

Storytime Newsletter

Baker, Bradford, Union County Libraries

November – National Family Literacy Month

November 2017

National Family Literacy Month, organized by the National Center for Families Learning, takes place every November and celebrates the work that literacy programs do to empower families.

What is family literacy?

Family literacy describes parents and their children learning together. It underscores the importance of adult literacy by encouraging parents to prioritize their own education so they can be more involved in their children's learning and literacy development. Family literacy programs use a family-focused approach to

education, increasing the skills of the parents and the children together.

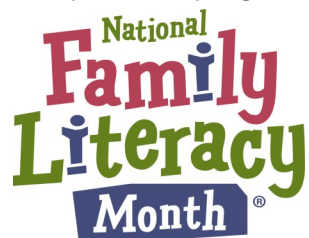
Why is family literacy important?

The single greatest indicator of children's success is the literacy level of their parents.

By the age of 3, children born into low-income families have heard roughly 30 million fewer words than their more affluent peers. The average child whose family is on welfare hears 616 words per hour compared to the average child in a professional family who hears 2,153 words per hour. This is important because vocabulary development

during the preschool years is related to later reading skills and school success in general.

Additionally, children of parents with low literacy skills have a 72% chance of being at the lowest reading levels themselves. These children are more likely to get poor grades, repeat school years, or even drop out. It's important that adults and their children improve their literacy skills together to break the cycle of poverty. Blog posted by Dee Carter @prolitteracy.org



Author/Illustrator of the Month

Jez Alborough:

Birthday – November 13, 1959

Jez Alborough was born in Kingston upon Thames, Surrey in 1959. As a young boy he was always very creative but it was not until

a guest brought him a box of crisp white paper, some pencils and a rubber eraser that he expressed his creativity in drawing. As Jez says, "It was an act of support and encourage-

ment which I have never forgotten. The identity of this guest remains to this day a mystery. I like to think he was my guardian angel."

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Storytime at the Libraries

Bradford Co. Public Library

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays

10am

Toddler Time

Fridays

11am

904-368-3911

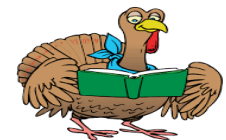
Union Co. Public Library

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays

10am and 1pm

386-496-3432



TumbleBooks

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

www.newriverlibrary.org/

Dial a Story

Stories for young children, changed weekly.

496-2542

or

1-888-428-2531

Books to Share

I Know An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Pie

By: Alison Jackson

Children will love this hilarious take-off on the popular cumulative poem "I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly". With its theme of feasting-gone-wild, it's the perfect Thanksgiving treat that will remain fresh all year long.



Thanksgiving Rules

By: Laurie Friedman
Percy Isaac Gifford's

Official Thanksgiving Decree: I officially command you to eat EVERYTHING you see! Percy knows just what to do to get the most out of this delicious holiday. And so will you if you follow his ten simple rules. From "the early bird gets the turkey" to "life is sweeter when you eat sweets," his rules will help you eat your way through the big meal. But is there more to Thanksgiving than stuffed turkey and sweet potatoes with marshmallows? See how Percy discovers the true recipe for a perfect Thanksgiving holiday.

Pete the Cat: The First Thanksgiving

By Kim Dean

A lift-the-flap book. Pete the Cat participates in a school play about the first Thanksgiving. He makes new friends and learns a lot about what it was like to be a Pilgrim and live off the land, as well as to be thankful for everything. Lift the flaps to see what other adventures and facts came about during the play.

Nuggett and Darling

By: Barbara M. Joesse

Nugget, a yellow mutt with expressive eyes, enjoys the companionship of a girl named Nell. But after Nugget finds a homeless kitten and Nell adopts it, their exclusive friendship changes forever. Nell lets the kitten, Darling, sleep on Nugget's golden rug; she even takes Darling into her treehouse, leaving an inconsolable Nugget on the ground below. Nell eventually finds a way to assuage her original pet, and the two animals learn to share their space.



I'm My Own Dog

By: David Ezra Stein

Many dogs have human owners. Not this dog. He fetches his own slippers, curls up at his own feet, and gives himself a good scratch. But there is one spot, in the middle of his back, that he just can't reach. So one day, he lets a human scratch it. And the poor little fella follows him home. What can the dog do but get a leash to lead the guy around with? Dog lovers of all ages will revel in the humorous role-reversal as this dog teaches his human all the skills he needs to be a faithful companion.

Go Away Dog

By: Joan L. Nodset

The big old dog wants to play. Can a little boy make him go away? "Go away, dog," the little boy says. "I don't like dogs." But the dog does not go away. Instead, it brings the boy a stick and wants to run races with him. Will an afternoon's play change the boy's mind?

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Author/Illustrator of the Month

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After secondary school, Jez went to Art School in Norwich—"three years in which I could draw, explore and grow up around other artists." After college, he spent two years chasing after editorial illustration commissions along with countless other art school graduates

until he found that being able to write as well as draw gave him a head start in the equally competitive world of children's books.

Jez has now written and illustrated over thirty picture books for children, he was runner up of the 1985 Mother Goose Award with his first book BARE BEAR. He

has also created many other celebrated books for children, including SOME DOGS DO—a story about a dog who can fly—and the bestselling Eddie and the Bear Books: WHERE'S MY TEDDY?, IT'S THE BEAR!, and MY FRIEND BEAR. Jez lives with wife in London. ...harpercollins.co.uk & scholastic.com