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Nashville Zoo Celebrates Reading on Fridays in November

Every Friday in November, Nashville Zoo will celebrate reading by offering all guests the opportunity to stop by the Zoo's amphitheater and listen to a children's story read by a Zoo staff member. Celebrate Reading presentations will take place at 10:30 a.m. each Friday and include light snacks. The Celebrate Reading program is included with admission to the Zoo.

"November is Celebrate Reading Month," states Nashville Zoo Education Curator Shellie Kalmore. "Our staff enjoys connecting with our guests, and we want to share our love of books. We hope they will enjoy our selections this year."

On Nov. 2, Jim Bartoo, marketing and public relations director, will read "Friends of a Feather" by Arlen Cohn. On Nov. 9, Development Director Rae Hummell will read "Giraffes Can't Dance" by Giles Andreae. Robin Mahoney, the Zoo's outreach programs manager, will entertain on Nov. 16 by reading "Punk Farm" by Jarrett J. Krosoczka. On Nov. 23, Cathy Wharmby, a Nashville Zoo docent, will read "Hungary Caterpillar" by Eric Carle. This reading will be offered first in English and then in Spanish. Celebrate Reading concludes on Nov. 30 with Julie Eperjesi, onsite programs manager, reading "Sheldon's Lunch" by Bruce Lemerise. All Story Time presentations will be enhanced with special elements, including puppets, music, costumes, or giveaways. These programs are outside, so guests are encouraged to dress for the weather.

Nashville Zoo is accredited by the prestigious Association of Zoos and Aquariums, assuring the highest standards of animal care and husbandry. The Zoo is a non-profit organization located at 3777 Nolensville Road and is open every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. The mission of the Nashville Zoo is to inspire a culture of understanding and discovery of our natural world through conservation, innovation and leadership. For more information about Nashville Zoo, please call 833-1534, or visit our website at www.nashvillezoo.org.

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