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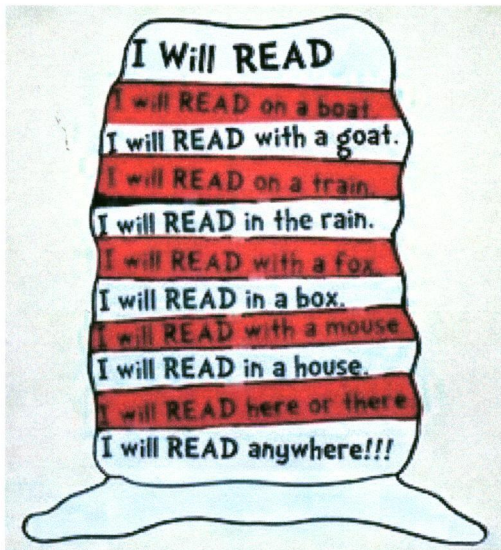
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The Year of the Reader

So, I'm between books. Avid readers, understand this "place" or this feeling of angst. There is a pile of books on my desk, nightstand, and coffee table each with titles ready to be opened and welcomed into my reading heart. Yet, I'm not ready, and no starred review or enthusiastic recommendation is going to make me move on...not yet. I'm still missing



that last cast of characters that became my temporary second family. I'm still wondering what's next for them. That is the power of a great book.

I just finished rereading the 2017 Newbery Honor winner *Wolf Hollow* by Lauren Wolk in anticipation of her visit to the EPL in February. I loved the book the first time I read it and enjoyed it even more upon the second reading. I know myself well enough that I will no doubt read it again with Ms. Wolk's voice providing an even deeper level of appreciation. But, what surprised me was my desire to return to

Maycomb County, that southern setting of Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*. And, just like that I realized that *Wolf Hollow* would join my inner bookshelf, the one that holds my favorite characters, places, and memories.

I'm what Donalyn Miller, also known as "The Book Whisperer" calls a "wild reader," a lifelong reader who reads "because reading is as important to them as eating and sleeping and breathing." As the Youth Services Librarian at the Eldredge, that is the life I want for every young patron who visits the library.

I'm not alone in my passion for reading. My colleagues at the EPL are just as enthusiastic about reading and its long-term benefits, so much so that we are declaring 2017 "The Year of the Reader." Stay tuned for special events, programming, and activities that will highlight the EPL's resources and services, town-wide collaboration that will reach out to all ages, abilities and interests, and many more opportunities that will highlight not only the importance of reading, but also the pleasure it brings to a community of readers. Don't forget, you can now follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Pinterest!

Library Hours

Monday 10 to 5

Tuesday 1 to 9

Wednesday 10 to 5

Thursday 1 to 9

Friday 10 to 5

Saturday 10 to 5

Storyhours

Wee Read

Storytime/Playgroup

18 Mos. To 3 Yrs.

Fridays at 9:45

Registration Required

Drop-in Storyhour

Ages 3 to 5 Years

Mondays at 1:00

No Registration Required

Monomoy Storytime

Gr. K to 2

2nd Tuesday at 4:00

Registration Required

Book Groups

My FIRST Book Group

Gr. K to 2

Chat & Chew

Gr. 3 and 4

Mock Tuesdays:

3rd Tuesday

Newbery at 6:15

Gr. 4 and Up...Adults, too!

Younger w/Parent Permission

Printz at 5:15

Gr. 7 and Up...Adults, too!