

RFTS Blogs

This blog is about family reading...why we do it, how to make it lots of fun, where to learn more about reading and storytelling and how it benefits children (and adults!)

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Do you know a kid who loves to write, or would like to learn more about writing? Check out Studio STL's website to find out more about this amazing place for young scribes.

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So many great children's books, so little time!! I rely on several blogs to help me navigate through the world of children's literature. One of my faves (and NOT just because Sue is a friend of mine) is a blog written by children's writer Sue Bradford Edwards. Sue has a way of finding the coolest new (or new to me) books (check out her post on June 19 for an unusual ABC book called **Zoo**

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I always love when I can recommend great new books to my friends. Twist of Fate: The Miracle Colt and His Friends is a wonderful book by Missouri author Chris Stuckenschneider and illustrator Kevin Belford. You may remember the story a few years ago of a truckload of horses that overturned on I-44 in Missouri as it headed to a slaughterhouse in Illinois. One of the surviving horses later gave

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Missouri parents and caregivers have joined in book discussions all over the state this spring! READ from the START programs have been held in locations including the Mother to Mother program at Dexter Regional Healthcare Foundation, Kornerstone in Shell Knob, many Head Start Centers and Parents as Teachers group meetings, and several public libraries. In fact, we have presented 50 RFTS

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KidLitosphere is an online community of bloggers who share a love of children's and young adult literature. A new website, [http://www.kidlitosphere.org/KidLitosphere Central/Welcome.html](http://www.kidlitosphere.org/KidLitosphere_Central/Welcome.html), enables children's lit lovers to access a wealth of book reviews, discussion groups, book award information, and social networking opportunities with fellow readers. The group organizes a yearly conference,

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Well, here are some resolutions that don't require eating more veggies, sweating at the gym, or cleaning out your closets!

Diane Petryk Bloom offers some wonderful advice about how to resolve to raise a reader.