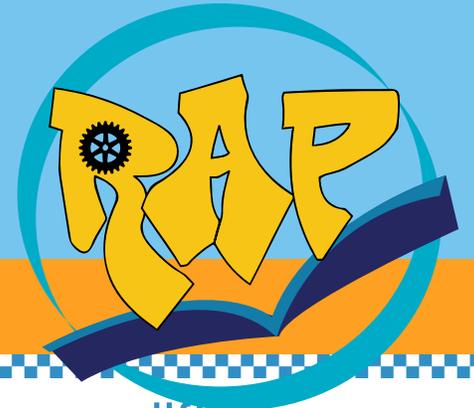


Read Around

It's Right to Read; Your Right to Read!

- ❖ Ensure that all children are prepared for school.
- ❖ Encourage everyone to read.
- ❖ Champion the belief that literacy is an essential life skill.



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Preorder official book

Henry Loves Hills, Perry's official book written by Perry native Patrick E. Brennan, can be preordered now for delivery later this year.

The book is the harrowing tale of Henry the school bus that travels the Perry area's rolling hills. Henry, driven by Ed, confronts his biggest challenge during a raging January snow storm, inspired by the Blizzard of 1977. Sally Snowplow helps out.

Brennan's story was selected as the community's official book during a competition initiated by RAP, with support from the Town of Perry's Bicentennial Committee.

Dan Butler, a Village of Perry resident, illustrated *Henry Loves Hills*.

Secure your copy of the 32-page *Henry Loves Hills* by preordering it at Burlingham Books in Perry. Or download the order form at www.readaroundperry.weebly.com.

The cost is \$16, including tax, if ordered and paid for prior to Oct. 1, 2015. After that date, the cost is \$17.99, plus tax.

30 minutes makes a difference

Twenty-one days – that's the time it takes to start a new habit. What better habit to start the new school year with than **reading as a family**?

How about reading for **two** 15-minute sessions each day? One session could be a read-aloud where an older family member reads to a younger member; the other session could be an independent reading choice. Better yet, have your child read to you! Imagine the places your child will travel in their minds and the things they will learn in 30 minutes of reading a day.

Your child would read approximately **one million** words a year in just 15 minutes. It's so much more than just one minute a day, which adds up to approximately 50,000 words.

Ben Carson's mom read to him as a single mom, and her son went from being in the bottom of his class to a renowned neurosurgeon (and a presidential candidate)!

So let's start the school year off with some great habits in Perry: Shut down the video games and television for 30 minutes at night and replace them with reading. See if it doesn't create some of the fondest memories you will have with your child. I did this with my sons, and it's something I have never regretted. I only wish I had continued to do so as my children became older.

Let RAP members know of your successes and struggles. How can we help? We would love to hear your story!

– *By Linda Elliott, Perry Elementary School Reading Teacher*

Book donations welcome

To stock its 14 bookcases and bookhouses with children's, young adult and adult books, RAP needs to replenish its supply of gently used children's books. (The program has plenty of adult and young adult

books.) Thanks to Judy Phillips of Burt's Lumber and Don O'Geen, Wyoming County District Attorney and Rotary president, for their recent donations. If you have children's books to donate, please email RAP at readaroundperry@gmail.com. Thank you!