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Mayor's Book Club

March Book-of-the-Month - The Caring Me I Want To Be

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Did You Know

Children raised in homes with plenty of reading material available have a better chance of being good readers.

Making sure your child has an abundance of good books on hand doesn't have to be expensive. Used books, comics and magazines cost pennies and your library has books for everyone in the family for free.

Be sure to ask your librarian for recommendations. By enjoying books together as a family, you can foster a love of reading in your children that will help them succeed in school and in life

It's Fun and Easy!

The Caring Me I Want to Be by Mary DiPalermo
This uplifting story highlights kindness, empathy, and making thoughtful choices. Through everyday examples, young readers see how small actions–sharing, helping, comforting–can make a big difference in the lives of others\

Tip #1 - Notice caring moments: Pause during the story to point out when the main character shows kindness. Ask, "What caring choice did they make?"

Tip #2 - Practice empathy:
Encourage your child to think about how the characters feel and why those feelings matter.

Tip #3 - Daily kindness challenge:
After reading, invite your child to choose one kind action to try that day and talk about it later to reinforce positive behavior.

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Community Resources to Bring the Story to Life

Jeff's Flowers
300 Ed. Wright Ln.
Newport News, VA 23606
Call ahead for a brief tour
Wednesday's and Thursday's
(757)827-5333

Fire Station Tour
call ahead to find your closest fire station and schedule a tour!
(757) 325-4945

Pac 'N' Mail Plus
Virtual tour/Video that shows their caring acts for the community daily
pacnmailplus.com

Learning Through Play: Kindness Flower Craft

Materials:
Paper (different colors if possible)
Scissors
Glue or tape
Markers or crayons
A pencil

Steps:

1. Draw the Flower: On a piece of paper, draw a simple flower stem and center (circle).
2. Make the Petals: Cut out 5–6 small paper petals.
3. Write Acts of Kindness: On each petal, write a kind thing you can do
4. Assemble the Flower: Glue or tape the petals around the center circle.
5. Decorate: Color the stem, leaves, and center to make your flower bright and happy.

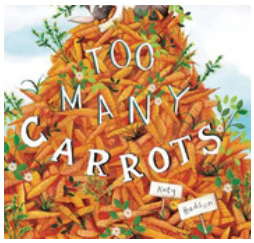
What's Happening in Hampton

Family Storytime
Saturday, March 21, 2026 11:00 am
Barnes & Noble
5100 Kilgore Ave, Hampton, VA 23666

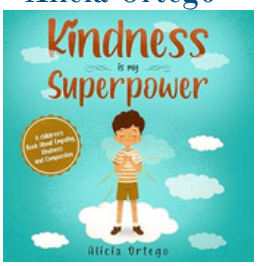
Fort Monroe-Casemate Museum
20 Bernard Rd, Fort Monroe, VA 23651
Free Admission
Open Wednesday-Sunday in the month of March from 10:00 am-4:30 pm

Book Picks

Too Many Carrots
by
Katy Hudson



Kindness is my Superpower
by
Alicia Ortego



What Does It Mean To Be Kind?
by
Rana DiOrio

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