

ORLANDO CHAPTER OF CHUMS, INCORPORATED
READING FESTIVAL – Washington Shores Elementary
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“LISTEN TO THE CHILDREN” ...ensure their lives

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Loud and Clear (L and C) defines the precision used by the members of The Orlando Chapter of Chums to effectuate the Chums national theme, “Listen to The Children,” ...ensure their lives. For the past seven years, The Orlando Chapter of Chums has presented its annual Reading Festival for children. The festival has used attention-getting, working festival titles, such as: “Psalms and Songs,” “How Things Were in The Old Days” and “Wise Sayings that Matter.” The 2017 working festival theme was “Critters in Orange County,” and the writing theme for the fourth and fifth-grade students at Washington Shores Elementary School was “Pick-a-Critter. The pupils had the opportunity to listen, read and write about the many important critters in the environment.

As usual, the high point of the festival was the opportunity for each pupil to select a book of choice to keep as his/her very own. Each pupil shared the breath-taking moment hoping to be a winner of one of the 2017 award books for children. Four pupils won The Newbury award book for 2017. Three pupils won the Caldecott award book for 2017, and two pupils won The Coretta Scott King award book for 2017.

The Orlando Chapter of Chums, Incorporated has given more than 1500 new books to children over the past seven years. We look forward to publishing the children’s writings about their Reading Festival experience and to sharing their published writings with them.

The Reading Festival has been chaired over the seven year period by Dr. Lorraine K. Harris, a charter member of the Orlando Chapter of Chums.

