

Storytime Newsletter

Baker, Bradford, Union County Libraries

April 9-15 – National Library Week

April 2017

National Library Week will be observed April 9-15, 2017 with the theme, "Libraries Transform."

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. It is a time to celebrate the contribution of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries—school, public, academic and special—participate.

In the mid-1950's, research showed that Americans were spending less on books and

more on radios, televisions and musical instruments. Concerned that Americans were reading less, the ALA and the American Book Publishers formed a nonprofit citizens organization call the National Book Committee in 1954. The committee's goals were ambitious. They ranged from "encouraging people to read in their increasing leisure time" to "improving incomes and health" and "developing strong and happy family life."

In 1957, the committee developed a plan for National Library Week based on the idea that once people were motivated to

read, they would support and use libraries. With the cooperation of ALA and with help from the Advertising Council, the first National Library Week was observed in 1958 with the theme "Wake Up and Read!"

National Library Week was observed again in 1959, and the ALA Council voted to continue the annual celebration. When the National Book Committee disbanded in 1974, ALA assumed full sponsorship. ...ala.org



Author of the Month

Martin Waddell:

Birthday—April 10, 1941
Born during a bombing raid on Belfast, children's author Martin Waddell is a prolific children's writer both under his own name and the pseudonym Catherine Sefton which he uses for

books with a more serious subject matter for older children. He now publishes all his books under his own moniker. A resident for most of his life in Newcastle, Co. Down, Martin has never shied from writing about difficult situations that children

have to sometimes deal with, this was never more so reflected in his books *Starry Night*, *Frankie's Story* and *The Beat of the Drum* which addressed the difficulties, anger and grief attributed to the political (continued on page 2)

Storytime at the Libraries

Bradford Co. Public Library

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays

10am

Tiny Tots

Fridays

11am

Closed April 14th

904-368-3911

Union Co. Public Library

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays

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)

Books to Share

When Will It Be Spring?

By: Catherine Walters

It's Alfie's first winter, and his mother tells him he must sleep until spring. But when will it be spring? Alfie wonders. Mother Bear tells him that it will be spring when the flowers are out and the birds begin to sing. Alfie feels sure he will know when spring has arrived. But will he?

Arthur Loses His Patience

By: Marc Brown

BEING PATIENT! Can't all of us relate to that?!?! This delightful story demonstrates Arthur and D.W. learning to deal with this emotion. This will entertain as well assist your child in learning this valuable tool.

Waiting

By: Kevin Henkes

Five friends sit happily on a windowsill, waiting for something amazing to happen. The owl is waiting for the moon. The pig is waiting for the rain. The bear is waiting for the wind. The puppy is waiting for the snow. And the rabbit is just looking out the window because he likes to wait! What will happen? Will

patience win in the end? Or someday will the friends stop waiting and do something unexpected?

Waiting is a big part of childhood—waiting in line, waiting to grow up, waiting for something special to happen—but in this book, a child sets the stage and pulls the strings. Timeless, beautiful, and deeply heartfelt, this picture book about imaginative play, the seasons, friendship, and surprises marks a new pinnacle in Caldecott Medalist Kevin Henkes's extraordinary career.

Have You Ever Seen a Moose Taking a Bath?

By: Jamie McClaine

When this moose takes a bath, he creates quite a scene with his rubber ducky, scrubbing brush, Mr. Moose Bubbles, and a belly-flop right into the water.

The Useful Moose

By: Fiona Robinson

Plain and simple, Molly likes moose. So much so, her parents plan a moose-watching vacation to Alaska. But the antlered critters were nowhere to be

found, having left on their own getaway—to Molly's town. Upon her return home, Molly eagerly befriends three of the furry visitors and invites them to stay with her family. The gentle beasts prove not only good company, but they do a bang-up job of cooking, cleaning and managing household chores. Alas, homesickness soon acts as a "call of the wild" and the trio hoof it back to the 49th state. But happily for Molly, her four-footed friends are only a postcard—and a plane ride-away.

Duck, Duck, Moose!

By: Bardhan-Quallen, Sudipta

Duck and Duck are preparing for a party, and each step of the way, Moose inadvertently messes things up. When he disappears in shame, Duck and Duck must go find him so he can join in the party—which was for him! The slapstick physical humor of Duck, Duck, Moose will have kids overcome with the giggles.

Author of the Month

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troubles in Northern Ireland but from a teenager's perspective.

His books for younger children, which he said are written for pure enjoyment and amusement, have won some prestigious awards such as the Smarties Book Prize for on not one but two occasions. He has also won the British Book Awards Children's Illustrated Book of the

Year, Best Babies Book of the Year, the Kurt Maschier Award and the Hans Christian Anderson Award in recognition of his contribution to children's literature, to name but a few. His hugely successful Big Bear, Little Bear series are loved by children around the world, as are many other titles, and his experience as a footballer in his youth have been translated into books such

as the Napper series. Waddell also enjoys writing about ghost, as he says not only are they fun they can also show how the past can affect the future. Father to grown-up children, Martin lives with his wife in their home by the sea where he writes and describes himself as a happy man.

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