

The Campbell Park Library Information Center is pleased to announce its participation, for the second year, in two literacy programs targeted at Kindergarten through second grade students.

The first is Junior Jousters, a primary version of Battle of the Books. This is for second graders only. Students will read the books and compete in a Jeopardy-style quiz competition in the spring; complete with a buzzer system! We anticipate that each classroom will have smaller battles to determine their final competing teams.

The second is participation in the Children's Book Award election, sponsored by the Florida Reading Association. Using the same list we use for the Battle, students will vote statewide for their favorite. The winning book will be announced in the spring.

We are in the process of soliciting donations of copies of each book to house in your child's classroom. Can you help?

***Christian, the Hugging Lion*
by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell**

When John and Ace found a lion cub for sale at Harrods, they knew that a department store was no place for a lion. They took him home, named him Christian, raised him and loved him--and in the process, Christian became a London celebrity. But when Christian got too big for their apartment, Ace and John knew that it was time to let him go back to Africa, where he belonged. When they went to visit him in Africa, they were in for a wonderful surprise. Christian remembered them!

This heartwarming book is based on the true story of two men who raised and loved a lion cub--which millions of fans know through the popular YouTube video.

***Green Tree Frogs: Colorful Hiders*
by Natalie Lunis**

Green tree frogs are experts at fooling predators on the hunt for a tasty meal. These frogs have bright green skin that helps them hide among leaves and grass. Hungry animals like snakes and birds can't see them easily when they blend in with their surroundings. The tree frogs can stay safe by hiding in plain sight!

Packed with fascinating facts and photos that will test children's detective skills, this book will engage emergent readers as they learn how green tree frogs are adapted for survival. A section of the book highlights other frogs that are camouflaged to look like the plants in their environment.

***Going Around the Sun: Some Planetary Fun*
by Marianne Berkes**

Our Earth is part of a fascinating planetary family - eight planets and an odd bunch of solar system "cousins" that spin, roll, tilt, blow and whirl around the Sun! Here, to the tune of "Over in the Meadow," young ones can get a glimpse of our remarkable neighborhood, and our place in a very big universe.

***I Always, ALWAYS Get My Way*
by Thad Krasnesky**

From carefully aimed pouts and shifting blame to the threat of an all-out tantrum, this laugh-out-loud story for kids and adults focuses on the clever antics, advantage-taking, limit-testing, and childhood shenanigans of three-year-old Emmy. When Emmy spills juice and her dad's pants get "orange-hosed," she takes refuge behind Mom's knee. Expecting a reprimand, Emmy is surprised when Mom tells Dad, "Now, sweetheart, you should let it be. After all . . . she's only three." Once Emmy discovers that she's too young to be punished, she constantly wrangles her way out of trouble by proclaiming, "I'm only three!" and pulls a handy weapon from her arsenal of manipulative maneuvers. With hilarious, rhyming text and energetic ink and watercolor illustrations that capture Emmy's expressions, from angelic to livid, readers discover that Emmy can't get away with her outrageous behavior forever and that her actions do eventually have consequences.

Oscar and the Very Hungry Dragon
By Ute Krause

Time to feed the dragon a princess. But since no princess was available, the next best thing was to give him a kid. All the children wrote their names on pieces of paper and put them in a hat. Then a name was pulled from the hat: Oscar! Now what?!

What's in the Egg, Little Pip?
by Karma Wilson and Jane Chapman

A new egg has just arrived, and Little Pip's parents are so excited! They tell Pip that this new change will soon make their family "just right"--but Little Pip isn't so sure. She thinks their family is already just right, and a boring old egg certainly can't make it any better! It seems to Pip that all anyone cares about is that EGG. Pip soon learns to help as much as she can, and through the long, harsh winter, she and Papa guard the egg, keeping it warm. But she still can't figure what all the fuss is about...until the day when CRACK! the egg breaks open and Pip joyfully meets her baby brother Sam for the very first time!

Ugly Pie
by Lisa Wheeler

When Ol' Bear wakes up one morning "with a hankerin' for pie. Not just any pie. **Ugly Pie,**" he can't find the proper ingredients at his house so he starts around the neighborhood asking for ugly pie. Grampa Grizzle has pumpkin pie. Nope. Ma Hickory has rhubarb pie. Nope. Even Sweet Cicely's honey pie doesn't make the grade. But at each house, Ol' Bear also picks up what his neighbors have to share: bumpy brown walnuts, sour green apples, and wrinkled red raisins which, combined with his own sweet molasses, make up into a lip-smackin' Ugly Pie.

Wonder Horse: The True Story of the World's Smartest Horse
by Emily Arnold McCully

In the late 1800s, former slave and veterinarian Bill "Doc" Key realized that his new foal, Jim, was no ordinary horse. Believing in the power of kindness and patience, Doc taught Jim to spell, recognize the primary colors, and even make change from a cash register!

Performing in shows across the country, Jim stunned audiences with his incredible skills. But when some people called Jim a fake, Doc set out to prove them wrong and to show the world that, thanks to the power of kindness and patience, Jim was truly a wonder horse.

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