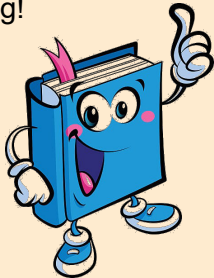


MAYOR'S BOOK CLUB NEWSLETTER

Did You Know?

With school back in session, many families are balancing classes and activities, but there is still plenty of time for reading. Here are a few tips to keep your children engaged with books:

Visit your local Hampton Public Library to find great books, materials, and programs all school year long!



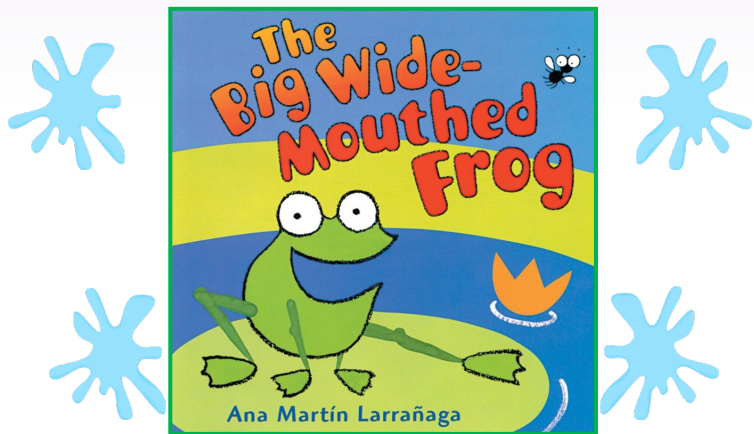
Book series are a wonderful way to keep children engaged in reading because the story continues across several books.

Schedule a time where everyone in the family can come together to read their favorite books.

Even small amounts of time have big impacts; encourage your children to read on the way to school, practice, or other activities.



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



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It's Fun and Easy!

The Big Wide-Mouthed Frog by Ana Martín Larrañaga, is about a frog who meets new animal friends, and the frog learns all about what they eat through his many adventures.

Tip #1 – The story features a lot of repetition. Repetition is a brilliant concept in reading as it provides children with plenty of practice. In our story, *The Big Wide-Mouthed Frog*, the animal names are repeated many times on each page enabling children to practice seeing and hearing the name along with the image.

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!

Flies in the Frog's Mouth Game

This is a fun game that helps boost hand-eye coordination while "feeding" your own big wide-mouth frog.

Make your frog using a round container such as a green bucket, basket, plastic bin, small laundry hamper, or storage container. Glue two craft pom-poms to the top of the opening for eyes. Cut a tongue out of craft foam and glue it on the bottom of the opening.

Your flies can be any type of bouncy balls (tennis, plastic golf balls, ping pong). Use markers to color or decorate them. Then, make sure your big wide-mouthed frog gets plenty of flies by bouncing them into his mouth!

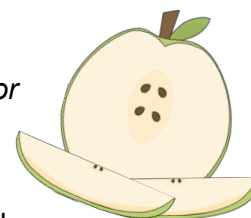


Froggy Face Snack

Here's a great snack sure to please any hungry crocodile.

You'll need *1 Granny Smith apple, peanut butter, 2 grapes, 2 chocolate morsels or raisins.*

Cut two slices of the apple for the upper and lower lip of the frog. Spread peanut butter on the slices and press peanut butter sides together to make the mouth. Spread a little bit of peanut butter on the bottom of two grapes and stick them on the top apple slice to make the eyes. If you'd like, place chocolate morsels or raisins on the grapes to make the pupils. A red gummy worm or Twizzler wedged between the apple slices makes a cute tongue, too!



Book Picks



More books by Ana Martín Larrañaga:

Woo! The Not-So-Scary Ghost
Pepo and Lolo Are Friends
Buggy Buddies

Other titles to enjoy:

The Very Hungry Caterpillar
by Eric Carle

Moo, Boo La La La!
by Sandra Boynton

The Enormous Crocodile
by Roald Dahl

Anansi the Spider
by Gerald McDermott

Color Zoo
by Lois Ehlert

Community Resources

Sandy Bottom Nature Park – 1255 Big Bethel Road, Hampton, VA 23666

Visit Hampton's 456 acre environmental education and wildlife management facility. See a green tree frog and a squirrel frog at the Nature Center, open 7 days a week from 9:00am-6:00 pm through September. You can also see snakes, turtles, and other animal exhibits. Free admission. For more information, call (757) 825-4657.

93rd Annual Hampton Cup Regatta

Saturday and Sunday, September 29-30, 2018 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, FREE

Come watch some of the fastest watercraft in the world. With boats as long as 24 feet, and some reaching speeds of 150 mph, these vessels often set both national and world records. Racing both days will begin at 11:00 am. Bring a chair and watch from the East Mercury Boulevard Bridge at the entrance of Fort Monroe. Visit the children's area and enjoy local vendors. For more information: www.hamptoncupregatta.com or 757-727-8311.



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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