

Dr. Seuss Book Given to Library Families



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Dr. Seuss' birthday was celebrated a little early – on February 28 – during Union County Public Library's storytime. Several members of the Friends of Union County Library were on hand to share in the fun and provide *Horton Hears a Who* to library families. Mrs. Ann directed the crowd in a song, read and led the sound effects in Dr. Seuss' *Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You?*, introduced Horton the elephant, and supplied the necessary supplies for the kids to make their own Horton paper bag puppets.

Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known by his pen name Dr. Seuss, was born on March 2, 1904, in Springfield, Massachusetts, and died on September 24, 1991, at the age of 87, in La Jolla, California. His birthday continues to be remembered every year as an appropriate time to emphasize the importance of reading and being read to as a child.

Geisel was a writer and cartoonist who published over 60 books. He published his first children's book, *And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street*, under the name of Dr. Seuss in 1937, after it had been rejected by publishers 27 times!

He said, "I don't write for children. I write for people. Once a writer starts talking down to kids, he's lost. Kids can pick up on that kind of thing." Maybe that's why almost everyone can find something to enjoy in his books and drawings.

Friends of Union County Library were pleased to be able to purchase and present this picture book about the tender-hearted Horton the Elephant, who watches out for the little guy. We are sure the families given this gift will read and reread this classic Seuss book and we will continue to take every opportunity to celebrate reading because, as the sign says, "READING IS OUR THING."



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