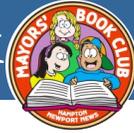


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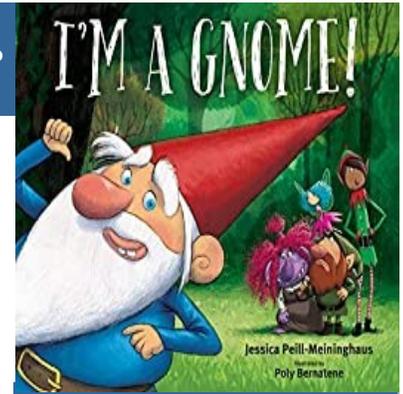
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The Mayor's Book Club is pleased to present our
Book-of-the-Month for April:



I'm A Gnome

By: Jessica Peill-Meininghaus



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Did You Know?



This month's story is *I'm a Gnome!* by Jessica Peill-Meininghaus. This story is sweet, humorous and shares how gnomes are different than other magical beings, such as elves, dwarves, trolls, and fairies.

It's Fun and Easy!

I'm a Gnome! by Jessica Peill-Meininghaus is a story that highlights each of the creatures and their differences, but also how they all live together in the forest.

Tip #1 – *I'm a Gnome!* is a story that both shows and tells about each magical group. As you read together, you can match the descriptions you read with the images. It is a great way to practice reading comprehension.

Tip #2 – With each magical being, the gnome spells out their names. You and your child can practice spelling these words to introduce them or as a review. You can practice spelling each word in both the singular and plural spellings (i.e. elf and elves).

Tip #3 – The illustrations throughout the story depict each of the described characters and their activities. Your family can also think of other books, movies, shows, decorations, or spaces that feature magical creatures. It is a great way to review the images and associate or relate it to another experience your family may have had.



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STEP 1: Find your rocks, stones or pebbles

Finding the rocks, stones or pebbles that you want to use for this painted rock craft can be as much fun as the painting! Think about the shapes and sizes that you want your fairy houses to be when picking your rocks.

STEP 2: Clean the rocks

Give the rocks that you have collected a wash with a little soapy water so that you have a smooth and clean surface to paint on.

STEP 3: Add color to the rocks using acrylic paints

Begin by painting the bottom half of the rocks using one of your acrylic paint pens or paints. Once you have added color to the bottom half of all the rocks it's time to paint the top to create the roof of your rock fairy houses. After you have painted the bottom and top of the rock it is now time to add windows and doors.



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Hampton Area Museums

Hampton History Museum

120 Old Hampton Lane, Hampton
Hours: Monday—Saturday 10 am to 5pm ,
Sunday 1pm to 5pm

Hampton University Museum

14 Frissell Ave, Hampton
Hours: Monday—Friday 8am to 5pm,
Saturday 12pm to 4pm

Virginia Air & Space Science Center

600 Settlers Landing Rd, Hampton
Hours: Monday—Saturday 10:30 am to 4pm,
Sunday 12pm to 4pm

Hampton Libraries

Main Library

4207 Victoria Blvd.

Northampton Branch

936 Big Bethel Road

Phoebus Branch

1 South Mallory Street

Willow Oaks Branch

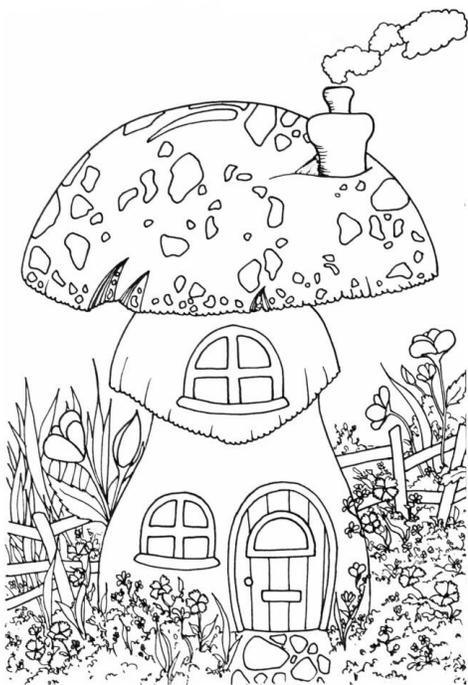
227 Fox Hill Road

BOOK PICKS

Backyard Fairies
by: Phoebe Wahl

Gnome
by: Fred Blunt

A Gnome Story: Adventures
with Murphy McWooby
by: Michelle Schlicher



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