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BBCH, Raising Readers Partner to Bring Story Time to Video

Children spending time in The Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital at Maine Medical Center (BBCH) will be able to participate in story time, even if they’re not able to leave their rooms, thanks to a new program. Patients can watch stories being read aloud on the BBCH closed-circuit TV system (CCTV).

“Reading is such an important part of childhood,” said John Bancroft, MD, medical director of BBCH and the George W. Hallett, MD, Chair of Pediatrics at Maine Medical Center. “Reading stories here is one way to bring normal life to kids who are on the mend.”

The readers are all adults that young patients might encounter during their hospital stay, including doctors, nurses and child life specialists. They were recorded reading books that were recommended by Raising Readers, a MaineHealth program funded by the Libra Foundation that promotes early childhood literacy and a love of reading by giving books to Maine children at birth and during well-child visits through the age of five.

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May Anniversaries

45 Years
Brenda Hyson, Coding

40 Years
Lucille Gaudette, Physician Billing
Elizabeth Hilchey, Health Information Management
Janet Parrott, Scarborough Primary Care
Petronilo Rodriguez, EVS

35 Years
Nancy Beaupre, Patient Transport

30 Years
Kimberly Bockus, BBCH

25 Years
Sameatton Nhonh, Anesthesiology
Jamie Nowinski, PICU

20 Years
Julie Beecher, Portland Pediatrics
Patricia Bowden, Endoscopy
Michael Butt, MMCRI

Ann Marie Bolduc, One Call
Kathleen Cressey, Patient Access
Mary Ekholm, P4C
Gertrude Kent, Ambulatory Cardiac Unit
Janice Kroot, Anesthesiology
Janet Nutter, EVS
Lois Raymond, HR

Jay Westra, Maine Children’s Cancer Program
Lauri Wilson, Nursing Clinical Resources

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‘CCTV Stories’
From Front

“It’s really hard to tell kids who are sick that they can’t participate in group activities in our shared spaces,” said Liz Shaughnessy, the John D. Bancroft, MD, Child Life Program Manager. “This allows kids to share in that group reading activity from their room.”

Raising Readers books are vetted by doctors, librarians, child development experts and parents to ensure they appeal to kids and continue to be interesting after repeated read-aloud sessions. Cassandra Grantham, director of Raising Readers, said the team was excited to partner with the BBCH child life program to bring Raising Readers to life in the hospital.

BBCH expects to have stories playing on CCTV three times a day by the summer.

‘Anniversaries’
From Front

Heidi Smith, Coding Alem Tedlla, EVS Susan Willey, Pulmonary Medicine
Kelsey Beal, Maternal Fetal Medicine Lindsay Bileau, IS Brenda Buck, Surgical Technology School Shannon Cameron, Portland Pediatrics Gina Cantoni, CICU Melissa Clements, Radiology Nursing Gail Cloutier, Surgery Ariel Cote, South Portland Pediatrics Michael Dalzell, EVS Katelyn DeGirolamo, Gibson Pavilion Diane Fossett, Family Medicine Falmouth Susan Gatti, Vocational Services Melissa Hanneman, R4 Kathrynn Hoyt, Anesthesiology Lauric Hult, Westbrook Primary Care Mary Ireland, Business Analytics Uma Jandhyala, IS Michelle Jones, Dialysis Nursing Gregory Kellough, Employee Health Deirdre Kilgallen, Outpatient Care Sarah Kuevi Akoe, OR Kalin Lancaster, IS Sue LaPierre, MMCRI Michael Linehan, Food Services Colin McHugh, Payor Relations Caitlin McKenzie, Geriatrics Cathleen McMahon, Cardiology Tina Merrill, R2 David Micca, Vascular Surgery Victoria Mitchell, P4C Erin Olmstead, BBCH Dana Orkin, BBCH Stephanie Parsons, Urology Amy Pearl, Family Medicine Falmouth Jordan Peck, Center For Performance Improvement Wendy Pelletier, Coding Melissa Perry, Pediatric Clinic Loc Pham, Interpreter Services Danielle Plamondon, NICU Chester Richardson, Poison Control Catherine Scott, Radiology Jeffrey Strano, Ultrasound Teri Trafton, Women & Infants Boutique Leo Waterston, MMCRI Chad Wilkins, General Mechanical Denise Wilson, Cash Management Jill Worsham, HR

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