

Storytime Newsletter

Baker, Bradford, Union County Libraries

April 10-16 – National Library Week

April 2016

First sponsored in 1958, National Library week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

National Library Week is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and library workers and to promote library

use and support. From free access to books and online resources for families to library business centers that help support entrepreneurship and retraining, libraries offer opportunity to all. The theme for 2016 National Library week is "Libraries Transform" and Gene Luen Yang will serve as Honorary Chair.

Gene Luen Yang is an award-winning graphic novelist and the 2016-2017 National Ambassador for Young People's Literature. His 2006 book, "American Born Chinese," was the first graphic novel to be a finalist for a National Book Award for Best Graphic Album.

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Storytimes at the Libraries

Bradford Co. Public Library

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays
10am and 1pm

Toddler Time

Fridays - 11am

904-368-3911

Union Co. Public Library

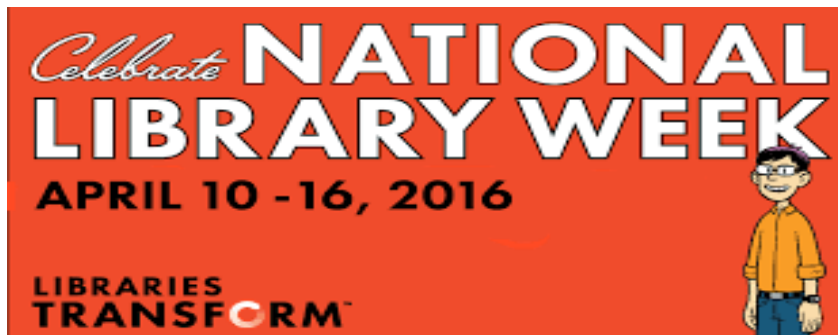
Preschool Storytime

Thursdays

10am and 1pm

386-496-3432

storytime



Is My Child Ready for Kindergarten?

Kindergarten is where most children learn to read and write. Though some kids can do this before entering kindergarten, it is not required or expected. Being ready for kindergarten means having well-developed pre-

school skills, and being academically, socially, and physically ready for the transition. Here are some signs that your child is ready for kindergarten.

Academically

*Can retell a simple story

*Speaks in complete sentences of 5-6 words

*Writes name or recognizes letters in name

*Recognizes the title of a book

*Matches rhyming sound

*Counts to ten

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)

Books to Share

Interrupting Chicken

By: David Ezra Stein

It's time for the little red chicken's bedtime story --and a reminder from Papa to try not to interrupt. But the chicken can't help herself! Whether the tale is *Hansel and Gretel* or *Little Red Riding Hood* or even *Chicken Little*, she jumps into the story to save its hapless characters from doing some dangerous or silly thing. Now it's the little red chicken's turn to tell a story, but will her yawning papa make it to the end without his own kind of interrupting?

The World Champion of Staying Awake

By: Sean Taylor

It's time for Stella to go to bed. But how can she sleep when Cherry Pig, Thunderbolt the puppet mouse, and Beanbag Frog are wide awake? "I'm the world champion of staying awake!" shouts Cherry Pig, bouncing on the bed. Luckily Stella is good at thinking up ways to get her toys to sleep - by taking them on a sailing Pillow Ship, a shoebox Midnight Train, and a toy-basket Starship Balloon. With luminous illustrations and an utterly charming text, this ode to a child's imagination and boundless spirit is certain to be a winning choice at bedtime.

Outside the Window

By: Anna Egan Smucker

In this good-night picture book, a mother bird tucks her babies safely into their nest and answers their many questions about the boy who lives in the house nearby. Snuggled in their nest outside the window, they watch the boy take a bath, listen to a bedtime story, hug his mother, and at last, fall happily asleep--just as the little birds do.

Chicks and Salsa

By: Aaron Reynolds

What happens at Nuthatcher Farm when the chickens get tired of the same old chicken feed? The rooster hatches a plan! With a pinch of genius, a dash of resourcefulness, and a little pilfering from the farmer's garden, the chickens whip up a scrumptious snack of chips and salsa. When the rest of the barnyard gets a whiff of the spicy smells and want to join in, it can mean only one thing . . . FIESTA! But when the big day arrives, all their spicy southwestern supplies are gone! Could Mr. and Mrs. Nuthatcher have caught on to the flavor craze?

Pumpkin Soup

By: Helen Cooper

Cat, Squirrel, and Duck share both an

old white cabin in the woods and clearly defined duties with regard to making pumpkin soup. Cat slices the pumpkin, Squirrel stirs in the water, and Duck adds just enough salt. One day Duck decides he wants to stir, creating such household consternation and so many hard feelings that he finally packs his wheelbarrow and waddles away. Cat and Squirrel try to carry on, but the soup isn't as good without their friend's touch. Finally Duck returns, and the three experiment with changing roles. The process is very messy, but all agree that the result tastes as good as ever.

Even Aliens Need Snacks

By: Matthew McElligott

Creating snacks that make most humans queasy, this chef has found a new clientele--aliens. Readers will delight in McElligott's gently offbeat humor and unique artistry as spaceships full of hilarious creatures line up for a taste of the intergalactic cuisine.

Thanks to Harriet, Children's Library Assistant at New River Public Library Cooperative, for providing content for this newsletter.



Is My Child Ready for Kindergarten?

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Socially

- *Feels comfortable in a group
- *Asks for help when needed
- *Knows personal information (name, age, gender)
- *Follows simple instructions
- *Recognizes authority
- *Is able to share

Physically

- *Exhibits fine motor skills
- *Exhibits motor coordination

*Manages bathroom needs

Is my child ready?

Most children start kindergarten at age 5. If your child's birthday falls in late spring or summer and will have just turned 5 at the beginning of the school year, or if you feel your child would benefit from another year of preschool, you might consider waiting until the next academic year.

Consider your child's academic skills, but also his or her temperament. Remember that if your child is on the older or younger end of the class, this has an impact not only on kindergarten, but also on middle school, high school, driving, and going to college. If he is the youngest in his class now, he will be then, too!

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