



Library Lingo

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Children Matter to Libraries

Public libraries are truly democratic institutions built on the values of trust, cooperation and sharing to assist with the “growing” of literacy in communities. They champion and protect people’s right of access to information. Any member of the population, regardless of economic standing, can use their facilities and resources. Users are expected to be considerate and respectful of the rights of others. Children are a crucial sector of their user base. Encouraging children to be enthusiastic about learning and expanding their literacy skills is usually a top priority for most library services. The Anguilla Library Service is no exception.



stamped at the library when they finished reading a certain number of books and were rewarded with token prizes. Feedback from parents was very positive. Most of them were ‘glad to have their children engaged constructively in August as summer camps are usually finished by the end of July and viewed the programme as a ‘way of getting [the children] out of the house and away from the television’. Parents also acknowledged that their children spent more time reading as well as they themselves spent more quality time reading either to them or with them. The children were just as positive in their feed-

information literate society. Children can also express themselves through the visual media when the library hosts “Artzy Dayz at the Library”- a series of art classes which so far has been focused on drawing and painting. During August 2012 an interesting pilot project was launched, a Summer Reading Club for 30 children between the ages of 4 and 12. Under the theme “Meet People, Go Places @ Your Library” they were challenged to consider reading a fun thing to do in the summer holidays, spend time in the company of books and visit the library for group activities. The participants were issued with Reading Passports, got them



This year the Library continued to offer reading support for children through its loan services to families and schools. Story time sessions at the Library or during visits to schools enhance listening, speaking and comprehension skills. Assistance with homework assignments, the sharing of information experiences in partnership with various agencies, whether it be during the annual summer programme, the Axa Lit Fest, Sunset Homes Fun Fair, or the Literacy & Numeracy Fair—these events expose children to “words” and contribute to the long term goal of an



back. They generally enjoyed the programme but suggested an upgrade in the prizes to ‘ipads’ and even ‘a million dollars’. Strategies to encourage children to read more will continue in 2013. One can only agree with President Obama that “reading makes all other learning possible. We have to get books into our children’s hands early and often”. We must—this is high on the agenda of public libraries to create spaces where children can come to read and learn together.



Christmas is the time to share love & joy. A time to recollect beautiful memories. It is a time to sit back & relax. Enjoy the holiday season.

Looking Back..... Past Storms

Remembering the Storms that were not in synch with the timeline of this traditional rhyme:

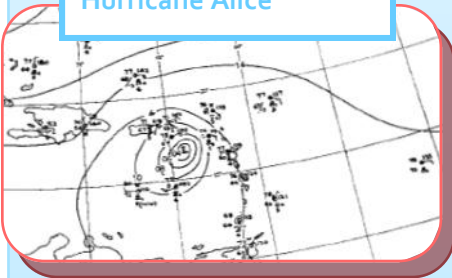


Hurricane Alice, Jan 2 , 1955

*June, too soon
July, stand by
August, come it must
September, remember
October, all over*

Although the official hurricane season has now been designated as June to December public opinion will still regard these storms as exceptions rather than the norm.

Hurricane Alice



1955

On the morning of January 2nd while many persons were worshipping in church the winds of Hurricane Alice wreaked havoc on their homes. Extensive damage to ship-

ping is recorded as well as to homes and government buildings like the Court House, the Prison, Post Office and the Treasury.

1984

Some 2.1 million dollars in damages was sustained when the shipping and fishing industries were severely hit on November 8th during the passage of Hurricane Klaus. The island's merchant fleet at Blowing Point and Road Bay suffered great losses. Sadly the iconic "Warspite" and the largest boat "MV Sarah" went down on that day.



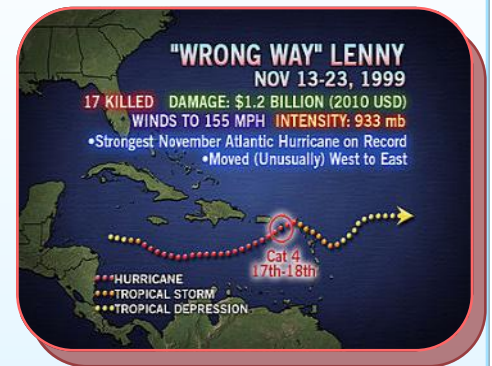
HMS Warspite

1999

It is unusual for storms to form in the western Caribbean and move east. That was the path Hurricane Lenny took and made landfall on Anguilla on November causing widespread flooding with waters reaching a depth of 14 ft in The Valley. Damage to infrastructure and the coastline from Lenny has been estimated at \$65.8 million.

When the news broke that Hurricane Sandy

was developing in the western Caribbean Sea it was a timely reminder of November 1999. Would this be a repeat of Lenny's path? Fortunately the island was spared from Sandy's onslaught as the storm moved northward through the Caribbean and curved towards the east



coast of the United States. The passing of storms can be a unifying force and an arm of empathy is extended to all those who experienced the ravages of Sandy in the hope that the Christmas season will bring even more relief.

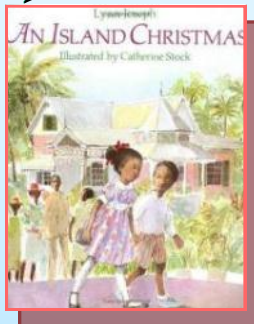


Hurricane Lenny :- Flooding, The Valley

Answers : A Horse, In the dictionary, A window, A book, Trouble, A telephone, Criticism, One was bad, A post office



Spreading the word....



"An Island Christmas" by Lynn Joseph.

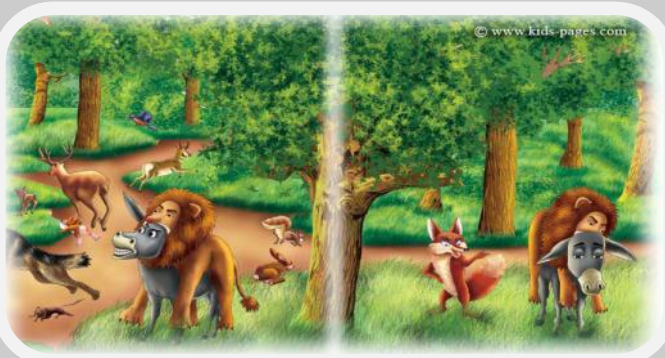
On the island of Trinidad little Rosie gets involved in the flurry of getting ready for Christmas. She helps with picking red petals for sorrel drink, mixing cake with the fruits that have been soaking since July and turning the guava branch into a beautiful Christmas tree. She also joins in the singing and dancing of the parang bands as they come serenading with Christmas cheer. Through Rosie's eyes readers can celebrate the sights and sounds of a traditional Caribbean Christmas.



"Irene Jennie and the Christmas Masquerade" by Irene Smalls.

On Christmas day, this slave girl on a plantation in North Carolina, is down in the dumps. She longs for her parents to come home from the plantation they had been loaned to work for Christmas. She has been waiting for days and still no sight of them. Suddenly she hears the horns and drums of the masquerade bands and gets caught up in the music and dancing. Then at the end of the long parade who does she see? She realizes that her prayers have been answered and this day will be a very special one for her.

If you would like to read "An Island Christmas" or "Irene Jennie and the Christmas Masquerade" please contact your Public Library.



Aesop's Fables

The Ass in the Lion's Skin

One day, an Ass found a Lion's skin left in the forest by a hunter, and wishing to amuse himself and to feel powerful, put it on, scaring all the animals he met on his way. He was very proud of himself and felt like a real king. But in his delight, he opened his mouth and

brayed in triumph.

The moment he heard the Ass's voice, a Fox who was running frightened as well, stopped suddenly and began to laugh. Approaching the Ass, he exclaimed: "You could have fooled me, too, had I not heard your bray."

Fine clothes may disguise a fool, but silly words will give him away.

Aesop's Fables

The Hares and the Frogs

The Hares, persecuted by the other beasts and afraid even of their own shadows, had a council to decide what to do. The conclusion they came to was to die rather than live on with this shame. So, they went to a pond, determined to drown themselves.

But when they were just about to jump, some Frogs

who had been sitting on a water lily, startled by the noise they made, rushed to the deep water for safety. "Look," cried a Hare, "there are creatures who are even afraid of us, so things are not so bad, after all. We don't need to die any more."

However unfortunate we may think we are, there is always someone worse off than ourselves.



Tickle Your Mind...

CHRISTMAS TIME

C F C L Y E K R U T G G V F
 S I R I Y B U A M R N N L A
 N V N G D T O Y S P I I O M
 O E S H S M L S E M D L V I
 I F N T L A E D D B D O E L
 T I O S U H S N A L U R B Y
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 O E T H V R C L M E P I A E
 S E R E N A D E R S T G N L

BAKING
 BLACKCAKE
 CAROLING
 CONCERTS
 DECORATIONS
 FAMILY
 FEAST
 FIVEFINGER TREE
 FRIENDS
 GIFTS
 JOYFUL
 LIGHTS
 LOVE
 MASQUERADES
 MAUBY
 POTATO PUDDING
 RIBBONS
 ROASTED HAM
 SERENADERS
 SORREL
 TOYS
 TURKEY

"May peace be more than a season,
 may it be a way of life"

Brain Teasers

What always sleeps with its shoes on?



Where does Friday come before Thursday?



What invention lets you look right through a wall?



What has many rings, but no fingers?



What wears a jacket, but no pants?



What is easy to get into, but hard to get out of?



What's easier to give than receive?



Three men were in a boat. It capsized, but only two got their hair wet.. Why?



What has only two words, but thousands of letters?

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Tongue Clapper Say...

"Willful waste, woeful want."



A Hole in the Fence

There once was a little boy who had a bad temper. His father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the back of the fence.

The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence....

Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper. The day passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, "You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence."

The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is still there. A verbal wound is as bad as a physical one.

Friends and loved ones are a very rare jewel, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. They lend an ear, they share a word of praise, and they always want to open their hearts to us. Water your relationships with kindness... and they will grow. So be careful little lips what you say...! And you won't chase friendships away.