

Storytime Newsletter

Baker, Bradford, Union County Libraries

Reading Increases Your Child's Confidence

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Like a light bulb suddenly turning on, your Pre-K child has awakened to a universe of Pre-K reading including letters, words, and ideas. You can help that light shine brighter and longer with a specific Pre-K reading plan. It does make a difference: children who partake in early literacy activities have more confidence than children whose Pre-K reading is not supported. Increased confidence will enable him to socialize better with adults and other children. See the tips below to encourage reading and brighten your child's future successes!

Read at least 20-30 minutes to your child every day — Reading to

your child every day will help her have a longer attention span and better listening skills. It complements what she's learning in Pre-K, which is typically focused on listening and attention. If she is able to sit and listen for longer periods as a reader, she will have the skills necessary to sustain her own reading for longer periods of time, which is imperative during the elementary school years.

Use rich vocabulary — Pre-K reading should include a focus on words. Using rich language enables children to better express themselves. You can help your reader by deliberately using a wide variety of words when you have conversations

with him. Explain that the sunflower is not just "big", but it's "gigantic". Tell him he didn't just do a "good" job putting his toys away—he did a "marvelous" job cleaning up.

Point out letters — Pre-K reading has a direct relationship with Kindergarten writing. When your child notices specific letters, she will have a better chance of being able to write these letters, and later combine them into written words. You can help your child by choosing a letter each day with her, and making a game of finding this letter in as many places as possible.scholastic.com

Storytimes at the Libraries

Bradford Co. Public Library

Preschool Storytime
Wednesdays in November
10am and 1pm
Toddler Time
Fridays in November
11am
904-368-3911

Union Co. Public Library

Preschool Storytime
Thursdays in November
10am and 1pm
386-496-3432

Closed Holidays

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)

November — Picture Book Month

Why Picture Books Are Important

by Debbie Ridpath Ohi

As we get older, I think we start to forget how much picture books and the read-aloud experience affected our younger selves, how certain picture books helped shape us into who we are today. Picture books are

important because childhood is important. Picture books help inspire today's young people into becoming tomorrow's thought leaders. Picture books help create a lifelong love of reading.

Picture books enable even the busiest of us to enjoy a good story in just a few minutes. In a world

where so much is rushed, picture books encourage us to slow down and savor.

While many of us enjoy and appreciate picture books throughout the year, it's nice to have an excuse to throw an extra special party during November.
...picturebookmonth.com

Books to Share

Silly Doggy!

By: Adam Stower

When Lily looks out of her bedroom window, she finds the best surprise ever: her very own lost dog! But this is no normal puppy--this is actually a lost, lovable bear!

Nevertheless, Lily and Doggy quickly become fast friends. However, Lily's mommy knows that every lost dog has a home of its own with people who miss it dearly. So Lily creates a "Found Dog" poster about their fantastic day together. But what happens if someone actually claims Doggy?

Who Wants A Cheap Rhinoceros?

By: Shel Silverstein

Looking for a new pet? Bored with cats, dogs, goldfish, gerbils, and hamsters? How about a cheap rhinoceros?

Shel Silverstein's loving look at the joys of rhino ownership may convince you to be the one lucky kid to take home this very, very unusual pet.

Aarrghh! Spider!

By: Lydia Monks

Don't let this lonely spider frighten you! She just wants to be a family pet-

-and she thinks she would make a better pet than the typical dog or cat. But every time this clever spider tries to impress her chosen family, she scares them instead, until the day she unwittingly enchants them.



Turkey Trouble

By: Wendi J. Silvano

Turkey is in trouble. Bad trouble. The kind of trouble where it's almost Thanksgiving . . . and you're the main course. But Turkey has an idea--what if he doesn't look like a turkey? What if he looks like another animal instead? After many hilarious attempts, Turkey comes up with the perfect disguise to make this Thanksgiving the best ever!

A Turkey For Thanksgiving

By: Eve Bunting

Mr. and Mrs. Moose invite all their animal friends for Thanksgiving dinner and the only one missing is Turkey. When they set out to find him, Turkey is quaking with fear because he

doesn't realize that his hosts want him at their table, not on it.

Thanksgiving For Emily Ann

By: Teresa Johnston

Emily Ann doesn't like Thanksgiving, not one bit. With all the hustle and bustle of the holiday, she feels a little ignored . . . and just a little bit sad. But just as Emily Ann prepares to do her worst, her family comes together to show her what matters most about Thanksgiving: family.



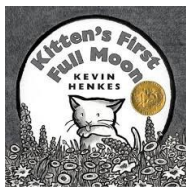
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Author/Illustrator of the Month

Kevin Henkes: Birthday—November 27, 1960

Kevin Henkes is the author and illustrator of close to fifty critically acclaimed and award-winning picture books, beginning readers, and novels. He received the Caldecott Medal for *Kitten's First Full Moon* in 2005. Kevin Henkes is



also the creator of a number of picture books featuring his mouse characters, including the #1 New York Times bestsellers *Lilly's Big Day* and *Wemberly Worried*, the Caldecott Honor Book *Owen*, and the beloved *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*. His most recent mouse character, Penny, was introduced in *Penny and Her Song* (2015); her story continued in *Penny and Her Doll* and *Penny and*

Her Marble (a Geisel Honor Book). Bruce Handy, in a New York Times Book Review piece about *A Good Day*, wrote, "It should be said: Kevin Henkes is a genius." Kevin Henkes received two Newbery Honors for novels—one for his newest novel for young readers, *The Year of Billy Miller*, and the other for *Olive's Ocean*. He lives with his family in Madison, Wisconsin.amazon.com