

Picture Book Recommendations from Roseburg Library
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The September children's & teen programming break at the library gives me time to plan fall programs and also give a little extra attention to our collection of materials. I have been able to read through some of our new picture books looking for gems to share at storytime and with patrons looking for a good book. Here are a few of the new picture books I've read this month that would be great to share with the children in your life.

The first story to share is a hilarious potty humor picture book called "My Brother's Butt is Haunted" written by Dan Poblocki illustrated by James Rey Sanchez. Brothers are spending the night at their grandparent's older home that just might be haunted. Readers see the ghost illustrated in a perfectly putrid green as the boys move all around the house to escape the ghost. Funny antics between the brothers will have young readers and listeners cracking up with laughter as the ghost follows them everywhere they go. A well-illustrated story that will appeal to a wide age group, especially those ages 3-9.

The second story is helpful for when learning is difficult in "Tenacious Won't Give Up" Written by Pam Vaughan and illustrated by Leanne Hatch. Tenacious is true to her name and sticks it out to win contests and complete physical challenges. Her tenacity is put to the test while trying to learn a new skill, how to ride a bike. Tenacious falls and falls many times, then listens to advice from her sister and finally masters the skill. The story is a nice illustration of the dedication and trial and error it takes to learn a new skill. This would be a great story to share with children ages 4-8 working on learning new skills.

The third cute story to share is a spooky picture book perfect for the upcoming season; "Vampire Jam Sandwich" written by Casey Lyall illustrated by Nici Gregory. A vampire is interrupted while eating a jam sandwich, which creates a vampire sandwich on the hunt for more jam. Readers are told how to keep their jam safe, and then see who really wants to take all their jam. Illustrations predominately use muted browns and greys which makes the red of jam pop on the page. This story provides the scary element of seeing a vampire and "blood" while keeping it tame enough to not cause real nightmares. A fun vampire book to share with ages 3-8.

I hope to see you at the library checking out these, and our other new books, to share with children while programming is on break.

Next week's events

Tuesday, Sept. 16, 6:30 p.m. – Online Book Group (email kwiley@roseburgor.gov for the Zoom link)