Mayor's Book Club Newsletter

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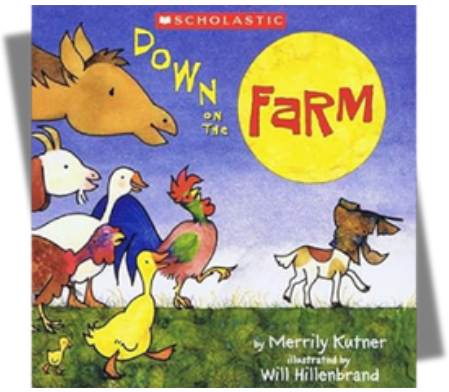
The Mayor's Book Club is pleased to present our Book-of-the- Month for MONTH:



Down On The Farm

By: Merrily Kutner

It's Fun and Easy!

Down on the Farm by Merrily Kutner is a sweet story about the sights and sounds of farm animals during a busy day.

Tip #1 – ***Down on the Farm*** shares the sounds each farm animal makes. Roosters call, horses neigh, cows moo, and many more! Onomatopoeia is the formation of a word from a sound associated with what it is named. Saying these aloud enables readers to hear the animals as they would sound. Oink!

Tip #2 – The illustrations are bright and colorful, much like the animals are in everyday life. It can be fun to practice identifying the animals and their sounds on each page.

Tip #3 – Bluebird Gap Farm in Hampton, VA is home to many farm animals. After reading the story, visiting the farm can be a wonderful way to meet the animals up close and hear if they match the pages in the book.

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Down On the Farm

Did you know?

In a way, humans and farm animals operate in similar ways. While the mature animals on the farm handle their duties, their children will follow along and observe. The offspring are also allowed to have fun as well. While we may not be aware all of the time, children are always observing our actions. This is a crucial part of their development, because at times when they are playing, they will be using the traits they picked up on. Show children the valuable aspects of life, so they can use those values in all environments.

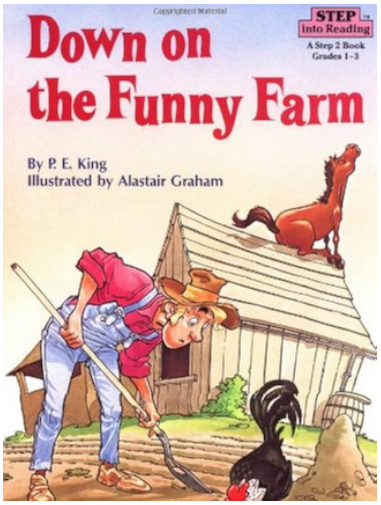
Community Resources

Hampton Events

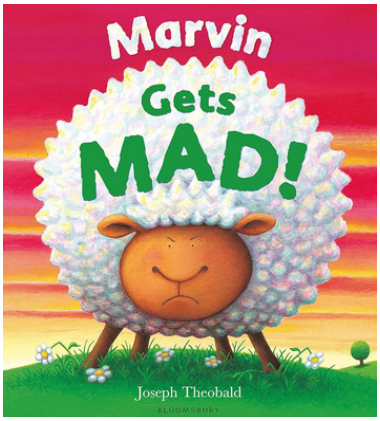
Location: **Hampton Main Library**
Address: 4207 Victoria Blvd
Toddler Storytime: Wednesdays, Sept-Nov., 10AM
Ages 2 to 4. Weekly program featuring songs, stories, sensory activities, and play.
Location: **Northampton Branch**
Address: 936 Big Bethel Rd
Craft Table: Everyday, renewed weekly
Ages 3+. Crafts that include coloring and gluing with glue sticks. Show your finished art work to the front desk for a small prize. While supplies lasts.

Location: **Phoebus Branch**
Address: 1 S Mallory St
Storytime: Mondays, Sept. 16 - Nov., 10AM
Ages 0 to 5. Weekly storytime for families with children of all ages.
Location: **Willow Oaks Branch**
Address: 1 S Mallory St
Fall Leaf Identification Scavenger Hunt: Nov. 4-8, ALL DAY
Stop by the Willow Oaks Branch Library anytime this week to search for, and identify, different types of Fall leaves.

Book Picks

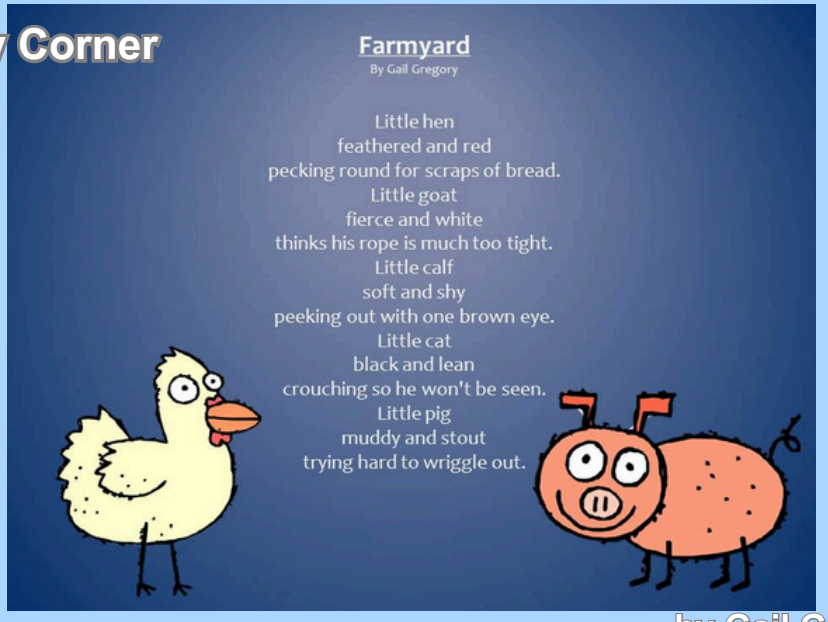


Down On the Funny Farm
by P.E. King



Marvin Gets MAD!
by Theobald Joseph

Poetry Corner



by Gail Gregory

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