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Promoting Life-Long Literacy...



Director's Notes....

Wow...what an October we had at the Literacy Coalition of Hancock County. We completed our annual campaign and raised \$18,893.58! A BIG thank you to everyone out there who donated to our campaign. 100% of these funds stay right here in Hancock County and will help us with our mission, to coordinate and support community initiatives that promote lifelong literacy.

We are always looking for individuals who would like to get involved with the Literacy Coalition in different capacities. We have several committees that meet monthly to help plan programs. We also have several volunteer opportunities each month where we can always use extra hands. If you are interested in learning more about the coalition and how you can get more involved, please email me at director.literacycoalition@hancockesc.org.

I hope you have a fantastic Thanksgiving and remember... "You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book." – Dr.

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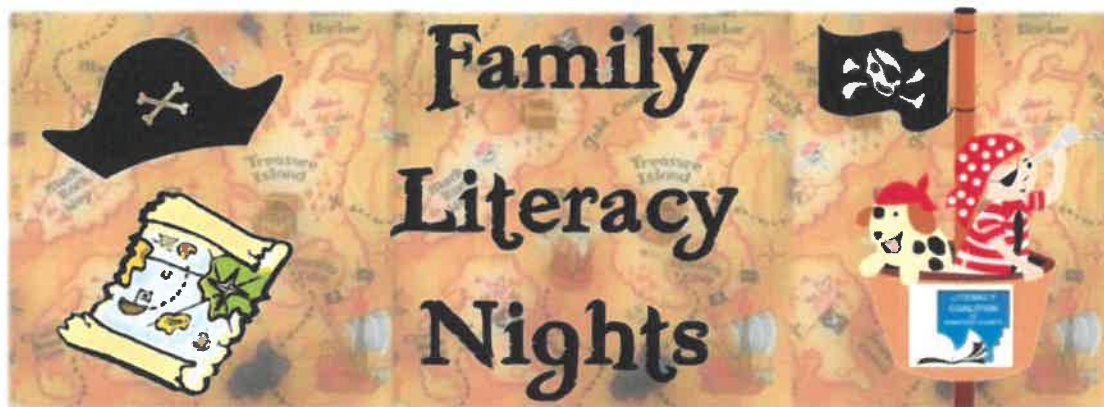
reach out to me with any questions you may have. Happy Reading!

Shannon Andersen

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Family Literacy Nights are coming to our local schools and the theme is Pirates! AARRRRR!

During each literacy night, children in preschool through elementary school and their parents/care givers will participate in fun reading activities with volunteers. The reading activities are ready and now we need volunteers to help set up, clean up and, of course, to play the games with the children. The games are simple and all the directions and materials will be there for you. The event is from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time.

Consider giving a few hours of your time to help children enjoy reading! Volunteer service certificates are available upon request. If you have questions, contact the Literacy Coalition at 419-422-7525.

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LOUD TO YOUR CHILD.



- Teaches them the **CONCEPTS OF PRINT** in books
- Builds **WORD AND SOUND AWARENESS**
- Extends your child's **VOCABULARY**
- Builds **IMAGINATION AND ABSTRACT THINKING**

When reading with a beginning reader, it's important to do the following:

1. **Point out parts of the story you noticed or especially liked:** Show the children special language patterns or phrases or parts of the text that made you feel or visualize something. Ask children if there were other parts of the book they noticed.
2. **Remember that for some children, listening to stories is a new experience:** Some children aren't used to being read to and will need to develop that interest and ability. Start with short, interesting stories with strong pictures. In some cases, allow active children to manipulate play dough or to draw while listening. Be responsive to facial expressions and body language.
3. **Encourage discussion about the story:** Ask the children questions about what's going on and encourage them to predict what will come next. Be sure, though, not to turn the discussion into a quiz!

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Hancock County Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Statistics

Current Registrations – 2,130

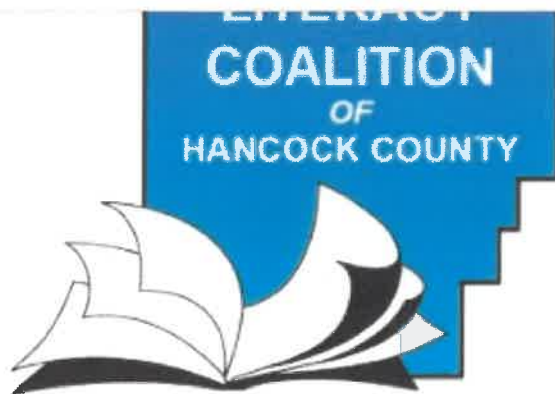
Graduates – 873

Total Children reached since 9/2014 – 3,003

Total Books mailed since 9/2014 – 43,702

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