

Hi Friends!

I hope that you have all had an exciting fun-filled summer! I understand that many of you have been vacationing and enjoying all the freedoms that the summer months bring. I have certainly missed seeing many of my library friends!

The library has been busy with activity all summer. Our summer reading program was a huge success. Hundreds of children turned out each week in libraries throughout Harnett County for delightful entertainment and interactive learning opportunities. Everyone had a great time and many of the children earned weekly prizes for participating in our reading activities.



With students returning to school soon, it is time to resume our weekly storytimes. This year we will offer weekly storytimes at the Main Library in Lillington, the Coats Public Library, and the Dunn Public Library. Beginning on September 7<sup>th</sup>, Coats Public Library will host preschool storytime each Tuesday at 11:00 am. The Harnett County Public Library will have preschool storytimes for children ages 3-5 on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 11:00 am and Toddler storytime for ages 18 months-2 years on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 am beginning on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Beginning on September 10<sup>th</sup>, the Dunn Public Library will host preschool storytime each Friday at 10:00 am.

Which storytime should you attend? There is no rule concerning age. The storytime you choose to attend should be based on your child's maturity level. Preschool storytime lasts between 45 minutes to an hour and involves thematically-based activities that vary from week to week. Toddler time typically lasts about 30 minutes and involves more repetitive activities with a toddler's shorter attention span in mind. We do not typically do craft activities with our toddlers. If you are not certain which story time is appropriate for your child, I encourage you to try both to determine which your child enjoys most. I am enclosing a little more information about story time along with some guidelines that will make you and your family's library experience most enjoyable.

Beginning in October, the Harnett County Public Library will host a Family Storytime on the first Saturday of every month at 11:00 am. Children of all ages are invited to attend; however, more complex books and activities will be introduced to encourage interest and participation by primary and elementary school age children.

Please mark your calendars and consider making story time a part of your weekly routine. Barkley and I are both very excited about seeing our story time friends again very soon!

For those of you who have children who will be moving up to kindergarten or attending preschool on story time days, I will miss you very much. Please remember that checking out supplemental reading materials from the library is a wonderful way to reinforce classroom learning. Drop in for a visit soon!

Smiles,  
Miss Angela