

# Storytime Newsletter

Baker, Bradford, Union County Libraries

## March – Sing With Your Child Month

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It is no accident that we celebrate Sing With Your Child Month in March—a month symbolizing rebirth and growth, which reminds us of your most precious resource—our children. When looking for activities to do with your children, remember that singing and making music doesn't cost a dime—and it supports your children's development, too.

The importance of parents actively making music with their children cannot be stressed enough. Music education is integral to children's overall development. In fact, a number of studies suggest that parents who make music with their children will help them develop better linguistic and cognitive capabilities. Childhood music

development is a natural process, just like language development, and the model of a music-making parent is essential to the child's musical growth.

As parents, we have only a finite amount of time to connect with our children before they grow up. When we take the time to sing and make music as a family we form everlasting bonds, which ultimately allow our children to feel safe and secure as they grow.

Music learning supports all learning by promoting creativity, personal expression, and social interaction.

The beauty is that making music with children does not require special skills or "musical talent." In fact, this may be the

one time in your life when the audience (e.g. your children) will always be thrilled with your participation—and want more! These experiences will live in your children's memories for the rest of their lives and help them develop all the necessary qualities to grow into loving and confident adults.

The impact of singing and making music with your child is immeasurable, and the rewards of this simple act will help us make the world a much better place than it is now. Sing a song, grab a drum (or even a plastic bowl and wooden spoon!) and join us as we celebrate Sing With Your Child Month this March! [...heartsonmusic.net](http://...heartsonmusic.net)



## Illustrator of the Month

**Randolph Caldecott:** Birthday—March 22, 1846

Mr. Caldecott was truly one of our great nineteenth century artists, yet most of us today know him best for his contribution to children's literature

through his ageless illustrations, and the Caldecott Medal, given annually in his honor.

Throughout his life the artist had modeled in clay. He also worked in oil, and exhibited at the Royal Academy in

London.

A friend of Mr. Caldecott, Fredrick Locker-Lampson, summed up Randolph Caldecott's work with these words: "It seems to me that Caldecott's art was of (continued on page 2)

### Storytimes at the Libraries

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

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays in March

10am and 1pm

Baby Rhymetime

Fridays in March

11am

904-368-3911

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

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays in March

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](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

## Polar Bear Cub

By: Jacqueline Moody-Luther

Polar Bear Cub wakes up after a long winter's sleep. It is time to go out and explore the world! But soon, the polar bear family must journey south, toward land. Will Polar Bear Cub make it across the frigid ice and freezing water?

## Ice Bear and Little Fox

By: Jonathan London

When Ice Bear spends his first year away from his mother and hunts for food on his own, an Arctic fox tags along in order to feed on the polar bear's leftovers. After many months of this arrangement, Little Fox is able to repay his huge companion by barking a warning to him that killer whales, one of the bear's few predators, are moving toward him. The story ends with winter approaching and Ice Bear now being followed by two companions, Little Fox and his mate.

## Little Polar Bear

By: Hans De Beer

It's a big day for the little polar bear Lars! His father takes him hunting for the very first time, and that night he is

so tired from all his lessons that he falls fast asleep. He sleeps so soundly that he doesn't hear the ice crack, doesn't feel himself slowly drift away from his father and the North Pole - he doesn't realize that his adventures have just begun.

## Bad Boys

By: Margie Palatini

Wally and Willy are on the lam again. But as Willimina and Wallanda, they're free and clear . . . or are they? These cleverly disguised wolves think they can fool an entire flock with their womanly wool-wear, but three savvy sheep expose their plan. It looks like another close shave for these baa-aad boys!

## Chicken Little

By: Steven Kellogg

Chicken Little and her feathered friends are all aflutter when she gets a mysterious bump on the head. "Call the police!" she cries. But little does she know that the policeman who arrives is really Foxy Loxy in disguise—and he would rather have Chicken Little for dinner than save her from danger!

## Chicks and Salsa

By Aaron Reynolds

What happens at Nuthatcher Farm when the chickens get tired of the same old chicken feed? The rooster hatches a plan! With a pinch of genius, a dash of resourcefulness, and a little pilfering from the farmer's garden, the chickens whip up a scrumptious snack of chips and salsa. When the rest of the barnyard gets a whiff of the spicy smells and want to join in, it can mean only one thing . . . FIESTA! But when the big day arrives, all their spicy southwestern supplies are gone! Could Mr. and Mrs. Nuthatcher have caught on to the flavor craze?



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a quality that appears about once in a century. It had delightful characteristics most happily blended. He had a delicate fancy, and his humor was as racy as it was refined. He had a keen sense of beauty and to sum up all, he had charm."

Fifty-two years after Caldecott's death in St. August-

tine, Florida, Mr. Frederic G. Melcher established the Caldecott Medal. It was first awarded in 1938. A committee each year selects the most distinguished picture book by an American artist published during the preceding year, and the medal is presented at the annual meeting of the American Library Association. The award

serves a double purpose as it honors an artist in the field of Children's Literature and it also helps to keep the memory of Randolph Caldecott alive! .....rcsamerica.com

