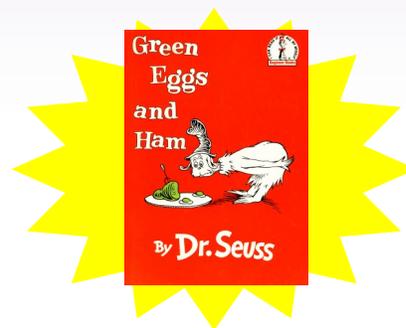


# MAYOR'S BOOK CLUB NEWSLETTER

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



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## It's Fun and Easy!

**Green Eggs and Ham** by Dr. Seuss is a classical, whimsical story that features Sam-I-Am trying to convince our main character, or protagonist, to eat green eggs and ham.

**Tip #1** – *Green Eggs and Ham* features a lot of repetition, which is excellent for beginning readers. There are only 50 short words repeated throughout the story, so there are opportunities to practice reading and sounding out the words and phrases. This type of practice can also help to expand their vocabulary.

**Tip #2** – The story has a lot of rhyming words incorporated. Rhyming words are a great way to have children see and hear similar spelling and sounds. It can also help children sound out the next ending word in the sentence. Rhymes can encourage children to make more connections with the words they encounter every day.

**Tip #3** – *Green Eggs and Ham* has bright, colorful illustrations on each page. The imagery can assist children to make the connection between the word and its meaning. For instance, words such as “fox” and “box” appear on one of the pages, and there are illustrations to match. *Green Eggs and Ham* is a great story to read along with children, so they can identify the

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## Did You Know?

March is the month of the Spring Equinox. We will start to experience warmer temperatures, more sunlight, and green leaves and foliage returning. One classic story that features the color green, and even turning over a new leaf, is *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss. It is a fun-loving story that is perfect for reading with your child.

When you read aloud, you can sound out the words together, laugh at the funny lines, and discuss what you read.

By encouraging your child to discuss the story, you teach them that their thoughts and feelings are valuable.

Reading with your child is the foundation for success in school and their goals later in life.



**March 2nd is Dr. Seuss's birthday—what better way to celebrate than to read?**

Reading Dr. Seuss books with your child will provoke giggles while helping your child to develop phonological awareness.

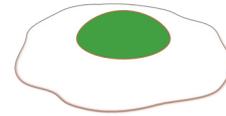
For more information about Dr. Seuss visit: [www.seussville.com](http://www.seussville.com).



## Bringing the Story to Life!

### Create Your Own Green Eggs and Ham:

Use food coloring to dye scrambled eggs and add diced up ham to create green eggs and ham. Encourage your child to help you crack the eggs into a bowl and mix with a fork.



### Celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday

A great way to celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday is by exploring several of his books and enjoying all the rhymes and different characters in the book.

### Dress as Your Favorite Character:

There are so many wonderful Dr. Seuss characters. Get dressed up as your favorite character. You can use socks, scarves, hats, and other pieces of clothing already in your wardrobe to create your favorite Dr. Seuss look.

### Art Time:

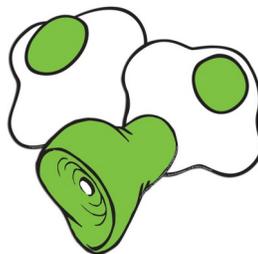
Discuss with your children, what food you would make a rhyme about that you do (or do not) like to eat. You can then ask them to draw the food they would choose to create a rhyme for that they do (or do not) like to eat.

## Book Picks

### Other Related Books:

**Mrs. McNosh Hangs Up Her Wash**  
by Sarah Weeks

**See You Later, Alligator**  
by Sally Hopgood



### More books by Dr. Seuss:

The Cat in The Hat

Fox in Socks

Hop on Pop

Oh, the Places You'll Go

## Community Resources

**Super Hero Day @ the Library!** – Main Hampton Public Library, 4207 Victoria Blvd., Hampton, VA 23669  
**Wednesday, April 3, 2019 – 12:00 AM – 4:00 PM**  
Open to children 12 and under. No registration required.

Come as your favorite superhero! Make a craft, check out superhero books, join in other activities, and hear stories read by real superheroes like firefighters, police officers, and members of the armed forces. There will be a superhero Lego room. For more information call the Children's Desk at 757-727-1157.

**International Children's Festival** – Mill Point Park, Hampton, VA 23669  
**Saturday, April 20, 2019, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM**  
Admission is free and open to the public.

Join the young (and young at heart) who discover the world during the International Children's Festival. The rich array of sights, sounds, and tastes of distant lands that will captivate the senses of children and adults alike. Experience the beauty and wonder of exotic places as over thirty countries and cultures showcase their unique heritages. For more information visit <http://hampton.gov/parks/icf/>.



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