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There's Lots of Fun to be Had!

February 2024

Welcome to Imagination Library RVA's monthly e-newsletter. Below, you will find helpful information designed to keep you informed and connected to our community's ongoing work to promote literacy.

We are thrilled to have you as part of our growing family of readers!

You can also visit us at www.ImaginationLibraryRVA.org.



Converse With Your Child!

Your February 2024 reading tip



When you read a book together, it gives you something to talk about.

Ask a variety of questions:

Predictions: *What do you think is going to happen next?*

Feelings: *How does this scene make you feel?*

Interpretations: *Do you agree with what the author said on this page?*

Associations: *What does this picture make you think of?*

Don't ask all these questions all the time. Pay attention to what feels right. Sometimes your child won't want you to ask *any* questions. They'll just want you to keep reading, and that's a good thing!

Upcoming Community Partner Events

- Feb. 2**
 - Bilingual Story Time, Children's Museum of Chesterfield, free with museum admission
- Feb. 3**
 - Happy Birthday Elm!, Deep Run Park Recreation Center, 10:00am - 11:00am, free
 - ChinaFest: Year of the Wood Dragon, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, 10:00am - 4:30pm, free
 - Celebrate Chinese New Year at CMoR Chesterfield, Children's Museum of Richmond Chesterfield, 10:30am - 11:30am, free
- Feb. 5**
 - Toddler Time, Maymont Nature Center, 10:00am - 11:00am, \$
- Feb. 6**
 - Tutus & Ties on Tuesday, Children's Museum of Richmond Downtown, 2:00pm - 2:30pm free with museum admission
- Feb. 9**
 - Ballet and Bookworms, Clover Hill Library, 2:00pm - 2:30pm, free
- Feb. 13**
 - Baby Artsplay, Children's Museum of Richmond Downtown, 3:30pm - 4:30pm, free

Have a community event you would like us to include? [Email us!](#)

Imagination Library RVA News



Earlier in the month, we had the opportunity to spend the morning with Richmond Public Schools' Superintendent, Jason Kamras. Mr. Kamras was thrilled to read aloud to preschoolers at Summer Hill. We cannot thank him enough for generously offering his time and for reinforcing Imagination Library RVA's mission of reading aloud to children from day one.

We Love Our Local Libraries!

Is your reader eager to get their hands on more books? Visit your local library! Sign up for a library card to keep the reading momentum!



Celebrate Black History Month at the Library!

Your local branch of the Richmond Public Library (RPL) can help you celebrate Black History Month with lots of choices for everyone in your family. Beth Morris of Main Library on Franklin Street has a few suggestions to get you started.



Every RPL branch has a children's librarian ready to help you find a stack of books to take home and enjoy. Did you know you can check out up to 99 items on your RPL library card? And remember – the Richmond Public Library system is fine free. As long as you return your books, you will never be charged a fine.

Does one of Beth's selections look interesting to you? Click [here](#) for a downloadable list of her suggested titles.

Try Looking for and Identifying Shapes When You Read This Month!

Your February 2024 "Focus on the Basics" Tip



This month, we are highlighting the importance of Counting, Grouping, and Comparing.

Look for Shapes

Searching for shapes can transform a picture book into an extraordinary adventure. By encouraging your child to seek out shapes within the illustrations, you can enhance their spatial awareness and develop a keen eye for detail. Start by pointing out shapes then, as they grow, see if your child can find and name the shapes around them.

To learn more ways to Count, Group, and Compare, click [here](#).

Early childhood organizations all around the City of Richmond have joined The Basics movement, a strategy for whole communities to support vibrant learning and brain development among infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Fun, simple, and powerful, starting at birth, The Basics are five science-based parenting and caregiving principles that support social, emotional, and cognitive development. Each month Read to Them will highlight tips and strategies that will assist you in creating a sturdy foundation for school readiness for our youngest citizens.

Current Number of RVA Readers...



Sign up your child ages 0-5 living in the City of Richmond for FREE BOOKS through the mail today!



As Dolly says, "You can never get enough books into the hands of enough children!"



www.readtothem.org

