

# Storytime Newsletter

Baker, Bradford, Union County Libraries

## October 9-15 – Fire Prevention Week

October 2016

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1971.

In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation, and since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 falls. According to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center, Fire Prevention Week is the

longest running public health and safety observance on record. The President of the United States has signed a proclamation proclaiming a national observance during that week every year since 1925.

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "**Don't Wait — Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years,**" represents the final year of our three-year effort to educate the public about basic but essential elements of smoke alarm safety.

Why focus on smoke alarms three years in a row? Because National Fire Protection Association's survey data shows that the public has many misconceptions about smoke alarms, which may put them at increased risk

in the event of a home fire. For example, only a small percentage of people know how old their smoke alarms are, or how often they need to be replaced.

As a result of those and related findings, we're addressing smoke alarm replacement this year with a focus on these key messages:

- Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years.
- Make sure you know how old all the smoke alarms are in your home.
- To find out how old a smoke alarm is, look at the date of manufacture on the back of the alarm; the alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date.

...nfpa.org



### Storytimes at the Libraries

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

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays

10am

Baby Rhymetime

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.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)

## Author of the Month

**Eric A. Kimmel:** Birthday—October 30, 1946

Eric A. Kimmel was born in Brooklyn, New York. After graduating from Lafayette College in 1967, he worked as a teacher and librarian in New York and the United States Virgin Islands. In 1973 he completed

his doctorate in education at the University of Illinois. He and his wife Doris live in Portland, Oregon, where Dr. Kimmel was formerly Professor of Education at Portland State University.

A noted storyteller, Dr. Kimmel has performed for children and adults

throughout the United States. He is a nationally known authority on literature for children, as well as a frequent contributor to Cricket magazine. His many interests include bird watching, baking bread, brewing beer, spinning, traveling (continued on page 2)

# Books to Share

## The Lion And The Little Red Bird

By: Elisa Kleven

A little red bird is intrigued with the changing colors of the lion's tail, but her queries bring no response from the lion. He does enjoy her company, though, and one night, he rescues her during a storm. The bird is amazed by the pictures that cover the lion's cave, and she watches in fascination as the lion picks up his tail, dips it into a bowl of bright berry juice, and paints her picture on the wall.



## Lunch

By: Denise Fleming

It's time for lunch, and one little mouse is *famished!* In fact, he's so hungry that once he starts eating, he can't stop. He sinks his teeth into a crisp *white* turnip, gobbles up some *orange* carrots, devours an ear of *yellow* corn, then tosses back some tender *green* peas. He's full, but this mouse keeps on munching until his bulging belly won't hold another bite.

## My Crayons Talk

By: Patricia Hubbard

Colors, feeling, images, and words jostle and bounce off one another in this lively picture book, creating as much fun as any box of crayons has ever had.

## Clever Chameleon

By: Alison Lodge

The animals of the African jungle are playing hide-and-seek! As young readers turn the pages of this colorful adventure story, they will learn how animals hide and disguise themselves in different surroundings. There's also the added fun of finding the clever chameleon hiding on every spread! Kids will love to search for a variety of animals in the pages of this colorful picture book.



## Hiccupotamus

By: Steve Smallman

The jungle animals are having a musical celebration! Mouse squeaks, Bird tweets, and Centipede taps his feet. Then more animals hear the music

and want to join in, as Monkey, Wart-hog, and Crocodile bring their own music-making talents to the group. But what is that silly Hippo doing?

## Watch Out! Big Bro's Coming!

By: Jez Alborough

Word is out that rough, tough, Big Bro is coming. The news spreads quickly through the jungle, sending all the animals into hiding. Finally, brave mouse volunteers to creep out and have a look, returning with the warning that he is indeed coming! When tiny mouse's older sibling appears, all the animals are humiliated. Nevertheless, the "Boo" that Big Bro roars manages to startle them all, and they concede to little mouse that he is indeed rough and tough.

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by train, and riding horses. His latest accomplishment is learning to play the banjo.

"I love old things: old books, old pictures, old tools, old songs, and especially old stories. My earliest memories are of my grandmother telling me stories she remembered from her own childhood in Europe. The best present I ever received was a volume of *Grimm's Fairy Tales*, which I loved so much that I literally read it to pieces. Some-

how, I always knew that I was going to be a writer when I grew up, and that I would share the stories I loved so much with others."

"Sometimes someone will say, 'But you changed the story!' Of course I did. I always do. So does every storyteller. Stories aren't dead relics, preserved in a jar or stuffed and put into a glass case for people to gawk at. They are alive, and like all living things they grow and change. You are not the same person you were yester-

day. You are not the person you will be tomorrow. So it is with stories. They change each time they are told. They change with each teller. They change as they move across continents and generations. That is why I find being a teller of tales so exciting. It allows me to add something of myself to each story, just as each story adds something of itself to me." ....scholastic.com