

Storytime Newsletter

Baker, Bradford, Union County Libraries

June – National Safety Month

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Teaching children water safety is a key part of reducing child drownings. In Florida, drownings are one of the leading causes of child deaths.



The following information is important to teach to children.

- **Never go near the water without an adult.**

While swimming can be fun, it's important for young children to know that the fun can't begin until a "Water Watcher" is present. Once an adult is watching, summer swimming fun can

start. Drowning can happen quickly and quietly, which is why actively watching your swimmer is a necessity. Make sure your child knows never to go near the water alone and to always have a swimming partner. Prevent unsupervised water access by installing barriers around your pool or hot tub and remove any pool toys that could attract children to the water.

- **Wear a lifejacket.**

Life jackets should be worn at all times while in a boat, raft, inner tube or on a dock. If a child cannot swim or is an inexperienced swimmer, lifejackets should

be utilized at all times while in the water.

- **Learn how to swim.**

Swimming Lessons have been shown to reduce drowning incidents, which is why the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children ages 4 and older learn to swim. Even if your child has taken swimming lessons, never assume that their risk of drowning has subsided.

- **If there is an emergency, call 9-1-1 or find an adult.**

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Storytimes at the Libraries

A wealth of programs at the libraries this summer for children.

Check online for a schedule

www.newriver.lib.fl.us/summer-program-schedules-2015/

or pick up a schedule at the library.



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-Illustrator of the Month

Eric Carle: Birthday — June 25, 1929

Eric Carle started drawing when he was a little boy and has asserted that he "will never stop being a scribbler." Born in Syracuse, New York, in 1929, he spent his early childhood in America before moving to Germany at the age of six. Carle

learned German and studied at the prestigious Academy of Visual Arts before fulfilling his dream of returning to the U.S. in 1952. After working as a graphic designer and art director of an advertising agency, Carle collaborated with Bill Martin, Jr. on **Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?**, launching his remarkable career as

a beloved children's book illustrator. Since then Carle has also written and illustrated many well-known titles such as **The Grouchy Ladybug** and **The Very Hungry Caterpillar**, which has been translated into more than 30 languages.

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Books to Share

On Top of Spaghetti

By: Paul Brett Johnson

This favorite children's song, belted out around campfires for over forty years, is now a rollicking, sing-along book! On top of spaghetti, All covered with cheese, I lost my poor meatball, When somebody SNEEZED . . .

Chicks and Salsa

By: Aaron Reynolds

A rooster with culinary inclinations introduces his barn mates to south-western cooking in this story punctuated with Reynolds' "wry, snappy text and the kind of knowing, running jokes that kids love, while Bogan's fiesta-bright comic watercolors evoke the spirit of vintage Warner Bros. animation," wrote Publishers Weekly.

Cook-A-Doodle-Do!

By Janet Stevens

Big Brown Rooster is sick of chicken feed. So along with his friends--Turtle, Iguana, and Potbellied Pig--he sets out to make the most magnificent strawberry shortcake in the whole wide world. But there's one problem: none of his friends knows how to cook! The team bravely forges ahead, and with Rooster's help, they learn how to measure flour (not with a ruler) and

how to beat an egg (not with a baseball bat). But can they keep Pig from gobbling up all the ingredients? Take an old family recipe, add four funny friends, and mix in some hilarious cooking confusion and you have a picture book treat for children of all ages!

Chicken Little

By: Steven Kellogg

"The sky is falling! The sky is falling!" Chicken Little and her feathered friends are all aflutter when she gets a mysterious bump on the head. Steven Kellogg's hilarious retelling and irresistible illustrations bring fresh delight to this timeless classic of chain reaction panic.

Gator Gumbo: A Spicy-Hot Tale

By: Candace Fleming

Borrowing from the classic tale about the Little Red Hen, Fleming cooks up a spicy brew about a crafty alligator who isn't spry enough to catch the critters taunting him, but has little trouble outwitting them. When Monsieur Gator decides to make a pot of gumbo, he asks Possum, Otter, and Skunk for help. They snicker, snort, and snap their refusals, but when Ga-

tor wonders who will help him eat the stew, the hungry critters all cry, Me! Me! With much pleasure, Gator notes that he did all the work, "So now I'm gonna eat the gumbo all by myself." But that isn't the end of the hungry gator's revenge; Possum, Otter, and Skunk are in for a big, messy surprise.

Marsupial Sue Present the Runaway Pancake

By: John Lithgow

"I'm too fast, you're too slow. Pan, pan, patty-cake pan, I can get away from you, I can!" The much-loved story of the Runaway Pancake who pops out of the oven and is sure he can escape all who want to eat him, is given a new spin when Marsupial Sue and her friends put on a play version for their neighborhood.

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Make sure your child knows to call for help or find an adult when trouble occurs. When watching a child swim, always make sure to have a phone nearby in order to call 911 if a dangerous situation arises. Stress the importance of staying away from pool drains and suction fittings in order to have a

safe swimming experience.
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