

Storytime Newsletter

Baker, Bradford, Union County Libraries

May—Get Caught Reading Month

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Get Caught Reading is a nationwide campaign to remind people of all ages how much fun it is to read. Get Caught Reading is supported by the Association of American Publishers (AAP). Launched in 1999, "Get Caught Reading" is the brainchild of former Congresswoman Pat Schroeder, President and Chief Executive Officer of AAP, the industry association representing book publishers. She saw the opportunity to spread the word about the joys of reading through an industry-supported

literacy campaign.

Literacy Facts:

- ◆ 44 million adults in the U.S. can't read well enough to read a simple story to a child.
- ◆ More than 20 percent of adults read at or below a fifth-grade level—far below the level needed to earn a living wage.
- ◆ Children who have not developed some basic literacy skills by the time they enter school are 3-4 times more likely to drop out in later years.

- ◆ Students who reported having all four types of reading materials (books, magazines, newspapers, encyclopedias) in their home scored, on average, higher than those who reported having fewer reading materials.
- ◆ So strong is the link between literacy and being a useful member of society that some states use grade-level reading statistics as a factor in projecting

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Author of the Month

Margaret Wise Brown: Bunny.

Birthday—May 23, 1910

Margaret Wise Brown wrote hundreds of books and stories during her life, but she is best known for **Good-night Moon**, **Big Red Barn** and **Runaway**

Margaret loved animals. Most of her books have animals as characters in the story. She liked to write books that had a rhythm to them, so many of her books rhyme or repeat

a word pattern. She liked to place a hard word into a story or poem because she thought this made children think harder when they are reading.

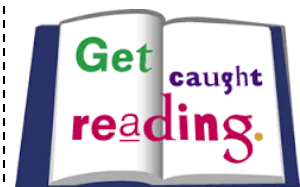
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Storytimes at the Libraries

Storytimes are on hiatus during May as we plan for summer programs for children.

Check back for a summer program schedule.

www.newriver.lib.fl.us



TumbleBooks

Online book service, watch a picture book or read along with the audio.

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Dial a Story

Stories for young children, changed weekly.

496-2542

or

1-888-4ATALE1

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Books to Share

Dancing Granny

By: Elizabeth Winthrop



Granny would rather stay at home in her nightie, but her insistent granddaughter dolls her up and drags her out to an after-hours party at the zoo. Once there, the woman becomes the belle of the ball, waltzing and twirling with monkeys, a rhino, and a particularly handsome bear. After hours of dancing, grandmother and granddaughter return home on the train, tuckered out but dreaming of the next wild celebration.

Cock-A-Doodle Dance!

By: Christine Tricarico



This rip-roaring tale begs to be read aloud. The animals' lives on a boring Texas farm are all work and no play. Then, the hilarious rooster catches a jitterbug, and a rollicking dance begins. After rocking out all night the barnyard is bushed and the farm is in disarray. Rooster again takes the lead, calling for a "Cock-a-Doodle Clean Up!"

Dancing With Daddy

By: Willy Welch



What Daddy could refuse those adoring eyes, that mischievous smile, and the irresistible request, "Dance with me, Daddy!" Told with energy and fun by songwriter and author Willy Welch, this story celebrates the unique bond between father and daughter as they discover the wonder of the world through a simple joyous dance.

Angry Dragon

By: Jane Bingham



When a little boy hears "no" from his mother one time too many, he feels his anger rising. It burns and builds, finally turning him into a giant dragon that destroys everything in its path. Nothing is safe: not toys or stuffed animals—not even Mom and Dad. But fortunately, a dragon's fire doesn't last forever.

When I Feel Angry

By: Cornelia Spelman



Anger is a scary emotion for young children, their parents, and caregivers. As this little bunny experiences the things that make her angry, she also learns ways to deal with her anger—ways that won't hurt others.

Hands Are Not For Hitting

By: Martine Agassi

Lets children learn that violence is never okay, that they can manage their anger and other strong feelings, and that they're capable of positive, loving actions—like playing, making music, learning, counting, healing, and taking care. This title includes a section for adults with activities and discussion starters.



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future prison construction.

- ◆ "Growing up without books is growing up deprived and with a deprivation that puts one a risk for failure." Dr. Perri Klass, Asst. Professor of Pediatrics, Boston University School of Medicine.

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She tried to write the way children wanted to hear a story, which often isn't the same way an adult would tell a story. She also taught illustrators to draw the way a child saw things and once gave two puppies to an illustrator to use as models. The illustrator painted many pictures one day and then fell asleep. When he woke up, the papers he painted on were bare. The puppies had licked all the paint off the paper!

She once stated that the author of a book didn't seem important to her as a

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child; it was the story that was important. As she once said of writing, "One can but hope to make a child laugh or feel clear and happy-headed as he follows the simple rhythm to its logical end. It can jog him with the unexpected and comfort him with the familiar, lift him for a few minutes from his own problems of shoelaces that won't tie, and busy parents and mysterious clock time, into the world of a bug or a bear or a bee or a boy living in the timeless world of a story."

.....margaretwisebrown.com