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Car-Ni Fair 2009

"The 5th Annual Car-Ni-Fair held at Shriners Hospital for Children in Los Angeles was a complete Success! A total of 1400 guests comprised of hospital patients, their families, the Los Angeles and Compton School districts attended the event. Author Pamela Anderson read to the children, Super Hero "The Rhymatist", Magic Castle Magician "Alfonso", and Master Puppeteer Penelope Torribio encouraged laughter and smiles through their performances. Star Wars and Captain Jack Costume Characters entertained the children while the aroma of cotton candy, popping corn and other yummy food seeped into a carnival setting. This fun-filled day highlights the mission of Car-Ni-Fair-"Ed-U-Tain-Ment". Car-Ni-Fair opens the door for dreams, hope and the importance of education. Each Child received a free brand new book/CDs (valued between \$15.00 and \$30.00) estimating the book giveaway to Car-Ni-Fair children to be over **\$58,000.00!** For more information about Car-Ni-Fair or to see how you can help us help children read...visit

www.car-ni-fair.com.



U.S. Student Video Contest for \$1000 Prize: Parent Driven Schools Offers a Tool to Help You Win!

On September 8, President Barack Obama called on the nation's students to take greater responsibility for their education. Now, the US Department of Education is challenging America's students to dream big educational and career dreams for themselves, and to think about how they plan to reach their dreams. The Department of Education has launched the "I Am What I Learn" video contest, and will award students with the best ideas a \$1000 prize to use for their education, or however they would like. U.S. Department of Education Secretary Duncan said. "This video contest is an opportunity for young people to share their stories about where their education and career training can take them. ... I encourage parents, schools and communities to play a strong role in their stories by being accountable for forming stronger partnerships that guide students to their goals." A nationwide education nonprofit, Parent Driven Schools, is taking up that challenge of supporting students in the formation of educational goals, and in turning student dreams into reality.

Parent Driven Schools has created a self-assessment tool that will give students an edge in this contest, and an edge in their academic and work careers. Called the IAM, this tool is designed to help students better understand their own unique combination of skills, interests, potential, challenges, and opportunities in order to empower them in setting and reaching educational goals. The IAM can be found online at <http://www.parentdrivenschools.com/iam.htm>.

Contest submissions are due on November 2. The Department of Education will narrow winning entries down to 10 finalists, and the public will choose the top three, each of whom will receive a monetary prize. Winners will be announced the week of December 1. For more information on the contest, go to <http://www.ed.gov/iamwhatilearn/index.html>. If students mention the IAM in their video, Parent Driven Schools will feature the video on their web site as well.

Parent Driven Schools is a nationwide nonprofit program that empowers and supports students and their parents by providing resources to support the unique learning needs of each student. Follow Parent Driven Schools at www.parentdrivenschools.com, on Facebook at Parent Driven Schools, and on Twitter @PDSparentdriven.

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I think I have the best job in the world! As a children's author, I get to work with kids—all kinds of kids—pretty much 24/7. I get to have great discussions with students during my school visits. I get to work with talented young authors during my Young Writers' Conferences. And I get to share some of their most personal (and sometimes painful) experiences through the personal essays they send me for my essay contest.

And the best part of my job is reading the letters I receive from my readers. I want to share just a few of these wonderful notes with you and I think you'll understand why I have the best job in the world!

"Ever since I entered your writing contest, I have had more confidence than ever! I have submitted my writing to many different websites and magazines, and my poem is even going to be published by Creative Communications! Now I believe I can do anything as long as I work hard and do my best."

Thank you,
Christina

"I want to thank you for providing me an opportunity to practice my writing as well as encouraging me to explore myself in a new way. I've learned a lot about right and wrong from writing my essay. I've realized that sometimes doing the right thing may be difficult and may not seem to benefit you, but in the end, it will pay off. (I got a 100% on my science test by working hard and studying). I've also drawn the conclusion that knowing and doing what is morally right makes you a stronger and more respectable person. Thanks for the inspiration and could you please give me a few tips about being successful at writing?"

Thanks so much!
Aglaia

I just finished reading Dare to Dream: 25 Extraordinary Lives and it was wonderful! It greatly inspired me to take more action instead of just sitting around. I hope to be like one of them one day. Well, thanks again and have a nice summer!

Linda

I am Ruhee from India. I am 6 years old and love to write poems and stories. Can I send them to you? What kind of poems and stories do u like?

Thank You!
Ruhee

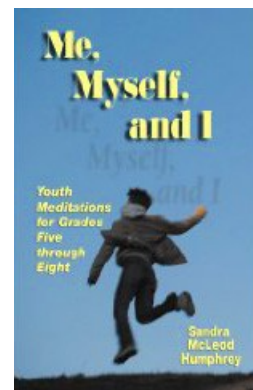
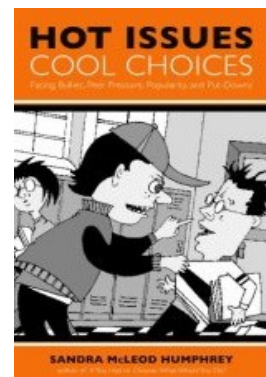
"I just got your book and your note today and I will treasure them with me till I grow up.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Megan

We children's writers write to hopefully touch the life of a child, and if we're truly blessed, perhaps we'll touch more than one child. I believe that each of us in our own way can touch the life of a child and make the world just a little better for everyone!

Sandra McLeod Humphrey Retired Clinical Psychologist and Children's Author





Meet our founder
Jinhong Zhang
<http://www.fullpotential.cc/about-us/who-we-are/>

Follow your Passion

What is the one thing that makes you cry? for me, seeing one person following his or her passions makes my soul rejoice and moves me to tears." Says, Jinhong Zhang, Founder of Full Potential Community (www.fullpotential.cc), with a vision of each and every human being on the planet following his or her passion, doing what he or she loves to do. Full Potential Community is a community of people supporting each other in following one's passion. Its mission is to bring people who are following their passion together to support people who want to follow their passion through training, coaching, and consulting. Full Potential Community has been interviewing people who are following their passion and producing video, audio, and word expressions.

They are looking for people who want to share their stories and inspirations. They are also looking for partners to deliver speeches, workshops and trainings in various accessions such as business training, college campus, career conferences etc. We are also looking for speakers and partners to create the community in as many places as possible.

Mrs. P Enterprises



<http://www.mrsp.com/>

Mrs. P Enterprises, LLC, was founded in 2008 by Hollywood team Clay Graham, Kathy Kinney and Dana Plautz. After having built successful careers in television and New Media, the three creators of MrsP.com were brought together by a love of reading and a desire to help spark that same passion in young people everywhere. The company endeavors to expose young people to great books and stories through a celebrity storyteller and to spark their imaginations and creativity with on-line games and writing contests. Mrs. P is an honorary board member of the literacy organization Everybody Wins! USA. She also is a recipient of The Great Site for Kids honor by The American Library Association." The site is free and contains no advertising

Car-Ni-Far Sponsors

Community is the cornerstone to society. We live with people who rely on us as much as we rely on them. There is no lone ranger. The Lone Ranger needs Tonto, Silver, White Feller (aka Scout), the people that make his silver bullets, reins, saddle, boots, shirts, pants, belts, and more. This can only happen in a functioning community of people working together.

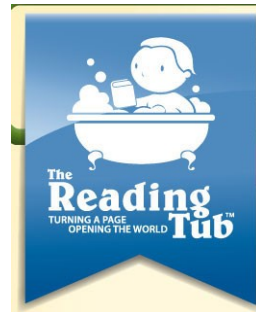
At Naya Fresh Body Spa we do our small part in the bigger picture by contributing to the community where we can.

Community Matters

~Naya Fresh Body Spa



The Reading Tub



The Reading Tub, literally, brings reading home for families. What makes this nonprofit for children's literacy unique is its family-oriented approach to helping kids become successful, accomplished readers. On its website, the Reading Tub offers in-depth profiles of children's books. Every review includes the kids' opinions ... walking the talk on the importance of an adult and child sharing the story together.

The Reading Tub recently launched a Reading and Literacy Wiki (<http://readingtub.pbworks.com/>) that offers tips, reading ideas, and videos ... all oriented to engaging kids with books.

Executive Director Terry Doherty is a busy lady. In addition to being Mom to a second grader and managing a 100% volunteer organization, she is the Children's Book expert at nesting.com and is also a guest blogger at Booklights, a PBS Parents blog that is part of the Raising Readers initiative. She also is the founder of Share a Story-Shape a Future (<http://shareastory-shapeafuture.blogspot.com/>), an annual blog tour promoting literacy.

In 2008, the Reading Tub sponsored Share a Story-Shape a Future, a blog tour where librarians, educators, parents, and literacy specialists came together to offer practical, useable ideas for raising readers. The 2010 event will be 8 to 12 March, and the theme is It Takes a Community to Raise a Reader. Visit the blog to learn more.

Touch the life of a child

One of the things the Reading Tub is most proud of is its effort to get books to readers in need. These are children who have no books at home (the #1 determinant of future reading success) or students who are failing benchmarks for their grade. Last year, the Reading Tub donated about \$7,000 worth of books to nonprofits to get to these at-risk readers. Most recently, she sent books to the Northeastern Community Clinic in LA, which is in desperate need of bilingual books.

Our main blog is <http://childrens-literacy.com/>. We host a weekly roundup, book reviews, author interviews, and occasional guest posts.

Terry Doherty

Executive Director, The Reading Tub, Inc

We use Goodsearch (powered by Yahoo!) Make Goodsearch your default toolbar and with every search donate 1c to The Reading Tub®

Reading Fact: The average kindergartner has watched 5,000 hours of TV before s/he gets to school That's more time than it takes to earn a Bachelor's degree. US Department of Education

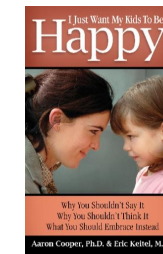
"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away." ~ unknown.

Buy the Book By Bobbi Carducci

- * Good
- ** Very Good
- *** Recommended
- **** Reviewers' Choice

I Just Want My Kids To Be Happy!

Author: Aaron Cooper, Ph.D. & Eric Keitel, M.Ed.
Publisher: Late August Press
Parenting Book
U.S. \$15.95 Canada \$19.95
Rating: ***

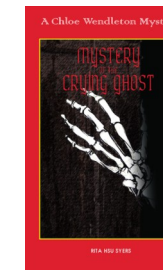


No kid is going to smile everyday or thank you for saying no when he or she wants something. Pouting and ill humor are part of growing up and no amount of giving in on your part will change that.

In their book, I Just Want My Kids To Be Happy, the authors provide parents with easy to follow suggestions on how to teach children about gratitude, kindness, spirituality, optimism, self control and the importance of play, all life skills that lead to true and lasting happiness. A recommended read for every parent who wishes their child had come with an instruction book.

Mystery of the Crying Ghost

Author: Rita Hsu Syers
Publisher: Bronwen Publishing
Chapter Book Ages 8-14
U.S. \$ 9.95
Rating: ***



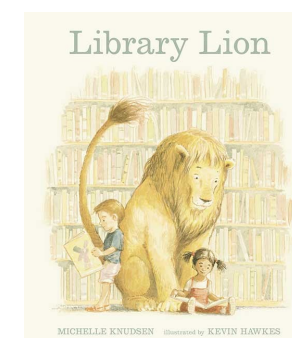
When fifth grader Chloe Wendleton moves into a new home with her Grandfather she not only has to go to a new school and make new friends, she soon discovers that the house is haunted!

After hearing strange noises and seeing the face of a child peeking at her from an empty room, Chloe investigates and learns that fifty years ago two children vanished from the house without a trace. Soon, with the help of her new friends, Maya, who knows karate, and Will, who is a genius and Sherlock Holmes fan, she sets off on a quest to discover exactly what happened to young Sara Jane Van Hise and her four-year-old brother, Tommy. They have to be in the house somewhere, but where? And why is little Tommy crying?

Young readers who love a mystery will enjoy every thrilling moment of discovery as Chloe and her friends develop their own strengths, fight the evil hiding under the house *and* solve, The Mystery of the Crying Ghost.

Library Lion

Author: Michelle Knudsen
Publisher: Candlewick Press
Picture Book



U.S. \$16.99 Canada \$21.00

Rating: ****

When a lion enters the library, "...no one is sure what to do. There weren't any rules about lions in the library." Miss Merriweather, the head librarian, is willing to give the lion a chance but Mr. McBee is skeptical and the story lady is nervous.

At first all goes well. "His big feet are quiet on the library floor and he makes a comfy backrest for the children at story hour." The children are delighted with their new companion and Miss Merriweather is pleased to have a new helper. Everyone is happy. Until the day, "... the lion opened his mouth and roared the loudest roar he had ever roared in his life." He broke the rules! Just as Mr. McBee suspected, the library is no place for a lion. Or is it?

Whether you're preparing your daughter for her visit to the library or taking your son to get another batch of his favorite books, *Library Lion* teaches a valuable lesson about rules and whether or not there could ever be a good reason to break them. Beautifully illustrated with pictures that bring the characters to life so vividly you almost recognize them, this is a book parent and child will enjoy again and again.

How the Moon Regained Her Shape

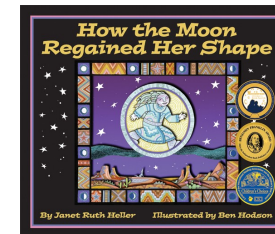
Author: Janet Ruth Heller

Publisher: Sylvan Dell Publishing

Picture Book

U.S. \$15.95

Rating: ***



Once the moon was so happy she danced across the sky sharing her gentle light with the world. Then one day, she danced across the face of the sun. The sun became angry and called the moon names and told her to get out of the way. The harsh words of the sun made the moon feel very sad and she began to get smaller and smaller. She no longer felt like dancing.

After meeting the Native American woman, Round Arms, who explains that while the sun has a bad temper and sometimes says mean things, there are others in the world who love her and are waiting to see her dance across the sky again.

How the Moon Regained Her Shape is a beautifully told story that teaches children about the mysteries of the ever changing moon while addressing the problem of bullying and the importance of friendship.

Bobbi Carducci is a writer and an editor/publisher of the Young Voices Anthology Series of short stories written by students in grades K-12. She is the director of the Young Voices Foundation www.youngvoicesfoundation.org Contact her at bcarducci@comcast.net

Sick Kids Parties

Paul Cody develops fundraiser concepts for causes that support the betterment of children in need. Paul is a crusader seeking ways to brighten the lives of children that are terminally ill.

Parties for sick kids, parties for disadvantaged kids and parties for literacy are successful and active programs to helping children. Lullalee is proud and honored to be partners with Paul Cody.

For information about Parties by Cody Visit:

www.perfectpartybycody.com

Celebrate Life



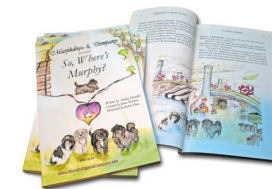
Murphdog and Company

MURPHDOG® & COMPANY is a company dedicated to promoting our mission statement:

We help kids make good choices!
by bridging kids and animals to help encourage solutions for age related problems through tolerance. Our timely, yet wholesome stories have a broad family appeal that brings a refreshed perspective to many of the issues kids face today, like: ostracism, bullying, peer pressure, etc. All that's left to do is read and enjoy!

Love you to Murphdom & back - - - and that's a long, long way,
Audrey & Jenna

<http://www.murphdogandcompany.net/index.php>



Hand in Hand

Hand in Hand (formerly Parents Leadership Institute) helps parents acquire the skills they need to build and rebuild close connections with their children. We also encourage parents to build close connections with other parents, so they are able to learn and share with others, and work together to build a healthier community.

Learn more about the articles and workshops offered by Hand in Hand

<http://www.handinhandparenting.org/>



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