



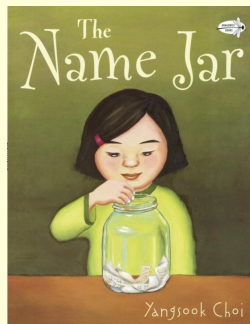
EARLY LEARNING COALITION

North Florida

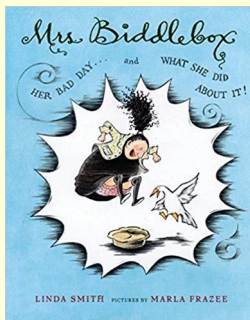
Helping Children. Helping Families.

WINTER 2018

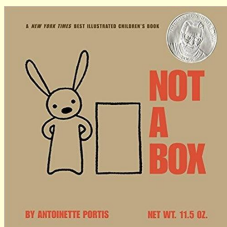
The Book Shelf Theme WINTER



The Name Jar by
Yangsook Choi



Mrs. Biddlebox by Linda
Smith



Not a Box by Antoinette
Portis

Clay County
Every Wednesday

Email Sandi when you would
like to come to office if not
able on Wednesdays

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Putnam County
Please call Tajaro before
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Dear Volunteers,

The weather is changing and we are in full program swing. Children all over our six county areas are benefiting from the services the ELC of North Florida provides. The ELCNF works with 400 childcare and pre-school providers. We serve 3,900 children monthly in our school readiness program which provides low income families who are working or going back to school help in paying for their child care. We also serve 4,800 children monthly in our VPK program. Our outreach programs such as our volunteer reading pals program are going strong. Our themed literacy programs keep expanding and new programs keep being added. Volunteer help is definitely needed to put on these programs. Watch out for emails from outreach assistant Sandi Dunnivant and I with the program dates and locations so you can sign up to help. We will be having some special holiday quarterly volunteer meetings coming up and I hope to see many of you at these. We so appreciate the work of our volunteers.

Joan

ELC Early Literacy Coordinator

Sandi's Corner

Story talk is a great activity for Reading Pals. Talking about what you read is another way to help children develop language and thinking skills. You won't need to plan the talk, discuss every story, or expect an answer.

What you'll need:

Storybooks

What to do:

- Read slowly and pause occasionally to think aloud about a story. You can say: "I wonder what's going to happen next!" Or ask a question: "Do you know what a palace is?" Or point out: "Look where the little mouse is now."
- Answer your children's questions, and if you think they don't understand something, stop and ask them. Don't worry if you break into the flow of a story to make something clear. But keep the story flowing as smooth as possible.
- Talking about stories they read helps children develop their vocabularies, link stories to everyday life, and use what they know about the world to make sense out of stories.

Volunteer Spotlight

Julia Frederick has been a volunteer with the ELC since 2014. She is a weekly reading pal at Elkton Academy in Elkton, a small rural child care center. The staff and children just love Julia. She brings the love of reading in a sweet, energetic way.

Julia also volunteers regularly as a literacy outreach volunteer helping with the many themed programs and events. Julia retired from the St. Johns County School district working as a specialist in their ESE special needs department. She is recently widowed and has one daughter. She is a professionally trained dancer and can be seen all over the St. Augustine area performing in local shows.



Julia Frederick

St. Johns County

Monday-Friday
8:30am-4:00pm
(904) 342-2267

**Just a reminder:
Please turn in your volunteer
hours monthly.**

Useful Links

Excellent Read

[The Most Important Year Pre-Kindergarten and the Future of Our Children](#)

Support ELCNF

WANT TO HELP ELCNF
Visit our ELC website.
[ELCNF](#) Click on the Donate tab. Financial donations help the ELC's early literacy/book programs.

UNITED WAY

The ELC of North Florida is a recipient of funding from the United Way of St. Johns County.
Please donate! United Way of St. Johns County funds over thirty five (35) community agency programs and creates community connections that change lives.

Volunteer Reading Conference 2018



Very attentive Volunteers!!

On Tuesday, September 18th the annual volunteer reading conference was held at the Marywood Retreat Center in St. Johns, FL. Just over 40 volunteers attended and a fantastic day was had by all. A big thanks to our guest speakers Theresa Little, Sandi Dunnivant and to all the volunteers that led one of the literacy stations. The goal of this conference is for volunteer readers to learn something new and to share ideas that will help improve their reading assignments.

ELC Days at Amazing Grace Crop Maze



The ELCNF hosted two field trip days at the Amazing Grace Crop Maze in Green Cove Springs during the month of October. 21 pre-school attended for a total of 480 children. ELC staff and volunteers were on hand providing a special FALL craft and they gave each child a "Spookily the Square Pumpkin" book. Each school received an assorted bag of FALL books for their classrooms as well.

Read For The Record 2018

October 25th was Read for the Record day. Each year a world record is attempted to read the same book on the same day to the most kids. This event is sponsored by the Jump Start and the Pearson Foundation. The world record was broken! This year 2,776,240 kids were read to. The ELC of North Florida participated by providing any of their child care providers who wanted a FREE copy of this year's book "Maybe Something Beautiful" along with an activity kit. 94 providers participated for a total of 6,541 kids read to.



Making Something Beautiful!

Dinosaurs Galore Literacy Program

During the month of November, the ELC outreach team launched its new Dinosaur themed program by putting on four different programs at the following locations: Geneva Presbyterian Pre-school in St. Johns, LaPatite Academy in St. Augustine, Children's World in Palatka and First Steps Learning Center in Fleming Island. During these programs children get to explore the world of dinosaurs through an interactive story time that includes music and drama as well as through hands on sensory activities. The children get to pretend they are Paleontologists while digging and making their own fossils. Each child received a FREE dinosaur book and the teacher received a bag of resources to further teach the dinosaur theme.



Digging at the dinosaur site!!!



Waiting for Elsie the Dinosaur!!

Lending Libraries Update

Check It Out!

Take advantage of our Lending Libraries. Each library has books that are categorized by themes, puppets, themed activities to go along with books, flannel board activities, hats and costumes. Catalogues of items are available in all offices. Items may be checked out for two weeks.

Office Hours:

St. Augustine and Palatka: 9:00am to 4:00pm

Orange Park: To be determined (Sandi Dunnivant will update soon!



Frog Hat

Mother Goose Sorority



Susan Murphy and Sheila Turbet

In October, the ELC saw the beginning of the ELC Mother Goose sorority. Sorority members Susan Murphy and Sheila Turbet put on their first program at Castlebrook Academy in St. Augustine. The program is centered on nursery rhymes and emphasizes the importance of rhyming in learning to read. They are putting on the programs initially in classrooms where the ELC already has a reading volunteer. This is good because it gives the Mother Goose an assistant and it re-emphasizes what the ELC readers are already doing. More sorority members are needed especially in Clay, Baker, Bradford, Nassau and Putnam Counties. Contact Sandi Dunnivant if you are

interested or know of someone who might be interested and lives in these counties.

Volunteer Reading Pals News

Special Note of Thanks

The ELC would like to thank the many literacy outreach volunteers that participate to make all of the themed literacy programs possible. Look for emails throughout the year from Joan Whitson and Sandi Dunnivant with program dates and volunteer needed. If for some reason you are not getting these emails contact Joan and Sandi directly so you can sign up to help. jwhitson@elcnorthflorida.org and sdunnivant@elcnorthflorida.org

Why Time Sheets Are Valuable

According to the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB), the value of volunteer services can be disclosed in a nonprofit's financial statements for grant proposals, annual reports and other purposes. FASB states that nonmonetary information, such as the number of donated hours or services provided by volunteers, can be helpful in assessing the success and long-term viability of a nonprofit. Using this hourly figure, an organization can put a dollar value on the community support that it receives in the form of volunteer work.

**THE FEW MINUTES THAT IT TAKES TO FILL OUT YOUR
TIMESHEETS ARE SO VERY IMPORTANT TO ELC.
PLEASE FILL THEM OUT MONTHLY!**



Upcoming Events

QUARTERLY MEETINGS:

-St Johns & Putnam: Holiday Party! Monday, December 17th, 1:00 pm - 3:00pm, St. Johns County Main Library Branch meeting room, 1960 Ponce De Leon Blvd., St. Augustine
-Clay: Wednesday, December 5th, 11:30 Holiday Party! ELC Office, 3620 Peoria Road, Orange Park

ELC EARLY EDUCATORS CONFERENCE: Saturday, January 26, 2019, 9:00am to 3:15pm at the Thrasher Horne Center in Orange Park. Volunteers are needed to come early and help with registration and set up! Volunteers are welcome to stay and attend the conference for free! Please contact Joan Whitson if you would like to help!

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