

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



Madeline Finn and the Library Dog

By Lisa Papp

It's Fun and Easy!

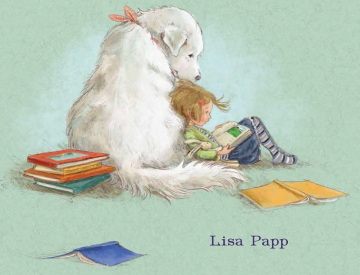
Madeline Finn and the Library Dog by James Dean is a beautiful story of how Madeline Finn overcomes a difficult task. With the help of a furry friend, she becomes one of the class's best readers.

Tip #1 – Madeline Finn and the Library Dog has short sentences or short paragraphs on each page. This story can allow for an enjoyable read for a young child with a parent, guardian, or loved one. This type of story can also be great practice for an up and coming reader.

Tip #2 – Madeline Finn and the Library Dog is relatable to many children, which can help them become more interested in the story. She has trouble reading, especially aloud, so it can be helpful to understand and see how someone else overcame a difficult task.

Tip #3 – The Hampton Public Library offers a reading program entitled "Paws to Read." This program enables school-aged children to read to registered therapy dogs (much like this month's story) to overcome their fear or apprehension toward reading. This program is the third Saturday of each month at the Hampton Public Library's main location located at 4207 Victoria Blvd., Hampton, VA 23669. We'd love to see you there; register with us today!

Madeline Finn and the Library Dog



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Did You Know?



In this month's story, Madeline Finn and the Library Dog by Lisa Papp, we see Madeline Finn persevere and overcome her difficulty of reading. She has trouble with a subject, and through a new experience, finds a deeper appreciation for reading. Sometimes tough tasks are better with a friend!



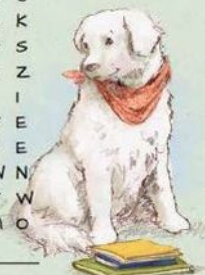
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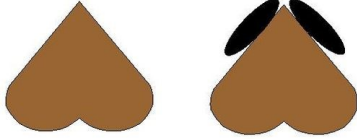
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MAKE A SHAPE DOG

You will need construction paper, glue and scissors to make the shapes to create your own dog. Below is an example of how to make a dog. You can follow our example or come up with your own design for a dog.

1. Glue the heart upside-down. 2. Add two long ears.



3. Draw a nose.



4. Add the eyes.



5. Draw a long tongue.



6. Add a few spots on the cheeks.



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PAW PRINT COOKIES



Picture from MarthaStew-

Quick & easy paw print cookies.

Ingredients

- 1 roll of slice and bake cookie dough
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- 3 tbsp. of sugar

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.

Slice cookie dough into 1/4 inch circles. Have children help you by dipping their pinky finger into cool melted butter and then into sugar before pressing them into the cookie dough to make a paw print.

Bake cookies at 350 degrees for 8 to 12 minutes. Remove from oven and allow to cool.

BRING THE STORY TO LIFE!

Read to a Furry Friend

Having your child read a book to you can be very successful in increasing confidence in their reading, their comprehension, and their love of books. Even if the child can not read yet, holding the book, turning the pages and making up a story as they go through the motions of doing a read aloud can increase print awareness and help build beginning literacy skills. If you have a pet or a stuffed animal, have your child practice reading to that animal. It is a fun way to practice the skill of reading.

Visit A Dog

In this story Madeline builds a friendship with Bonnie the dog. That friendship helps her master reading. You can take your child to visit a dog or pet at the local animal shelter, a neighbor's house or even in your own home. Talk to your child about Madeline and the Library Dog, discuss how Madeline felt at the beginning and end of the story. What made her feel better at the end of the story?

COMMUNITY RESOURCES



Phoebus Holiday Illumination

Friday, December 6, 2019, 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Mellen Street Hampton

Join us for the annual illumination event!

Selfies with Santa

Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 1pm-6pm

Hampton Carousel, Downtown Hampton VA



Enjoy Free carousel rides, face painting and candy canes!

As part of Hampton Holly Days weekend, the historic Hampton Carousel welcomes youngsters of all ages to share holiday wishes and snap "Selfies with Santa." Afterwards, get set for the Hampton Holly Days Parade stepping off at 7 pm on Settlers Landing Road!

BOOK PICKS

Madeline Finn and the Shelter Dog
by Lisa Papp

Biscuit
by Alyssa Satin Capucilli

FUN AND GAMES

WORD SCRAMBLE



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Unscramble the secret letters to find out what Bonnie wants you to do!

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