

BOOKS TO READ!

Book! Book! Book! by Deborah Bruss
Max's Words by Kate Banks
Winston the Book Wolf by Marni McGee
Library Lil by Suzanne Williams and Steven Kellogg
Stella Louella's Runaway Book
by Lisa Campbell Ernst
Beverly Billingsly Borrows a Book
by Alexander Stadler
The Boy Who Was Raised by Librarians
by Carla Morris
Library Mouse by Daniel Kirk
The Bird, the Frog, and the Light: A Fable by Avi
Jeremiah Learns to Read by Jo Ellen Bogart
The Wednesday Surprise by Eve Bunting
Petunia by Roger Duvoisin
Amber on the Mountain by Tony Johnston
The Alphabet Tree by Leo Lionni
Thank You, Mr. Falker by Patricia Polacco
The Bee Tree by Patricia Polacco
Read for Me, Mama by Vashanti Rahaman
I Took My Frog to the Library by Eric Kimmel
Fix-it by David McPhail
How to Live Forever by Colin Thompson
The Old Woman Who Loved to Read by John Winch
Wild about Books by Judy Sierra
"L" Is for Library by Sonya Terry
Our Library by Eve Bunting
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The Library by Sarah Stewart
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South Carolina Spotlight: Augusta Baker


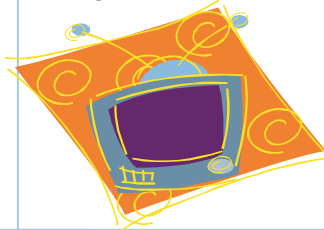



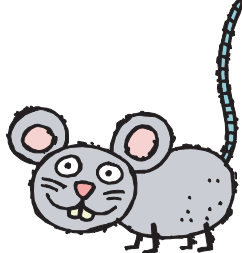

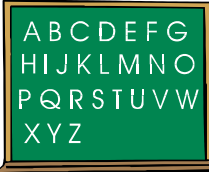
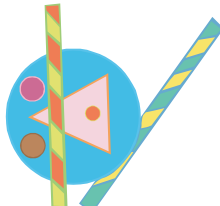
Augusta Baker is one of those names that should be spelled out in dazzling lights in every single children's room in every single library in the United States. Storyteller, author, compiler, activist, and children's librarian, her influence on programming and collection development policies in public libraries is legendary. The stories in her collections are fine examples of "the tellable tale" and her book on storytelling is likely the most influential book on storytelling in libraries ever published. In 1980, Ms. Baker moved to Columbia, SC and served as USC's storyteller in residence for 14 years. Her legacy lives on through an annual storytelling festival in her honor and the connections made with the public library and the university.

Around the State!

Stone Soup Storytelling Festival, Woodruff (Spartanburg County)
Come See Me Festival, Rock Hill (York County)
Azalea Festival, Pickens (Pickens County)
Taste of Blackville, Blackville (Barnwell County)
Rice Festival, Walterboro (Colleton County)
World Grits Festival, St. George (Dorchester County)
Annual Historic Pendleton Spring Jubilee, Pendleton (Anderson County)
Jubilee Arts Festival, Bennettsville (Marlboro County)

April: Reading

A(ugusta) Baker's Dozen - A Celebration of Stories is a two-day festival held every year in April. The Richland County Public Library in Columbia hosts the festival in honor of master storyteller Augusta Baker. It includes many events for families featuring local and regional storytellers, and other special guests.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Read a story and ask your child to tell you what happened at the beginning, middle, and end.</p> 	<p>Point out the name of the author and illustrator of a book. Talk about what each person does.</p>	<p>Mother Goose Time!</p> <p>Hey diddle diddle The cat and the fiddle, The cow jumped over the moon; The little dog laughed To see such sport, And the dish ran away with the spoon.</p>	<p>What is April Fool's Day?</p> <p>Tell a story about someone who plays a trick or joke.</p>	<p>Turn off the TV day!</p> <p>Spend some time today reading.</p> 	<p>Can you work on writing your own story together? You can work on it all month.</p>	<p>Find a newspaper or any item with print. See how many words your child can pick out.</p> 
<p>Use a cookbook to make something new! Try and choose a healthy recipe.</p>	<p>With your child, look at the pictures in a book and guess what happens. Then read it together to see if you were right.</p>	<p>Walk through your house or outside. See if you can find items with the first letter of your child's name.</p>	<p>Find a square, circle, and triangle. Make up some poems or a story about these objects.</p> 	<p>Have your child draw a picture of their favorite character from a book.</p>	<p>Read to your animal, stuffed animals, dolls, or family! Do you know any fairy tales?</p>	<p>Go to the library to celebrate National Library Week!</p> <p>Check out books about reading, poetry, or some fairy tales.</p>
<p>Read a story and then act it out using puppets, dolls, or stuffed animals.</p>	<p>Point out signs throughout the day and read them together.</p> 	<p>Draw a large outline of your child's name. Have them color it and tell you each letter.</p>	<p>Read two books to your child before bed. Ask your child about their favorite part of each one.</p>	<p>Practice singing the ABCs. Talk about letters and words.</p>	<p>Write out each letter of the alphabet. Cut them out in squares and tape them to your clothes and body. Call out a letter for your child to peel off of you until they are all gone.</p>	<p>Can you draw a mouse like in <i>Library Mouse</i>?</p> 
<p>Take a walk and collect leaves, flowers, and other small objects. Make a collage with them when you get home.</p>	<p>Label items in your house. Practice saying the words together.</p>	<p>Create a rhyming poem about a child who learns to read.</p>	<p>Help your child make and decorate a bookmark.</p> 	<p>Find a book with few words (try Donald Crews.) You tell one version of a story, and let your child tell another.</p>	<p>Sit down as a family and read a story.</p>	<p>Draw or find a picture of your favorite fruit and your favorite vegetable. Make up a funny story about these two!</p>
<p>Find some pictures from a magazine or pamphlet. Lay them out in a row and tell a story about them.</p>	<p>Sing the alphabet song in as many languages as you know. What's your favorite letter?</p> 	<p>Celebrate Earth Day!</p> <p>Wear something green. Talk about the things you will do to be more Earth friendly today.</p>	<p>Together, make up a poem about visiting the library.</p>	<p>Cut a straw into a few pieces. Let your child tell you a different story about each piece.</p> 	<p>Celebrate "Day of the Children/Day of the Book"</p> <p>(El día de los niños). Visit your library if they are having a special program.</p>	<p>Put on some music and dance. If you have some jazz music, spend some time listening to it and talk about it.</p>