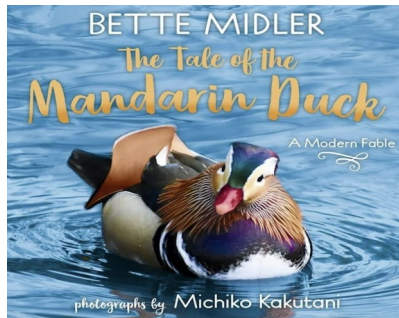


Mayor's Book Club Newsletter

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



The Tale of the Mandarin Duck: A Modern Fable

By Bette Midler, with photographs from Michiko Kakutani and illustrations by Joana Avillez

It's Fun and Easy!

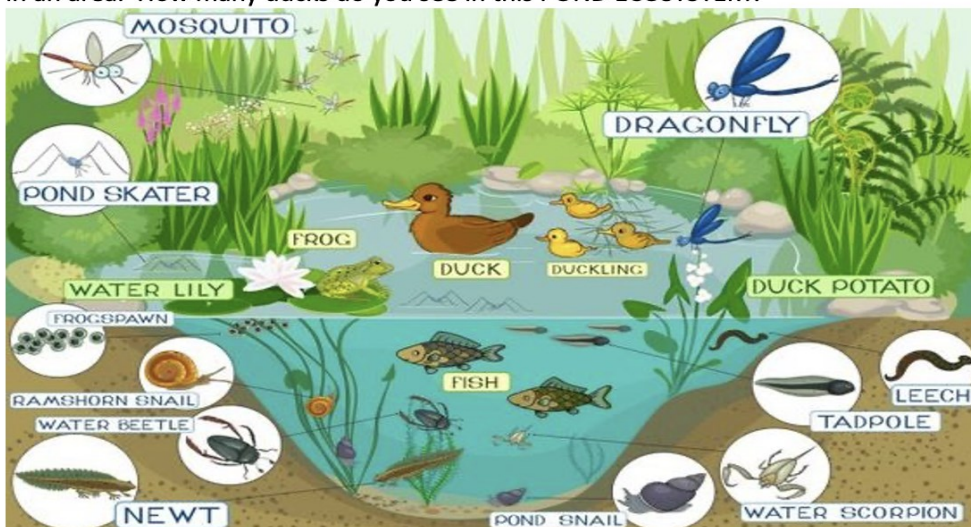
The Tale of the Mandarin Duck by Bette Midler, with photographs from Michiko Kakutani and illustrations by Joana Avillez is a beautiful story about connections in the big city.

Tip #1 – **The Tale of the Mandarin Duck** celebrates the many types of people who came to see the rare sight. Matching the occupations listed to the illustrations can be a fun way to practice reading comprehension

Tip #2 – The book features stunning color photographs of the actual duck in New York City. The story is great for discussion and conversation in your family. You can share your favorite bird, its colors, its habitat, and more!

Tip #3 – A nature walk can be an excellent way to explore outdoors and see birds. On a fair-weather day, be sure to walk your neighborhood, visit a local park, or safe grassy area to view them flying by.

This is an Ecosystem. An ecosystem is made up of all of the living and nonliving things in an area. How many ducks do you see in this POND ECOSYSTEM?



A modern fable from **Bette Midler**, with photographs by **Michiko Kakutani** and illustrations by **Joana Avillez**



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Did You Know?

When your little one begins to demonstrate an interest for things that are “the same” You can begin to go beyond a simple introduction of the concept. Encourage them to search for things that are the “same” and things that are “different”. Comparing two things fosters the skills of communication and thinking. This sets the foundation of helping them to become critical thinkers who make sense of information by analyzing it to generate higher order thinking skills.



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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Wreath Craft @ Phoebus Branch Library

Enjoy making wreaths for different occasions and other fun arts and crafts!

Date: November 4, 2023
 Time: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
 Location: Phoebus Branch Library
 Address: 1 South Mallory St.
 Contact: 757-727-1149
 Cost: Free

Cake & Tea

Participants will be instructed on how to bake a cake. Afterwards the cake will be served with tea as participants partake in character-building lessons that address goal-setting, leadership, and bullying.

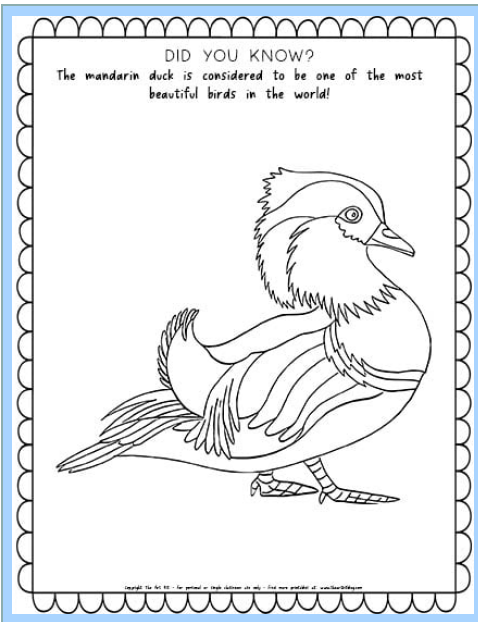
Date: November 8, 2023
 Time: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
 Location: North Phoebus Community Center
 Address: 249 West Chamberlin Avenue
 Contact: 757-275-6734
 Cost: Free

Animal Tracks Identification Scavenger Hunt @ Willow Oaks Branch Library

Stop by the Willow Oaks Branch Library anytime this week to search for and identify different types of animal tracks.

Date: November 13, 2023
 Time: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM
 Location: Children's Area
 Address: Willow Oaks Village Square, 227 Fox Hill Rd.
 Cost: Free

Visit the [City of Hampton's Website](#) for additional family fun activities.



Duck Count and Match

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6

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Practice writing the word duck.

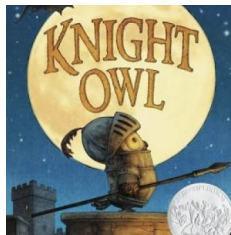
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Fill in the missing letters to spell duck.

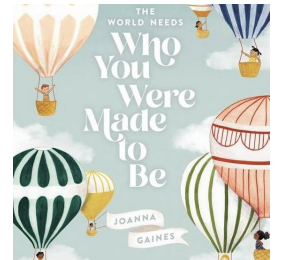
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BOOK PICKS



Knight Owl
 by Christopher Denise



The World Needs Who You Are Made to Be
 by Joanna Gaines

Poetry Corner



Five little ducks went out to play
 Over the hill and far away.
 Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack."
 But only four little ducks came swimming back.

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