

# Storytime Newsletter

Baker, Bradford, Union County Libraries

## September — Library Card Sign-up Month

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This September, Snoopy, the world-famous beagle, who has been known as The Flying Ace, The Masked Marvel and Man's Best Friend, will add a new title to his resume as Honorary Chair of Library Card Sign-up Month. As Honorary Chair, Snoopy will remind parents and caregivers, children and teens that the coolest

card of all is a library card! Libraries play an important role in the education and development of children. Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning.

Library Card Sign-up Month is a time when libraries across the country remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all. Thousands of public and school libraries join together each fall in a national effort to ensure every child signs up for their own library card. ...ala.org

### Storytimes at the Libraries

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

Preschool Storytime  
Wednesdays

September 16, 23 & 30  
10am and 1pm

Baby Rhymetime  
Fridays

September 18 & 25  
11am

904-368-3911

#### **Union Co. Public Library**

Preschool Storytime

Thursday September 24  
10am and 1pm

386-496-3432



## Author/Illustrator of the Month

**Robert McCloskey:**  
Birthday—September 15, 1914

Robert McCloskey used to describe his writing career as "sort of an accident." The two-time winner of the Caldecott Medal nev-

er intended to have stories accompany his pictures: They just happened on their own. "I really think up stories in pictures and just fill in between the pictures with a sentence or a paragraph or a few

pages of words." Those words, in *Lentil*, *Blueberries for Sal*, *Make Way for Ducklings*, and *One Morning in Maine*, have made McCloskey a wildly popular author (continued on page 2)

### **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)

# Books to Share

## Little Mouse And The Big Red Apple

By: A. H. Benjamin

Mouse does not want to share his big, juicy apple but he is too small to move it on his own. Can he get his friends to help and still eat it all himself?

## Terrible, Awful, Horrible Manners!

By: Beth Bracken

Peter takes pride in being rude and gross. He doesn't think manners are important at all. But when his family starts to use bad manners, Peter gets a reality check.

## Hurty Feelings

By: Helen Lester

Fragility was a solid piece of work. But despite her sturdy exterior, Fragility was fragile. Anything and everything hurt her feelings. In the most benign compliment, Fragility heard an insult. No one could even say she looked nice without evoking images of big, squishy cupcakes--since they are also nice--and causing Fragility to flop on the ground and weep. Fragility's friends stop speaking to

her for fear of another fit, but Rudy, a very rude bully, has other ideas. In the face of real insults, will Fragility finally learn to take a compliment?

## Owlet's First Flight

By: Mitra Modarressi

Though reluctant to leave the nest and fly on his own, Little Owlet listens to his mama's encouragement; gathers his courage; and takes flight. The timid fledgling is initially spooked by the shadows he sees and the sounds he hears, but he gradually becomes comfortable flying alone at night. At daybreak, he returns to his nest and his proud mama.

## While The World Is Sleeping

By: Pamela Duncan Edwards

Spend the night on an exploration with foxes, porcupines, raccoons, fish, mice, and more as their day begins while the rest of the world is fast asleep. Fly across the night on a snowy owl as you glide over meadows, lakes, forests, and rivers with only the moon to light the way.

## Owl Moon

By: Jane Yolen

A girl and her father go owling on a moonlit winter night near the farm where they live. Here and there, hidden in ink-blue shadows, a fox, raccoon, field mouse and deer watch them pass. An air of expectancy builds as Pa imitates the Great Horned Owl's call once without answer, then again. From out of the darkness "an echo came threading its way through the trees."



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(continued from page 2) and illustrator—something he never intended either.

Robert McCloskey died on June 30, 2003, in Deer Isle, Maine. His books are still read by thousands of parents and children; because of him kids from Ohio can read about blueberry picking in Maine, and children in Maine can pretend they play

harmonica for their Ohio town. Though he started out as a musician and inventor, and then became an artist, McCloskey found another passion in writing. He once told an interviewer that publishing *Lentil* was more exciting than winning the Caldecott Medals: "...it was as though I was sort of tied up in a paper bag or in a gunny sack with a

rope around the neck of it, and all of a sudden...everything sort of spilled out! Voom!" ....orrrt.org

