

Word search game – how fast can you complete?

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Locate the words listed below in the above puzzle – have fun!

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| Adele | Chapter | Reading |
| ALL Says Go | Fundamental | Read ALL You Can |
| Author | Knowledge | Storytelling with Adele |
| Books | Learn | Success |
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To instill and empower the concept that reading is not only fundamental, but it is the key ingredient to success and through reading ALL things are possible.



"Storytelling with Adele" at St. Matthews Church

By Linda R. Glasco

Storytelling dates back to the beginning of time. According to author James Foster Robinson, myths, legends and fairytales have given birth to images, numbers, words, religions, paintings, architecture, movies, music and books. In fact, renowned Harvard Professor Albert Bates Lord, a scholar of oral folk tales, also infused us with knowledge so that we never forget how important storytelling is to *all cultures*. Professor Lord ensured that storytelling remains a time honored tradition by explaining to us how to treasure and value stories passed down through the ages.

Specifically, some famous storytellers that we are all familiar with include the Grimm Brothers, who in 18th Century Europe presented us with such classics as Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood and Snow White. And, lest we forget, there was 17th Century Charles Perrault from France, who gifted us with tales like Sleeping Beauty, Tom Thumb and Puss in Boots. However, perhaps none is more intriguing than Hans Christian Anderson, who after his father's death, moved to Copenhagen, and at the tender age of 14,

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Read ALL You Can™ Monroe Township School District April 2012 Results

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

The results are in and the winning classrooms are ...

For the third consecutive year Adele's Literacy Library® has hosted the Read ALL You Can™ (RAYC) Program and the second consecutive year for the Monroe Township Public Elementary School District (Holly Glen, Oak Knoll, Radix and Whitehall). Since inception in 2010, **32,332 books have been read by elementary school students** (grades 1st through 4th) that have participated in this one month reading program.

Adele and her team are PROUD of every student that participated in the RAYC™ program. "Just knowing that we are empowering students to read makes it all worth wild" beamed Adele when asked how she felt about the success of her program.

A total of 9,077 books were read by the Monroe Township students participating in the RAYC™ program in April 2012. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL.

Holly Glen Elementary School
1,224 TOTAL BOOKS READ
1st Grade: 353 3rd Grade: 162
2nd Grade: 224 4th Grade: 190
Multi Classes: 295

Oak Knoll Elementary School
1,339 TOTAL BOOKS READ
1st Grade: 363 3rd Grade: 204
2nd Grade: 678 4th Grade: 94

Radix Elementary School
4,784 TOTAL BOOKS READ
1st Grade: 1,332 3rd Grade: 1,469
2nd Grade: 1,051 4th Grade: 942

Whitehall Elementary School
1,730 TOTAL BOOKS READ
1st Grade: 131 3rd Grade: 588
2nd Grade: 858 4th Grade: 115
Multi Classes: 38

In the spotlight >>>

2012 NJ State Governor's Jefferson Award

By Linda R. Glasco



Considered by some, the Nobel Peace Prize in Community Service, the NJ State Governor's Jefferson Award was founded in 1972 by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Senator Robert Taft, Jr. and Sam Beard, founder of the National Development Council. "If we ever lost the spirit of volunteerism in our neighborhoods, it would be a totally different country," said Beard at the inaugural event.

Lesli Alexis, devoted Board Member for Adele's Literacy Library® nominated Adele Ann Taylor for the Youth in Service category honor earlier this year – all the while keeping it a secret from Adele. Adele was surprised when she received notification by email that she was selected a winner for this prestigious award and attended the 2012 New Jersey Governor's Jefferson Award gala at the Newark Museum on May 1st.

Adele says, "Receiving the award is an honor. Not only was it fantastic to be recognized for my philanthropic efforts, but having the opportunity to meet other residents from New Jersey who are also empowering people on a daily basis was the highlight of the night." During the ceremony each honoree was featured with a presenter reading a brief bio, highlighting his/her accomplishments and introduced and brought on to the stage. Adele shook hands with New Jersey's Lt. Governor, among other influential people then had a chance to network with other recipients and business owners. Adele thanks Mrs. Alexis who Adele credits with giving her another special night of happy memories that she can cherish for a lifetime.



CURRENT NEW YORK TIMES
BEST SELLING E-BOOKS

List compiled on May 30, 2012

Fiction

- 1) *Fifty Shades of Grey*, by E.L. James
- 2) *Fifty Shades Darker*, by E. L. James
- 3) *Fifty Shades Freed*, by E. L. James
- 4) *Stolen Prey*, by John Sandford
- 5) *Fifty Shades Trilogy*, by E. L. James

Non-Fiction

- 1) *The Amateur*, by Edward Klein
- 2) *I Suck At Girls*, by Justin Halpern
- 3) *The Art of Intelligence*, by Henry A. Crumpton
- 4) *The Vow*, by Kim & Crickitt Carpenter
- 5) *Unbroken*, by Laura Hillenbrand

What do you think?

E-books future or fiction?

An e-book is a book that comes in electronic or digital form. Although e-books did not gain worldwide use and popularity until just recently, some historians believe that e-books were actually started as early as the 1960's at the Stanford Research Institute as well as Brown University. However, most researchers commonly report that e-books **were invented in 1971 by Michael S. Hart**, while at the University of Illinois. Ironically, one of the first documents Hart typed for publication was the *United States Declaration of Independence*. How appropriate, since this July edition of Adele's Literacy Library Newsletter salutes July 4th.

It has been reported that U.S. libraries began providing free e-books to the public in 1998 and the first dedicated hardware reader introduced was the *Rocket e-book* but it never gained widespread acceptance. In 2009 the e-book received worldwide acclaim as global market leader as Amazon launched the *Kindle* followed closely in 2010 by competitors Barnes and Noble with the *Nook* and Apple with the *iPad*.

A survey conducted in April 2012 by the Pew Research Center, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation reports that 21% of Americans had read an e-book and that owners of e-readers read an average of **8 books** a year more than people without the devices. However, the article published in the Huffington Post also reports that 19% of respondents aged 16 and over said that they hadn't read a single book, *in any format*, over the previous 12 months, which is the highest since such surveys on American reading habits began in 1978. The article goes further to state that if this figure is accurate, that means more than **50 million Americans don't read books at all**. This alarming information offers insight as to why the charitable work that **Adele's Literacy Library®** provides is so significant!

E-Knowledge:

In November 2011, Bob Holt reported for newjerseynewsroom.com that Overdrive, the leading digital distributor, supplies e-books for 15,000 public and school libraries around the world, and over 11,000 in the United States. Holt's article also states that the Press of Atlantic City reports that Vineland Public Library has 2,631 book titles, containing 1,493 different e-book titles and some duplicates. The Cape May County Library system plans to spend \$25,000 on buying access to e-books next year, according to Deb Poillon, the system's library director. Digital circulation has gone from 987 items in October 2010 to 3,500 currently.

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began storytelling, with classic fables like *The Ugly Duckling* and *The Princess and the Pea*.

Keeping with tradition, exhibiting her own flare for youthful exuberance, Adele Ann Taylor, at the tender age of 13, began storytelling as well. Today, Adele shares this wonderful phenomenon with students of ALL ages. Yet, Adele is especially honored to read to children at her church. By doing so, A.L.L. developed an important partnership with the St. Matthew's Baptist Church Day Care to implement "Storytelling with Adele," where she reads to children every other Wednesday for approximately 30-45 minutes.

Adele says, "Over the years, I've been able to modify certain books I read to coordinate with the class theme of the church for that week I'm storytelling, to build a deeper relationship with the kids I read to."

This is significant because storytelling not only influences how we think and feel, but also what we believe. Essentially, many historians think that storytelling is the foundation upon which human civilization was born. Storytelling helps define our character and illustrates how people from all over the world, from diverse cultures, can unify to enjoy and share something uniquely special.

In fact, through storytelling, Adele has dispelled the notion quoted by

respected philosopher and literacy critic Walter Benjamin, who states, "The art of **storytelling** is reaching its end because the epic side of truth, *wisdom*, is dying out."

On the contrary, Adele proved that one of the premier ways to promote literacy was to initiate "Storytelling with Adele," a fantastic year round program, which allows her to read to people of ALL ages while explaining why literacy is important. "Storytelling with Adele" encourages students who may not be read to at home, or who don't enjoy reading, to *listen* to a book and learn valuable lessons based on the *moral* of the story. The program also promotes critical reading skills and keeps the brain flowing!

In addition, Adele's Literacy Library® has created another program called "Storytelling with ALL," in which college based students will read to the elderly. This program is also designed to promote the significance of technology in relationship to literacy through the use of Kindles, E-readers, and Nooks.

"Storytelling with ALL," will hopefully make a huge impact in the elderly community, and also positively influence the college students who will be participating in the program. Adele's Literacy Library® is continuing to seek out colleges to implement this program, and A.L.L. is in the beginning stages of initiating "Storytelling with ALL" as a collegiate community service club.

Adele's recommended 2012 must read books

Ages 3-5:

"Where the Wild Things Are"
by Maurice Sendak

Ages 6-8:

"My Book About Me
(Beginner Book)
by Dr. Seuss

Ages 9-12:

"Too Old for This, Too Young
for That!: Your Survival Guide
for the Middle-School Years"
by Karen Unger

Young Adults

"The Bully Society"
by Jessie Klein



Summer fun facts

◆ 53% of 4th graders report that they read on their own for fun "Almost Every Day." Among 8th graders, only 20% report reading on their own for fun "Almost Every Day" (NCES, 2009).

◆ The number of high school seniors who read at or above "Proficient" has been declining since 1992, according to the NAEP reading test (NCES, 2002).

◆ Less than half of families read to their kindergarten-age children on a daily basis (West et al., 2000).

◆ The world's largest library is the Library of Congress, which is located in Washington, D.C.

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