

## Did You Know?

February is our shortest month, but it is filled with delightful celebrations such as: Black History Month, Chinese New Year, and Valentine's Day, to name a few.

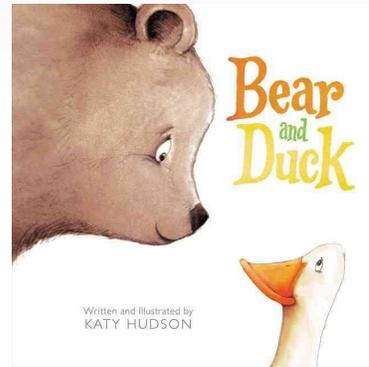


It is a time for reflection, but also progress and development, and one main way to show this appreciation for one another and ourselves is through love.



# MAYOR'S BOOK CLUB NEWSLETTER

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



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## It's Fun and Easy!

Bear and Duck by Katy Hudson, features Bear and Duck, as Bear dislikes himself, tries to be like Duck, then realizes self-love.

Tip #1 – The story focuses on Bear. He shares how he feels about being bear, and how he dislikes all of it. There is a lot of dialogue within the story, so this is great to read aloud to or along with children. It can help with the characterization of the story, truly bringing the story to life.

Tip #2 – Bear and Duck by Katy Hudson is an adorable story of a bear and duck, but it also features a powerful message of self-love. Bear begins the story disliking his bear habits, tastes, and customs. Bear tries out what it is like to be Duck, but finds out he is great just as he is. This story can spark conversations about how others can be different and appreciated, just as one can see themselves as just as whole and wonderful.

*The Book-of-the-Month is selected by a team of librarians and other experts for the purpose of promoting a love of reading and providing fun and rewarding reading experiences in the classroom and in the home.*

## Bringing the Story to Life!

### Happy To Be Me

Spend time with your child exploring what they look like using handheld mirrors. Use this time to talk about how we are all unique and special, point out what you think makes them special. Remember to not only talk about their physical traits but, their character traits as well.

### This Is Me

Using crayons and paper encourage your child to draw a picture of themselves, you can participate by drawing a picture of yourself. This is a great activity to do following the “Happy To Be Me” activity.

### Have Fun

In the story Bear and Duck by Katy Hudson, we see some activities bears and ducks like to do. After reading the book, talk to your children about activities they enjoy doing, then plan some family time to do those activities.

## Book Picks

### Other Related Books:

**I Am Enough**  
by Grace Byers

**Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon**  
by Patty Lovell

**Only One You**  
By Linda Kranz



### More books by Katy Hudson:

**Too Many Carrots**

**Runaway Baby Brother**

**The Runaway Egg**

**A Loud Winter's Nap**

## Community Resources

**After School Art @ Willow Oaks Branch Library**

*Wednesday, February 6, 2019, 4:00-4:45 pm*, Admission is free.

Children will join us after school for creative art activities. All art supplies and snacks will be provided. Registration is required. For more information call 757-850-5114.

**Pajama Story-time at Main Library**

*Main Library, 4207 Victoria Blvd., Hampton, VA 23669*

Monday, February 11, 2019, 6:30—7:15 pm

Admission is free and open to the public.

Come in your pajamas for story-time and songs. Registrations is required. For more information call 757-727-1157.

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**Visit your local public library or school library:**

Hampton Public Library:

<http://www.hamptonpubliclibrary.org>

Hampton City Schools – Information Literacy Services:

<http://www.hampton.k12.va.us/departments/informationliteracy/infoliteracy.html>