

# Storytime Newsletter

Baker, Bradford, Union County Libraries

## June – Internet Safety Month

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The Internet has drastically changed the way that children interact with the world. They have access to in-depth knowledge, tools to express their creativity, and people from all over the world. Yet along with offering a fascinating, new way to connect with the world, the Internet also offers new risks.

Below are some tips and discussion starters to help you begin a dialogue about safety with your children.

**Tips:** Learn the basics of Internet safety. Children use a variety of online services, and each of these services can have different safety concerns. However, there are some basic tips which you

can employ no matter how your children use the Internet.

- Keep the computer in a high-traffic area of your home.
- Establish limits for which online sites children may visit and for how long.
- Remember that Internet technology can be mobile, so make sure to monitor cell phones, gaming devices and laptops.
- Surf the Internet with your children and let them show you what they like to do online.
- Know who is connecting with your children online and set rules for social networking, instant

- messaging, online gaming, e-mailing, and using webcams.

- Continually dialogue with your children about online safety.

### Discussion Starters:

- What are your favorite things to do online?
- What is personal information? Why should you keep it private?
- What could you do to be safer online?
- What would you do if anyone online asked to meet you face-to-face?
- Besides me, who do you feel that you can talk to if you are in a scary or uncomfortable situation?

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### Storytimes at the Libraries

#### **Bradford Co. Public Library**

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays—10am

June 22 & 29

Summer Program

Thursdays - 11am

June 23 & 30

904-368-3911

#### **Union Co. Public Library**

Summer Program

Thursdays—10am

June 16, 23 & 30

386-496-3432

### **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)

## Author of the Month

### **Judy Sierra:**

Birthdate—June 8, 1945

I took the log-cut to being an author. Out of college I did temporary work in offices and libraries, while at night, I wrote poetry and made strange life forms from cloth. When I teamed up with a puppeteer Bob

Kaminski (my husband), I was able to bring my cloth creations to life. We began performing on the streets of San Francisco, at Renaissance fairs, and at schools. After attending a workshop on Balinese shadow puppetry, we traveled to Bali and Java to learn ancient

techniques from modern masters, and we adapted material from American folklore to the shadow screen. I became so fascinated by the power of ancient myth and folktale to engage a modern audience that I enrolled in (continued on page 2)

# Books to Share

## **Terrible, Awful, Horrible Manners!**

By: Beth Bracken

Peter takes pride in being rude and gross. He doesn't think manners are important at all. But when his family starts to use bad manners, Peter gets a reality check.

## **Manners Matter**

By: Marc Brown

Binky thinks rude rules—until Arthur and his friends come up with a clever plan to prove that manners really do matter.

## **This Little Piggy's Book of Manners**

By: Kathryn Madeline Allen

*"This little piggy said 'please' and 'thank you.' This little piggy closed his mouth while he ate. This little piggy forgot. Oops! Just like little piggies, it's easy for young children to sometimes forget their manners. Here's a jaunty picture book that will make the learning experience all the more fun.*

## **Nicolas, Where Have You Been?**

By: Leo Lionni

When the young mouse Nicolas sets out across the great meadow alone in search of ripe red berries, he is grabbed up by the claws of a huge bird and carried high into the sky. But that is only the beginning of Nicolas's adventure. How he gets the berries he was hoping to find, and learns to trust the very creatures he thought were his enemies, makes this Leo Lionni fable one that young children will want to hear again and again.

## **Has Anyone Seen Winnie And Jean?**

By: E. B. McHenry

Two beloved dogs, Winnie and Jean, have dug beneath the fence, escaped, and run off for some fun! While Winnie and Jean romp across the green and eat barbecue, two distraught children and an entire police force search far and wide. Will they ever be found? Will they ever come home? Well, yes. . . until they get the itch to run off again. Winnie! Jean!

## **Skippyjon Jones—Lost in Spice**

By: Judith Byron Schachner

The *New York Times* bestselling kitty boy blasts off into another hilarious adventure. Buckle up, amigos—everyone's favorite kitty boy is about to lift off. You'll want to be there when the brave Skippito gets lost in spice! That's right, spice. Skippy knows—from his big ears to his toes—that the planet Mars is red because it's covered in spicy red pepper. To prove it, he's off on a space jaunt replete with craters, crazies, and creatures from Mars. His new adventure is packed with witty wordplay, Spanish phrases, and Judy Schachner's trademark hilarity. This rollicking romp is simply out of this world.

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## Author of the Month

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the Folklore and Mythology Program at UCLA, where I received my Ph.D. While I was a student there, I attended a talk by the author-illustrator Uri Shulevitz, and heard him say that a picture book is like a small theater. A puppet theater is also a small theater, I thought. I can do that! My first children's books were adaptations of folktales, and soon, I was able to incorporate my lifelong habit of writing poetry into

my work. ....goodreads.com

Judy Sierra's picture book texts have won the E. B. White Read-Aloud Award, Patents' Choice awards, Children's Choice awards, Reader's Choice awards from many of the 50 state and have been named Notable Books by the American Library Associations.

Judy's newest picture book is E-I-E-I-O: How Old MacDonald Got His Farm (With a Little Help from a Hen). "Kids have been singing about Old

Mac for fifty years or more, but until now, no one has explained how he got that farm of his. After a bit of sleuthing, combined with spoofing, I discovered that the agricultural legend owes a lot to a famous chicken, the Little Red Hen, who helped him turn an annoying lawn into a productive organic farm, complete with farmstand."

Judy Sierra has been writing for children for 25 years. She lives with her husband in Portland, Oregon.

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