

MAYOR'S BOOK CLUB NEWSLETTER

Did You Know?

Autumn has arrived! Soon we will be experiencing cooler days, grayer skies, and plenty of falling leaves. These weather changes give many of us the opportunity to enjoy more time indoors, which is perfect for cozying up with a good book.

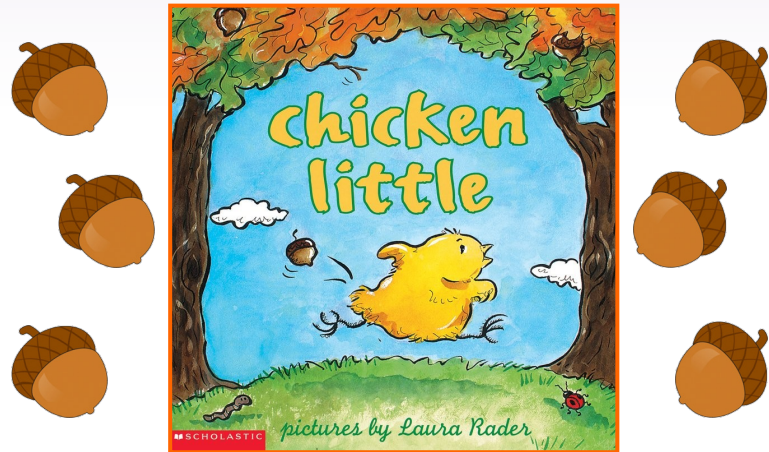
A great way to encourage children to read could be to find a book that features the autumn season, the various weather phenomena that occurs during this time, or one that shows upcoming special days or holidays.



The Book-of-the-Month is selected by a team of librarians and other experts for the purpose of promoting a love of reading and providing fun and rewarding reading experiences in the classroom and in the home.



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



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It's Fun and Easy!

Chicken Little by Laura Rader, features a young chick who experiences some weather changes and dropping acorns, and concludes that the **sky** must be falling!

Tip #1 – The story features a lot of dialogue. Nearly every page shows Chicken Little or one of her friends speaking to one another. This is great for reading aloud as parents can create voices to show the different characters and how they speak. Reading aloud is a great way to have children follow the story and for them to have a deeper understanding of language.

Tip #2 – The story also has rhymes mixed in. Rhymes are an excellent way to have children see and hear words with similar sounds. It encourages them to make more connections with the words they encounter on a day-to-day basis. See how many rhyming pairs you can spot in our book-of-the-month!

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Bringing the Story to Life!

Cardboard Tube Characters

Make your own Chicken Little characters using empty bathroom tissue cardboard tubes. You'll need: *cardboard tubes (1 for each character you make), paint, construction paper, craft feathers, glue, scissors, googly eyes (optional)*. To make Chicken Little, paint the tube yellow (or cover with yellow construction paper). Cut a small triangle out of construction paper and glue it to the tube for a beak. Draw eyes or glue on googly eyes. Glue yellow craft feathers on her head and on the sides to give her wings. Using different colors, you can make the other bird characters in the book - brown for Henny Penny, red for Cocky Locky, white for Ducky Lucky, and gray for Goosey Loosey! Then act out your own version of the story!



Make Edible Acorns

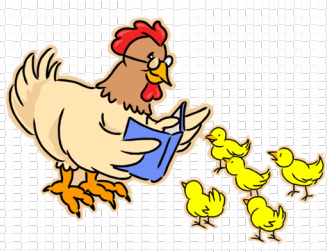


You can make your own yummy sweet acorns that even Chicken Little would love! You'll need: *candy kisses, chocolate morsels, and mini-vanilla wafer cookies*. Unwrap the candy kisses. Melt a small number of chocolate morsels in the microwave. Dip the flat end of the candy kiss into the melted chocolate, then press it to the flat side of the mini-vanilla wafer to make the acorn "cap." Freeze for 5 minutes to set.

Then, dip a chocolate morsel into the melted chocolate and press on top of the acorn cap to make the stem. Freeze for 5 minutes to set, then enjoy!



Book Picks



Autumn Books to Enjoy:

- Leaf Jumpers**
by Carole Gerber
- Autumn is Here!**
by Heidi Pross Gray
- I Love Fall!**
by Alison Inches

Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn

- by Kenard Pak
- My Autumn Book**
by Wong Herbert Yee
- Leaves***
by David Ezra Stein
- *former book-of-the-month*

Community Resources



Bluebird Gap Farm - Fall Festival

Saturday, October 20, 2018 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM, FREE

Usher in the fall season at the Bluebird Gap Farm Festival located at 60 Pine Chapel Road. The festival offers a variety of children's activities, food vendors, pumpkins for purchase, hayrides, and much more. Entry and activities are free and the festival will be held rain or shine.

Contact 757-727-8311 for more information.



Peninsula Town Center - Mall Wide Trick-or-Treat **Wednesday, October 31, 2018 5:30 - 7:30 PM, FREE**

Trick-or-Treat on Treat Street! Children 12 & under can come in costume and trick-or-treat while supplies last. Look for a pumpkin outside of participating stores and restaurants. Children must be accompanied by an adult (18 years or older). No face masks on anyone over the age of 12.

Contact 757-838-1505 for more information.

Visit your local public library or school library:

- Hampton Public Library:
<http://www.hamptonpubliclibrary.org>
- Hampton City Schools – Information Literacy Services:
<http://www.hampton.k12.va.us/departments/informationliteracy/infoliteracy.html>

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