

Okaloosa County News Release

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Cutlines:

1. Commissioner John Jannazo reads to 4th graders at Longwood Elementary School in Shalimar.
2. Commissioner Bill Roberts reads "Alphabet Mystery" book to preschoolers.
3. Commissioner Don Amunds reads to 5th graders at Florosa Elementary.

Commissioners Encourage Students to "Read Okaloosa!"

The Okaloosa County Board of Commissioners, Okaloosa County Library Cooperative (OCPLC) and the Okaloosa County School Board have teamed up to encourage students to read. OCPLC printed posters with a photo of each commissioner and "Read," posters were distributed in county buildings and local schools and commissioners are being scheduled to read in local classrooms.

"The idea was to get kids to read, in school and at the local library. 'Read Okaloosa' combined with the School District's literacy programs, just seemed to be a great way to reach kids," said Commissioner Don Amunds, liaison for OCPLC. Okaloosa County School District Literacy Specialist Gayle Faircloth had this to say: "To have these individuals reading in our schools could provide overlapping and reciprocal benefits for all concerned about life long learning and achievements in life."

OCPLC, as well as the School District web sites, have book recommendations by grade to assist students in picking out books to read. Also in the month of April, the Bookmobile will visit local libraries so patrons can select from even more books, in celebration of "National Library Week." A Bookmobile arrival schedule of all OCPLC member libraries follows:

April 15th – Destin Library – 12:15-1:10
April 16th – Crestview Library – 2:30-3:30
April 17th – Mary Esther Library – 12:15-1:15
April 17th – Fort Walton Beach Library – 1:30-2:30
April 18th – Niceville Library – 11:45-12:45
April 18th – Valparaiso Library – 12:55-1:55

For more information call OCPLC at 850-609-5101, and visit the following web sites: readokaloosa.org, okaloosaschools.com and justreadflorida.com.

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