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Mayor's Book Club

April Book-of-the-Month - What's in the Piggy Bank

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Did You Know

For 5% of our children, learning to read is effortless. For 20% to 30% it comes easily once they have formal instruction. For 60% of our children, learning to read is going to take some real effort and lots of encouragement.

But whether reading comes easily or not so easily, those kids who enjoy books and really want to learn to read are the most likely to succeed.

And that is where parents can make the biggest impact. The time you spend as a family enjoying good books together is time invested in your child's future reading success. (statistics from www.rif.org)

It's Fun and Easy!

What's in the Piggy Bank? by Janet Craig
This simple and engaging story introduces young readers to the concept of saving money. As the characters collect coins and make choices about what to buy, kids learn about responsibility, counting, and decision-making in a fun, accessible way.

Tip #1 – Coin counting:
Gather some real or play coins and practice sorting by size, color, or value. Have your reader count how many of each type they have for hands-on practice makes the concept stick.

Tip #2 – Spend or save?:
Talk with your reader about how the characters decide what to do with their money. Ask: "If you had a piggy bank, what would you save for?" This builds early financial awareness.

Tip #3 – Connect to real life:
Take a moment at home or the library to look at prices together. Even simple comparisons ("These costs more/less") help kids understand value and practice math vocabulary.

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Community Resources to Bring the Story to Life

Dr Suess's " One Cent, Two Cents, Old Cent, New Cent" read by Tony Steuer
https://sammyrabbit.com

Parent–Child Supermarket Trip: Give your child a small budget, help them find prices, choose items within budget, count money to pay, and briefly talk about the purchase afterward.

Sammy Rabbit's Money School:
Various educational songs and sing-alongs about great money habits
https://sammyrabbit.com

Learning Through Play:

Materials:

Plastic bottle/jar or 2 paper cups
Tape or glue
Pre-cut coin slot (Parents)
Markers/crayons or washable paint
Construction paper (ears, snout)
Googly eyes/stickers (optional)
Pipe cleaner or yarn (tail)
Play coins

Steps:

1.Build: Give your child a container (or tape 2 cups together).
2.Decorate: Color/paint; add eyes, ears, snout, tail.
3.Dry: Let glue/paint set.
4.Save: Put in play coins and count together.

What's Happening in Hampton

Barnes & Noble
Baby and Me Storytime
Friday, April 17, 2026
10:00 am

Lowe's Kid Workshop
Tiered Terrarium Project
Saturday, April 18, 2026
10:00am-1:00pm

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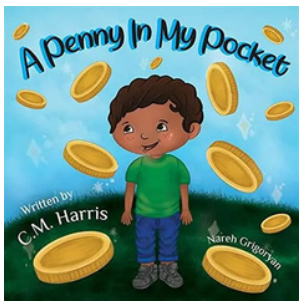
DIY-U KIDS' WORKSHOPS By Lowe's

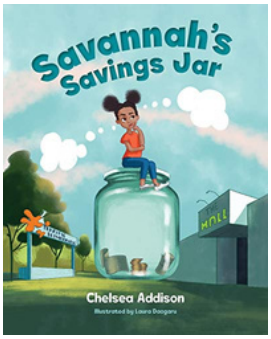
Book Picks

A Penny In My Pocket
by
C.M. Harris



Save It!
by
Cinders McLead

Savannah's Savings Jar
by
Chelsea Addison



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