

# Storytime Newsletter

Baker, Bradford, Union County Libraries

## August Is Get Ready for Kindergarten Month

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Parents, start your minivans — August is Get Ready for Kindergarten Month. How do you get your child ready for the beginning of their academic career? How do you prepare *yourself* for this life-changing transition?

### Prepping For The First School Send Off

We've all seen those movies and T.V. shows where the child clings to his parent's leg, weeping and refusing to go inside the kindergarten classroom. This emotional exchange can be just as difficult for parents as it is for the kids. That's why we came up with a few tips to quell your child's fear to ease them through those big, scary doors.

### Read Books

Read books about kindergarten with them, such as *The Night Before Kindergarten* or

*First Day Jitters* and gently get them familiar with the concept. Storytime is a good way to get your child talking about the new school.

### Take a Walk

Walk with your child by the school, play on the playground, and maybe take him or her inside for a special tour.

### Sleep Schedule

Adjust their sleep schedule gradually to the school's schedule.

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## Author/Illustrator of the Month

**Judy Schachner:** Birthday—August 20, 1951

Judy Schachner was born into an Irish Catholic working class family from New England. Money was as tight as their apartment was

tiny and though she may not have had the easiest of childhoods, she credits her imagination with helping her survive it.

She can't ever remember a time when she was not drawing

and like most budding artists she doodled on everything, including her father's bald head. She drew herself into stories where she was the smartest in her class and into a (continued on page 2)

### Storytimes at the Libraries

Union Co. Public Library  
386-496-3432

Every Hero Has A Story!  
Thursday  
August 6th @ 10am

We've had a great summer.  
Programs are over and will resume in September.

We're planning a great series of storytimes for the fall season.

Check your library for a schedule.

### 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

## Where The Wild Things Are

By: Maurice Sendak

When mischievous Max, wearing his wolf suit, romps around the house and drives his mother to distraction, she calls him Wild Thing and sends him to bed without his supper. But in the quiet of his room, a forest grows, where claw-footed monsters with horns, Wild Things just like Max, lurk and leap. Max joins their wild rumpus and is made king of all wild things, but still he misses his home. When he finally returns, he discovers his supper waiting, and it is still hot.

## I'm A Frog

By: Mo Willems

Piggie pretends to be a ribbiting, jumping frog, and children will catch on quickly and delight in "explaining" to Elephant that his friend is not actually a frog. The story is especially entertaining when Piggie tries to convince Elephant that he, too, can play.

## The Amazing Adventures of Bumblebee Boy

By: David Soman

When Sam is Bumblebee Boy, he likes to fly alone, using his imagination to battle dragons, pirates, and tigers. Sam's little brother, Owen, would like

to play with him, but Owen doesn't have a cape or a mask, and Bumblebee Boy doesn't need his help. But when more aliens than Bumblebee Boy can handle land on the moon, will he be able to defeat them by himself? Through their imaginary adventures, Sam and Owen discover just how much fun a brother can be, and learn that there are times to play alone and times to play with others.

## You're It!: A Hop, Skip, and Jump Through Childhood Games

By: Katie Hewett

*You're It!* is an infectious fun hop, skip, and jump down memory lane: a celebration of the days when you used to get home from school, hop out of your school clothes, skip over to your best friend's house, and play until dinnertime. This beautifully illustrated, wonderfully nostalgic book will not only help you relive those innocent games but let you pass them on to a new generation.

## Octopus Hug

By: Laurence Pringle

When Mom goes out for the evening, Dad and the kids invent games filled with fun and laughter, and they all learn how to give an octopus hug.

## Sam Is Not a Loser

By: Thierry Robberecht

Sam loves to play games-but he doesn't like to lose. So when his soccer team is playing against a team of bigger kids, Sam decides not to play. But if he doesn't even play, how can he ever win? Given the popularity of children's sports, especially soccer, this is a timely topic.



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# Author/Illustrator of the Month

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family where mothers lived to be a ripe old age. In many ways, Judy feels that her own life has resembled the fairy tales she loved reading as a child, complete with a happy ending. And the best part of this author/illustrator's story? She married a prince of a guy and they had two beautiful daughters

and just like the mothers in her earliest tales, she plans on living to a ripe old age.

Described by the New York Times as "...something like the James Joyce for the elementary school —set...", Judy Schachner is the #1 NY Times Best Selling Author/Illustrator of over 23 books for children including *Bits & Pieces*, the *Skippyjon Jones*

series, *Yo Vikings*, *The Grannyman* and *Willy and May*. She has won many awards including the first E. B. White Read Aloud Award. ...[judithbyronschachner.com](http://judithbyronschachner.com)

