

# Storytime Newsletter

Baker, Bradford, Union County Libraries

## January – National Mentoring Month

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Mentoring is a critical component in young people's lives, helping them make the decisions and connections that lead to improved opportunities.

Did you know:

- ◆ 1 in 3 kids are growing up without a mentor in their lives.
- ◆ 9 million kids in America grow up without a mentor's real life guidance.
- ◆ A mentor empowers young people to make smart choices that put them on a path to making better life decisions.
- ◆ Students who have

mentors are more likely to stay in school.

### WITH A MENTOR, AT-RISK YOUTH ARE:

- ⇒ 52% less likely than their peers to skip a day of school.
- ⇒ 55% more likely to be enrolled in college.
- ⇒ 46% less likely than their peers to start using drugs.
- ⇒ 81% more likely to report participating regularly in sports or extracurricular activities.
- ⇒ 78% more likely to volunteer regularly

in their communities.

⇒ 130% more than twice as likely to say that they held a leadership position in a club or sports team.

⇒ 90% Respondents who had a mentor said they are now interested in becoming mentors.

You can make a difference by becoming a mentor.

...mentoring.org



## Author of the Month

**Michael Bond:** Birthday- January 13, 1926  
English author Michael Bond has delighted children all over the world with his stories of Paddington the Bear. He began his series with *A Bear Called Paddington* in 1958, and has continued writing for decades

about the bear from Peru who lives with the Brown family. Bond's "Paddington" projects have ranged from picture and pop-up books for younger children to activity books, and Paddington has been featured in plays as well as television series and spe-

cial. The bear's appeal, according to critics is his ability to get into trouble and then manage to come out of it without any major harm being done.

Bond was born in Newbury, Berkshire, England. He grew up in a home (continued on page 2)

### Storytime at the Libraries

**Bradford Co. Public Library**

**Programs will begin the 2nd week of January.**

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays

10am

Toddler Time

Fridays

11am

904-368-3911

**TAKE YOUR CHILD**



**TO THE LIBRARY!**

### **TumbleBooks**

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

[www.newriverlibrary.org/](http://www.newriverlibrary.org/)

### **Dial a Story**

Stories for young children, changed weekly.

496-2542

or

(1-888-428-2531)

# Books to Share

## How To Babysit A Grandpa

By: Jean Reagan

A *New York Times* bestselling picture book--from the creators of the hilarious **HOW TO...** series--about a child spending time with his grandpa. Written in a how-to style, the narrator gives important tips for "babysitting" a grandpa, including what to eat for snack (anything dipped in ketchup, ice cream topped with cookies, cookies topped with ice cream) what to do on a walk (find lizards and dandelion puffs, be on the lookout for puddles and sprinklers), and how to play with a grandpa (build a pirate cave, put on a scary play). Filled with humor, energy, and warmth, this is perfect for lap reading when Grandpa comes to visit!

## Let's Dance, Grandma!

By: Nigel McMullen

More than anything, Lucy loves to dance. But her mother warns her not to try to dance when he grandma comes to visit, because grandmas simply do not dance. Together Lucy and her grandma play ball, hide-and-seek, cards, and even dress up. But what Lucy wants more than anything is to dance one dance with her grandma. Will she get her wish?

## Llama Llama Gram and Grandpa

By: Anna Dewdney

It's an exciting day for Llama Llama; he's going to visit Gram and Grandpa Llama and spend the night! His first night away from home and from Mama. But he makes sure to pack everything he needs. And there are so many fun things to do with Gram and Grandpa. It's not until he gets ready for bed that he realizes that he's forgotten something important. Fuzzy Llama! Fortunately, Grandpa Llama has a wonderful solution and soon Llama Llama is having sweet dreams.

## Ted

By: Tony DiTerlizzi

When Ted, an enormous creature with basset hound ears and twinkly little eyes, shows up at a suburban home, he and the boy who lives there get into all kinds of exuberant trouble.

## When A Dragon Moves In

By: Jodi Moore

On a beautiful day at the beach, a young boy brings his bucket, shovel, and imagination, and builds a perfect sand castle. Right away, a dragon moves in. The boy decides to befriend his dragon and they spend time roaming the shore, flying a kite, braving the waves, defying bullies, and roasting marshmallows—all while Dad is busy sunbathing and Mom is engrossed in her book. Unfortunately, no one be-

lieves the boy when he tries to share the news of this magnificent creature. That's when the mischief begins, and the dragon becomes a force to be reckoned with. Children will dissolve into giggles as the dragon devours every last sandwich, blows bubbles in the lemonade, and leaves claw prints in the brownies. Maybe the dragon really is running amok on the beach, or maybe it's a little boy's imagination that is running wild.

## Leon and Bob

By: Simon James

Leon is new in town and doesn't know anyone. That's when he makes friends with Bob. No one else can see Bob, but Leon knows he's there. One day a boy exactly Leon's age moves in next door. Leon would like to meet him, as long as Bob comes along. But suddenly Bob is gone. How alone Leon feels! Is he brave enough to make friends without Bob beside him?

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# Author of the Month

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where he was surrounded by books, and he began to read at an early age. His favorite books were *Bulldog Drummond* and *The Swiss Family Robinson*.

On Christmas Eve in 1957, Bond stopped in a London store to find a present for his wife. "On one of the shelves I came across a small bear looking, I thought, very sorry for himself as he was the only one who had not been sold," Bond

recalled in *Something about the Author Autobiography Series*. "I bought him and because we were living near Paddington station at the time, we christened him Paddington. He sat on a shelf of our one-roomed apartment for a while, and then one day when I was sitting in front of my typewriter staring at a blank sheet of paper wondering what to write, I idly tapped out the words 'Mr. and Mrs. Brown first met Paddington on

a railway platform. In fact, that was how he came to have such an unusual name for a bear, for Paddington was the name of the station.' It was a simple act, and in terms of deathless prose, not exactly earth shattering, but it was to change my life considerably....Without intending it, I had become a children's author."

Michael Bond, died on June 27, 2017, aged 91, in his London home after a short illness.

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