

Storytime Newsletter

Baker, Bradford, Union County Libraries

National Mentoring Month

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In January 2014, MENTOR released a report that includes the first ever nationally representative survey of young people on the topic of mentoring. Titled **The Mentoring Effect: Young People's Perspectives on the Outcomes and Availability of Mentoring**, the report found that there is a powerful mentoring effect demonstrated by the experiences of young people in the nationally representative survey. It is linked to improved academic, social and economic prospects, and strengthens our communities and our nation.

The following data points may be used to make the case for mentoring. Young people who

were at risk for not completing high school but who had a mentor reported higher educational aspirations and matriculation into post-secondary education, as well as greater engagement in positive activities. They were:

- **55% more likely** to be enrolled in college than those who did not have a mentor.
- **81% more likely** to report participating regularly in sports or extracurricular activities.
- **More than twice as likely** to say they held a leadership position in a club or sports team.

- **78% more likely** to volunteer regularly in their communities.
- **Nearly nine in ten** respondents who had a mentor said they are now interested in becoming mentors.

The mentoring effect can be a powerful factor in reducing the number of youth disconnected from school and work, in increasing social and economic mobility, and in creating more productive and prosperous communities.

Mentoring is an investment in not only one individual, but the community as a whole.

.....mentoring.org

Storytimes at the Libraries

Bradford Co. Public Library

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays in January
10am and 1pm

Baby Rhymetime
Fridays in January
11am

904-368-3911

Union Co. Public Library

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays in January
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)

National Get Organized Month

If you were ever going to get it together, this is the time to year to do it! Sometimes the hardest part of organizing is just getting started. It's often easy to make progress once you can just get over the hump of setting

aside time and digging in. But where do you begin? What's your first step?

Some practical organizing tips....

Start with one small area at a time. If you try to organize your

entire home or office at once, you will only get overwhelmed and give up. And that doesn't have to mean "one room" — it could be a closet or cabinet or drawer — whatever is manageable.

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Books to Share

A Child's Calendar

By: John Updike

Twelve poems follow a family and their friends through the seasons. A Caldecott Honor Book.

The Turning of the Year

By: Bill Martin

Month by month, this heartwarming poem evokes the joys of each season. Martin's precise use of words is key to the success of the book: "In January, out I go to welcome winter's icy blow. In February, bound with snow, I sled the hillside, top to toe." No matter the weather, Shed's softly focused gouache-on-canvas paintings are full of warmth. He blends both contentment and exuberance into each brushstroke, offering up a pleasing portrait of each month. Full-page scenes showing the activities of a boy and a girl are accented with close-up illustrations of familiar seasonal objects; fireflies in June and mittens in December. A delight any time of the year.

Dog Days: Rhymes Around the Year

By: Jack Prelutsky

I am a dog who scribbles rhymes about my many happy times. I wrote this book to make it clear that I have fun around the year. Learning about

the twelve months of the year is more fun than ever with Jack Prelutsky's rhymes and Dyanna Wolcott's illustrations. Told and pictured from a dog's point of view, this bright little book makes you want to kick up your heels and be a dog for a day!

If You Give A Mouse A Cookie

By: Laura Joffe Numeroff

From the #1 New York Times bestselling team Laura Numeroff and Felicia Bond, the award-winning *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* is one of the most beloved children's books of all time.

If a hungry little mouse shows up on your doorstep, you might want to give him a cookie. And if you give him a cookie, he'll ask for a glass of milk. He'll want to look in a mirror to make sure he doesn't have a milk mustache, and then he'll ask for....

This book is a great first introduction to Mouse, the star of the *If You Give* series and a perennial favorite among children.

If You Give A Moose A Muffin

By: Laura Joffe Numeroff

If a big hungry moose comes to visit, you might give him a muffin to make him feel at home. If you give him a muffin, he'll want some jam to go with it. When he's eaten all your muffins,

he'll want to go to the store to get some more muffin mix.

In this hilarious sequel to *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*, the young host is again run ragged by a surprise guest. Young readers will delight in the comic complications that follow when a little boy entertains a gregarious moose.

If You Give A Pig A Pancake

By: Laura Joffe Numeroff

If you give a pig a pancake, she'll want some syrup to go with it. You'll give her some of your favorite maple syrup, and she'll probably get all sticky, so she'll want to take a bath. She'll ask you for some bubbles. When you give her the bubbles...



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January 16—Appreciate a Dragon Day



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Go into the project prepared to get rid of things. While organizing is more than just cleaning out, you need to be willing to give something up if it's broken, obsolete, hasn't been used in years, or serves no purpose in your life. It's very freeing!

.....Online Organizing.com

All of us, young and not so young, can appreciate dragons. You'll find good and bad dragons in legends, folk lore, children's books, songs, and top movies.

According to Donita K. Paul, the creator of this special day, you are encouraged to learn and explore the cultural and historic significance of dragons.

This day is also intended to celebrate literacy. So, reach for a book about dragons, and read it today!

Other ways to celebrate this day:

- Draw pictures of dragons.
- Write dragon poems or stories.
- Have a dragon puppet show.
- See a movie with dragons in it.
- Take pictures of stuffed animal dragons. If you see a real live dragon, make sure to take a picture of him, too! . . . holidayinsights.com