Dad knows exactly what to do to scare them away. But after being afraid for so long, Bobo might just want to take matters into

his own paws and find out if the creature under his bed really is as bad as he thinks.

Night in the Barn

By: Faye Gibbons

"The shadows were deep and the wind was cold," and a small boy is scared when he goes with his big brother and their two city cousins to spend the night in the barn. Gibbons' words are physically immediate and lovely ("the moon was a here-again, gone-again eye"), and Ingraham's varnished watercolors capture the glimmering, cold fall night and the shadowy barn, where dark monsters leer and loom as the flashlight begins to dim and a shivery, whiffing, snorting creature comes nearer and nearer. It's an archetypal story--the delicious fear of being together on a night adventure close to home--and this picture book makes it both scary and snug.

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their jobs and he was determined to choose a job that he really loved. Steven recalls, "I looked at some grownups and noticed that some loved their work and other grownups did not and the effect that it had on their moods made a big impression on me." After he honed his creative talents through high

school he attended Rhode Island School of Design where he majored in illustration.

Steven's determination to stick to his dream has brought many wonderfully illustrated books to children's literature. His first book was published in 1967 and he has gone on to illustrate over 100 books. Steven currently creates his whimsical illustrations

and tall tales in an old farmhouse in Connecticut where he lives with his wife Helen. ...scholastic.com

