HAMPTON MAYOR'S BOOK CLUB

October 2025

# Mayor's Book Club

October Book-of-the-Month - Don't Forget Dexter by Lindsay Ward

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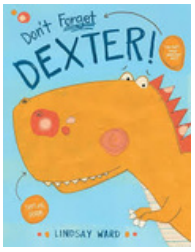
## Behind The Story

Lindsay Ward's delightful story about Dexter, the forgotten toy dinosaur, is just right for kids! Inspired by a funny moment when her husband sent her a picture of a toy dinosaur left behind, Ward creates a tale full of fun and feelings. Dexter the dinosaur takes kids on an adventure, exploring what toys might think when they're forgotten. With bright pictures and a mix of easy and slightly tricky words, the book is both entertaining and educational. Kids learn about emotions like empathy and responsibility by seeing the world through Dexter's eyes. This playful adventure not only helps kids understand feelings but also encourages them to take care of their toys and consider how others feel.



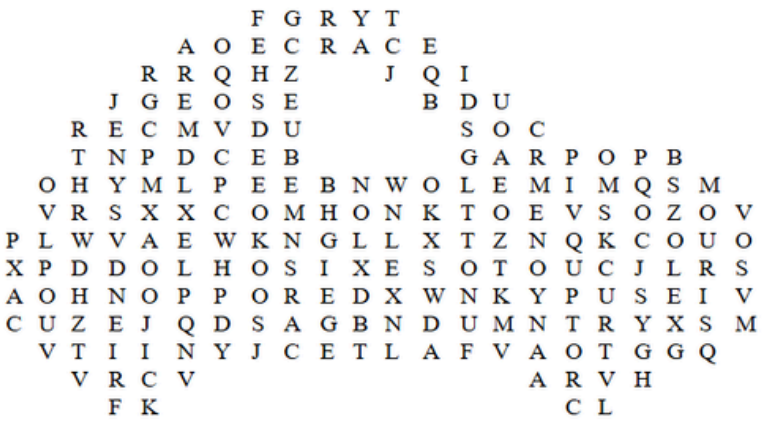

## It's Fun and Easy!

Don't Forget Dexter! by Lindsay Ward is a funny and sweet story about a toy dinosaur named Dexter who's accidentally left behind at the doctor's office. He's determined not to be forgotten and goes on a very dramatic search for his best friend, Jack.

**Tip #1** – Dexter tells the story in a very silly, expressive voice. Try reading his lines out loud in your best dinosaur voice! How would you sound if you were a worried toy T-Rex?

**Tip #2** – Don't Forget Dexter! shows how much toys can mean to us. Have your child choose their favorite toy and draw a picture of an imaginary adventure they would go on together.

**Tip #3** – This story is great for sparking a conversation about emotions. Dexter feels nervous, sad, and hopeful. Ask your young reader to name a time when they missed someone and how they felt.



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# Community Resources to Bring the Story to Life

## Places Where Kids Can Spy Dinosaur-Like Creatures

Bluebird Gap Farm
60 Pine Chapel Rd
Hampton, VA 23669

Grandview Nature Reserve
State Park Dr
Hampton, VA 23664

Sandy Bottom Nature Park
1255 Big Bethel Rd
Hampton, VA 23669

Jump into the world of lizards and have fun at these wildlife parks!

## Learning Through Play

### Rice Krispie Dino Eggs

-3 tbs of melted butter -5 cups of melted marshmallows
-6 cups of Rice Krispies
-6 Oreo cookies (crushed)
-Egg shaped mold (optional)

Food is an amazing guide for young adventurers! Let's make a dino-mite snack and chat about Dexter and how he felt when he was left alone at the doctor's office.

## What's Happening in Hampton

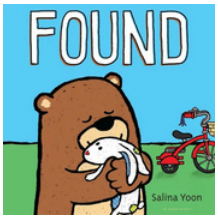
Lowe's DIY-U Kids' Workshop
Play Firehouse
In store: 10/18/25
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Barnes & Noble Storytime & Activity
10/18/25
11 am

## Book Picks

Knuffle Bunny
by
Mo Williams

Found
by
Salina Yoon




Between The Lines
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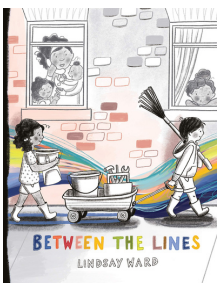


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