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Corinne Costin Gibson Memorial Gulf County Public Library to Host Family Literacy Program

The Corinne Costin Gibson Memorial Gulf County Public Library has received a grant from the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities (LEH) and Florida Humanities Council (FHC) to host a family literacy program in Port St. Joe.

"The program, PRIME TIME FAMILY READING TIME, targets children aged 6 to 10 who may be experiencing difficulty with reading and their parents in an effort to foster a lifelong love of learning through reading," says Nancy Brockman, Gulf County Library Coordinator.

PRIME TIME, a six week series of reading and discussion programs, includes sessions on such themes as fairness, greed, courage, cleverness, and determination. A discussion leader and a storyteller introduce parents to the benefits and pleasures of reading and discussing stories with their children.

The program aims to expand participants' understanding of reading through the use of children's literature with substantial humanities content. It focuses on expanding the teaching of literature, history and cultural values.

"PRIME TIME introduces families to the pleasures and benefits of reading together and the many resources and services of the public library," said Senior Consultant, Dianne Brady. "We're pleased to be working with the Northwest Regional Library System to bring this exciting family literacy program to the citizens of Port St. Joe."

PRIME TIME programs are sponsored by the LEH, FHC, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Library Association and Shell Oil. The LEH and FHC are private, statewide, non-profit affiliates of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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