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## Early Childhood News

*From Dubuque County Early Childhood - a nonprofit that builds collaboration around the needs of families with young children.*

Shared Vision: "All Children in Dubuque County are Healthy and Successful."

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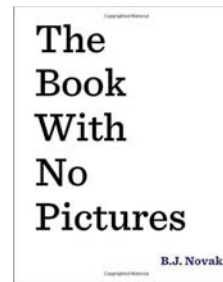
### The Picture Book Winner is...

Announcing this year's winner of the Bridge to Reading, Picture Book Award - "The Book with No Pictures." Yes, that's the actual title. It's a really fun read aloud.

Throughout Dubuque County, kids voted and picked this book as their favorite one. Congrats go to author B.J. Novak.

Coordinated by Dubuque's public library, this award is a collaboration with local early childhood organizations.

For more info, go to:  
[www.bridgetoreading.com](http://www.bridgetoreading.com).



### Upcoming Meetings - Dubuque County Early Childhood

**SAVE THE DATE!** Kids Expo-Dubuque County will be on October 8, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Grand River Center. It's the premier family resource and fun fair for our community. Don't miss it.

**Advocacy/Public Awareness** - June 9, 10:00 a.m., Keystone AEA

**Kids Expo Planning Team** - June 9, 11:00 a.m., Keystone AEA

**Early Care and Education Committee** - June 13, 1:00 p.m., Keystone AEA

**Long-Range Planning Committee** - June 14, 12:00 p.m., Archdiocese Pastoral Center

**Executive/Finance Committee** - June 20, 1:00 p.m., Keystone AEA

**Kids Expo Planning Team** - June 27, 10:00 a.m., Keystone AEA

**Dubuque County Early Childhood Board** - June 28, 12:00 p.m., Keystone AEA

**NOTE:** Meetings are subject to change. To obtain meeting agendas, minutes, or location/directions - contact DCEC at (563) 588-1620, [sedward24@aol.com](mailto:sedward24@aol.com). All meetings are open to the public and are held at locations reasonably accessible to the public. Submit questions or requests for special accommodations to (563) 588-1620.

### New Members Joining DCEC

The Dubuque County Early Childhood (DCEC) Board warmly welcomes four new members.

- \* Gina Blean, Unified Therapy Services
- \* Jim Guentherman, Lutheran Services



\* Jake Rios, Dubuque City Council  
 \* Jay Wickham, Dubuque County Board of Supervisors

Thank you for your dedication to healthy and successful children and to making Dubuque County a strong community!

### Start with a Smile - Help Support Early Childhood

Here's an easy way to help support local early childhood efforts. You now can donate to Dubuque County Early Children (DCEC) simply by placing an Amazon order. It's easy - click on <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-8792057> and then place your order. Amazon will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to help local children receive needed family support services.



### Scholarships Available for Preschool



Preschool scholarships for 100% of tuition are available from Dubuque County Early Childhood for families of children age three to five. Scholarships are income based and awarded on a first come, first serve basis. However, even middle-income families may qualify.

Many preschools throughout Dubuque County are participating and have openings for preschool students. These sites have a variety of available hours and days, depending on children's ages. Eligible preschools are ones that are participating in Iowa's Quality Rating System, an initiative that helps early childhood organizations improve the quality of education and care.

For more information, contact Stephanie VanGroll, Child Care Resource & Referral, at (563) 557-1628 or (866) 296-5331.

### For More Info

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