

Storytime Newsletter

Baker, Bradford, Union County Libraries

Library Card Sign-up Month

September 2016

Today's libraries are about more than books. They are creative educational spaces for learners from birth to high school and beyond. September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time for the American Library Association and public libraries nationwide to make sure that every student has the most important school supply of all—a free library card.

Librarians provide important resources to families whose children are at the earliest stages of development, by teaching parents

and caregivers the components of early literacy which help children develop the basic tools for school readiness. As of 2010, libraries in the United States offered more than 2.3 million children's programs, which account for nearly two thirds of all library programming.

Older students can access high-speed Internet, digital tools and the opportunity to work with trained professionals on how to use them. Librarians provide guided training in digital media and

grow digital literacy skills. Libraries also provide equity of access to digital tools and media, which has become increasingly important in high-poverty areas where students are less likely to have a computer or internet access in the home.

Resources are available to anyone who has a library card. Students can turn to the library for materials, programs and knowledgeable library staff that support academic achievement. ...ala.org

Storytimes at the Libraries

Bradford Co. Public Library

Preschool Storytime
Wednesdays

10am

Baby Rhymetime

Fridays

Beginning

September 9th

11am

904-368-3911

Union Co. Public Library

Preschool Storytime

Thursday

September 22 & 29

10am and 1pm

386-496-3432



Author/Illustrator of the Month

Jim Arnosky: Birthday - September 1, 1946 An artist and naturalist, Jim Arnosky began his career in children's books as a response to the time when fears of Lyme disease took over the media and families were being discouraged from

spending time outdoors. Determined to share his enthusiasm for nature with kids, he began writing and illustrating the books that have proved so popular ever since, including *All About Rattlesnakes*, *All About Deer*, and other "All About"

books for Scholastic. Arnosky advises sensible precautions when exploring outdoors—boots and a hat, for example—but emphasizes that curiosity and a spirit of discovery are the most important traits young (continued on page 2)

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

Cosmo Zooms

By: Arthur Howard

All of the dogs on Pumpkin Lane are really, really good at something--all of them, that is, except Cosmo. But when he mistakenly lies down on a skateboard, his afternoon nap turns into a wild, thrilling ride. And Cosmo discovers that he does indeed have one very special talent. Arthur Howard's humorous, tenderhearted story and lively watercolors of Cosmo and friends are sure to zoom into readers' hearts.



Milo Is Not A Dog Today

By: Kerstin Schoene

Milo is looking for a friend, but each animal he meets turns him down because he is a dog, and they only play with animals like them, e.g., "I only play with roosters who have magnificent feathers like me." Milo dresses up and pretends to conform, but the animals laugh and walk away. The pup doesn't give up, though, and, in an amusing twist at the end, he finally meets a kindred spirit, and the two play happily together from that day on.

Ball

By: Mary Sullivan

A dog with a ball is one of the most relentlessly hopeful creatures on Earth. After his best little-girl pal leaves for school, this dog hits up yoga mom, baby, and even the angry cat for a quick throw. No luck. Forced to go solo, the dog begins a hilarious one-sided game of fetch until nap-time's wild, ball-centric dream sequence. The pictures speak a thousand words in this comic book-style ode to canine monomania. Ball? Ball.

Mouse Went Out To Get A Snack

By: Lyn Rossiter McFarland

A small mouse almost gets away with stealing a large platter of delicacies laid out for a party, but at the last moment a watchful cat springs into action. The whole tray overturns on top of the feline, flattening him, while the mouse scampers safely back to his hole with a big slice of Swiss cheese. Interwoven into the text is a count-down of the morsels from the table, e.g., 1 piece of cheese, 2 plump plums, etc. Told in a minimum of words, the story is funny and clever, with plenty of action in the lively watercolor draw-

ings. It should satisfy even the youngest listeners, while appealing to older preschoolers as well.

1, 2, 3, Counting Rhymes

By: Matt Mitter

Children love stories that rhyme, and rhymes make learning easier and more fun. This is a counting book featuring rhyming text and animals on a farm.

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Bear Counts

By: Karma Wilson

Numbers and counting are so much fun with Bear in the second of a concept picture book series from the *New York Times* bestselling creators of *Bear's New Friend*. Numbers, numbers everywhere. Can you count along with Bear? Karma Wilson's spirited text and Jane Chapman's inviting illustrations make for a delightful introduction to numbers, perfect for young Bear fans.

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Author/Illustrator of the Month

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adventurers need to have with them at all time. A dedicated environmentalist, Arnosky refrains from making heavy-handed pronouncements in his children's books. Not only does he feel it's unfair to saddle young kids with worries about saving the earth, but he feels such pressure will make them reluctant to think positively about nature at all. "I prefer to

show rather than tell," he explains, "to teach rather than preach, to guide rather than simply warn. In showing by readers what I look for in my ramblings, I hope that they will keep an eye out for such things and make discoveries of their own when they are outdoors." Arnosky is known for his detailed, accurate illustrations, and his attention to detail makes it easy for children to see how carefully

nature has designed plants and animals to function in their natural habitats. In his many sketching and drawing books, he shares his techniques with youngsters, something he also enjoys doing with small groups of children. Arnosky lives with his family on a 20-acre farm in South Ryegate, Vermont.

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