

Storytime Newsletter

Baker, Bradford, Union County Libraries

Summer Learning

July 2016

Parents and other caregivers are essential for helping prevent summer learning loss. Home and community environments play a big role in helping children and youth retain and advance their learning. There are many easy and fun activities you can do with your child to help them maintain the skills and grow during the summer months. Read with your children every day, go to the library, participate in the library's summer reading program, explore parks and nature preserves, visit museums and cultural centers, and practice simple math skills while baking or at

the grocery store. Ask your child's teacher what she will be learning in the next grade, and ask for ideas about how you can begin building those skills during the summer. Explore the many websites and publications that offer fun, summer activities for your children.

Did You Know?

♦ All young people experience learning losses when they do not engage in educational activities during the summer. Research spanning 100 years shows that students typically score lower on

standardized tests at the end of summer vacation than they do on the same tests at the beginning of the summer.

- ♦ Most students lose about two months of grade level equivalency in mathematical computation skills over the summer months. Low-income students also lose more than two months in reading achievement, despite the fact that their middle-class peers make slight gains.summerlearning.site-ym.com

Storytimes at the Libraries

Bradford Co. Public Library

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays—10am

Summer Program

Thursdays—11am

Toddler Time

Fridays—11am

904-368-3911

Union Co. Public Library

Summer Program

Thursdays—10am

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 of the Month

Laura Numeroff: Birthday—July 14, 1953

Laura Numeroff grew up in Brooklyn, with her mother, father and two older sisters. Her house was filled with books, art, music and folk dancing. She at-

tended Pratt Institute and graduated with a degree in communications and a contract for her first children's book, *AMY FOR SHORT*, published in 1975 by Macmillan.

A New York Times

best-selling children's book author, Laura is best known for the series based on her book *IF YOU GIVE A MOUSE A COOKIE*. First printed in 1985, "Mouse" is beyond its

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Books to Share

Cowboy Camp

By: Tammi Sauer

Giddyup, kids,
and gallop right



over to read this rootin' tootin' tale of an unlikely would-be hero. Avery's at camp, trying hard to saddle up and master his lasso, but he's just not like the other cowboys. He's allergic to the horses and can't stand the grub. But when a bully threatens all the campers, Avery proves his mettle in his own unique way. Young readers will have lots of fun with the story's lively language and wildly humorous pictures.

Why Cowboys Sleep With Their Boots On

By: Laurie Lazzaro Knowlton

Young cowpokes everywhere will take a shine to this rib-ticklin' tale of Slim Jim Watkins and his vanishing wardrobe. Every night when the tired cowboy disrobes and stretches out on his bedroll for some shut-eye, thieving varmints emerge from the darkness. First, a pair of slithering snakes boost his britches, then his bandana's lifted by a coyote. When an armadillo

makes off with his hat, Slim finally cottons to the shenanigans and wisely opts to sleep fully clothed.

Cowboy Bunnies

By: Christine Loomis

Cowboy bunnies wake up early ride their ponies hurly burly off they go, on the range, whooping and hollering, roping cows, mending fences, tossing hay. But when their work is finally done, then the bunnies go have some fun -- grab a partner, little or big, dance to the music, jiggy jig! Until they begin to rub their eyes, and it's back on home with sleepy sighs. Then, while mamas sing lullabies, papas softly harmonize, and off to bed go the cowboy bunnies -- until the next sunrise.

Another Rumpus!

By: Nick Ward

Right in the middle of a very scary monster sort of dream, Rumpus wakes up. He wakes up so suddenly that into his room tumbles....Jamie! Nick Ward's adora-



ble Rumpus is back in this superbly sweet sequel to A Rumpus in the Night! Join Jamie for another Rumpus adventure with a Brouhaha and Hulla-baloo too!

Even Monsters Need Haircuts

By: Matthew McElligott

Just before midnight, on the night of a full moon, a young barber stays out past his bedtime to go to work. Although his customers are mostly regulars, they are anything but normal--after all, even monsters need haircuts. Business is steady all night, and this barber is prepared for anything with his scissors, rotting tonic, horn polish, and stink wax. It's a tough job, but someone's got to help these creatures maintain their ghoulish good looks.



Author of the Month

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60th printing. The fourth book in the series, **IF YOU TAKE A MOUSE TO THE MOVIES** was on the New York Times Children's Best Seller list for five months—nine weeks at number one.

An avid animal lover and foodie, Laura's released her newest book **RAISING A HERO**. It is the first of the **Work for Biscuits**

series celebrating dogs with incredible jobs.

In 2000, **IF YOU GIVE A PIG A PANCAKE** was featured on the Oprah show three times, and was recommended by Oprah's first kids book club, as well as being noted as Oprah's favorite children's book of the year on her Christmas show. "PIG" was also on Publisher's Weekly Bestseller

List for over a year. In addition, the series has sold over 4.5 million copies, been printed in fourteen languages, and won the prestigious Quill Award in picture book category.

When not writing, Laura takes French lessons, reads to children in hospitals and considers herself a book and movie fanatic.amazon.com