

Storytime Newsletter

Baker, Bradford, Union County Libraries

November - Child Safety Protection Month

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The goal of Child Safety Protection Month is to create awareness about the potential dangers children face in everyday situations and to use this new knowledge to prevent any dangers. This also deals with baby safety. As a parent, child safety is something that is often overlooked and relatable to personal safety. We try to protect our kids from all of the dangers of the outside World, but sometimes we forget about the dangers that kids face in their own homes. Childhood accidents put our kids lives at risk.

You know how Smokey

the Bear famously says: "Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires; Well, in child safety, as a parent; "Only You Can Prevent Childhood Accidents."

According to the National Network of Child Care, here's a few child safety tips and facts that you need to know about, such as:

- Some foods are difficult to chew such as hot dogs,

hard candies and nuts and cause 40% of all childhood choking deaths.

- Using child safety seats in the rear of the car, not the front seat.
- Putting outlet covers on outlets.

Have a safe Child Safety Protection Month!

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Nov. 20-26 – National Game & Puzzle Week

National Game & Puzzle Week is an annual American event, celebrated Sunday through Saturday of Thanksgiving Week.

The purpose of this event is to increase appreciation of board games and puzzles and to revive the tradition of

playing games together at home. Studies show that once families rediscover how much fun a good game night can be, it often becomes a new routine. Recent studies show that most moms would love to see their families spend more time

together enjoying each other's company and this is a great way to get started.

John Spilsbury is often said to be the inventor of the jigsaw puzzle, although he may have made the puzzle popular (continued on page 2)

Storytimes at the Libraries

Bradford Co. Public Library

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays

Nov. 2 & 9

10am

Baby Rhymetime

Friday

Nov. 4

11am

904-368-3911

Union Co. Public Library

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays

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)

Books to Share

Thanksgiving Graces

By: Mark Kimball Moulton

Here is a tale of a family Thanksgiving feast that grows and grows! A young boy looks on as his mom and grandma are busy getting dinner ready. Soon Dad arrives with a family friend, followed by his brother with his college roommate, an aunt and her child, and a friend with her mother and cousin in tow. As the little brother worries whether there will be enough for all, Grandma reminds him that the more we show our love and care, the more there always seems to be to share.

The Great Thanksgiving Escape

By: Mark Fearing

It's another Thanksgiving at Grandma's. Gavin expects a long day of boredom and being pestered by distantly related toddlers, but his cousin Rhonda has a different idea: make a break for it — out of the kids' room to the swing set in the backyard! Gavin isn't so sure, especially when they encounter vicious guard dogs (in homemade sweaters), a hallway full of overly affectionate aunts, and worse

yet, the great wall of butts! Will they manage to avoid the obstacles and find some fun before turkey time? Or will they be captured before they've had a taste of freedom?

Over The River: A Turkey's Tale

By: Derek Anderson

Over the river Mama, Papa, and Baby Turkey embark for their vegetarian Thanksgiving Feast. But when a hungry boy and his dog start sniffing around, the turkeys have got to think fast before they become the main course! Acclaimed artist Derek Anderson's glorious artwork adds heaps of holiday humor to Lydia Maria Child's classic Thanksgiving song. And readers will be wondering who gobbles up whom until the dessert finale.

Milli, Jack, And The Dancing Cat

By: Stephen Michael King
Inventive Milli makes fantastic creations from the things that others throw away. She is too shy, though, to share her flights of fancy with her neighbors, choosing instead to run a dull shoe shop. The-nack, a traveling minstrel, come to

town with his feline partner, Cat, and their music, free-spirited dancing, and friendship help give Milli the confidence to follow her imagination and produce wonderful inventions.

The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes

By: Mark Pett

Beatrice Bottomwell, as her many friends and admirers know, does everything just right, from making the perfect peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwich to juggling. But when she almost drops an egg in cooking class, she can't stop thinking about her "Almost Mistake," worrying that it will happen again. And happen it does—right in the middle of her big salt-shaker-hamster-water-balloon juggling act in the school talent show, when Beatrice makes her first error in a huge, public way. After surviving that, she learns to take chances and risks making more mistakes.

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instead of being its creator. He was probably the first commercial seller of jigsaw puzzles.

Spilsbury was an eighteenth century British mapmaker who decided to create a product to help children learn world geography. To make his puzzle, he glued one of his maps to a piece of wood and then sawed the wood into pieces. He's thought to have used a handheld fret saw to cut the wood. Children

had to join the wood pieces in the correct arrangement to reform the map.

Spilsbury's puzzles were known as dissections and first appeared around 1760. Unlike the case in modern jigsaw puzzles, the pieces of a dissection weren't interlocking, so they separated easily. The dissections were expensive and could only be afforded by wealthy families.

The use of jigsaw puzzles gradually

spread to other school subjects besides geography. At first, the puzzles were used only as educational tools for children.

Around 1820, games for adults appeared.

As an added benefit, puzzles are good for your brain. So have fun getting smarter while playing games and working puzzles this year! ...about.com