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Reading Program Hosts “Story Time” at the Marion County Fair

This Sunday, July 13 Reading for All! will celebrate reading at the Marion County Fair. From noon to 5:00 pm in Columbia Hall local celebrities and public officials will be reading out loud to kids. Parents and kids are invited to come listen to a variety of children’s stories, including “Where the Wild Things Are,” “Stellaluna,” stories by Dr. Suess, and many others. Celebrity readers will include Marion County Commissioners Sam Brentano and Janet Carlson, Marion County District Attorney Walt Beglau, Silverton Mayor Ken Hector, and Judge Pamela Abernethy.

Reading for All! is a community literacy project for all of Marion County in response to recent data that indicate our children are not faring as well as they could in their third and eighth-grade reading scores.

The Marion County Children and Families Commission is the chief architect, and is leading the effort to help our whole community understand that reading needs to be a big priority for our children, families, caregivers, and all those who interact with children.

“ We want to help all children be ready to learn as they enter school, and focusing on early reading is a big key,” explained Marion County Department of Children and Families Director Alison Kelley. “ Kids who experience success in school early on will have a higher likelihood of succeeding both in school and in life. We want to come together as a community to help our kids succeed in school, stay in school, and go on to participate productively in the workforce to help make our county a wonderful place to live,” she said. She explained that while schools in the county are doing their part, “We want to focus on ways we can encourage reading outside the classroom.”

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