

Librarian's Shelf by Brad Hruska

Thanksgiving Fun @ Your Columbus Public Library!

During the Thanksgiving holiday, it is important to reflect on the blessings one has been given throughout the year. An entertaining way that parents can do this with their children is by sharing humorous holiday books with them. Picture books like "Albuquerque Turkey" by B.G. Ford, "I Know an Old Lady who Swallowed a Pie" by Alison Jackson, and "The Night Before Thanksgiving" by Natasha Wing are great read alouds sure to encourage children to pause and give thanks for what they have. There is one text, however, guaranteed to excite youngsters about the Thanksgiving holiday and that is "A Plump and Perky Turkey" by Teresa Bateman. In this silly tale, readers encounter the "down-hearted" citizens of Squawk Valley. It is the week before Thanksgiving and the townsfolk still have no turkey for their holiday feast. But their sly mayor, Ebenezer Bezer, devises a plan to host a turkey-themed arts and crafts fair in the hopes of attracting a bountiful butterball. Bezer explains that once the judging is complete, he will sneak up on their feathered guest of honor and toss him into the pot, and before they know it, the people of Squawk Valley will be dining on a savory turkey meal of their very own! The hungry crowd delights in the idea and sets to work implementing Bezer's plan of enticing a meaty morsel. Well as luck would have it, a robust turkey named Pete is more than excited about the opportunity to pose for the event. "A plump and perky turkey? Well, I'm sure I qualify," gushes Pete.

To see if the hungry folks of Squawk Valley seize their chance to enjoy a tasty, turkey meal or if they will have to make do with bowls of shredded wheat, check out "A Plump and Perky Turkey" by Teresa Bateman.

If you are seeking entertaining holiday books to help get the little ones in your life in the mood for the Thanksgiving holiday, stop by the Columbus Public Library and check out what we have to offer. I am sure, no matter the age of your children, the library will have a delightful text that will satisfy even the pickiest of readers. If you have any questions regarding the texts mentioned in the article or would like other fun reading suggestions, contact me at (402) 564-7116 opt. 4. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS...**

Monday Night Book Adventures is scheduled for November 26 from 6:30-7:30 PM.

The next Super Sensational Saturdays event, "Merry Christmas to ALL!", will take place on December 8 from 10 AM-Noon.

No Story Time/ART will be held on November 22; however, the program will resume on Thursday, November 29, at 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM.

Don't forget that the Columbus Public Library's Children's Department offers a monthly calendar highlighting the many events to take place in the library's Children's Room. To have this informative agenda sent to your inbox, email me at bhruska@columbusne.us.