

Pirates Invade Summerville!



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April McDevitt and Tina McDuffie with Here Be Books, dressed in their favorite pirate garb and read to children on International Talk Like A Pirate Day.

Mini pirates storm 'Here Be Books'

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On what seemed like an ordinary Thursday afternoon in Summerville, clouds started to roll in and the wind began to swirl with a purpose. At the quaint bookstore, Here Be Books, a meeting, which only happens once a year, was about to take place.

Inside the store, employees Tina McDuffie and April McDevitt, dressed in their finest pirate garments, awaited the arrival of their newest crewmembers – the mini pirates.

Although the children entered the store without any weaponry, McDuffie made sure that changed immediately. Swords were the preferred weapon of choice for the future buccaneers. Once McDuffie outfitted the crew with balloon weapons, she proceeded to assemble palm trees, monkeys and parrots to make sure the mini pirates felt right at home.

Now it was official. International Talk Like A Pirate Day, a popular fringe holiday held this year on Sept. 19, was underway.

As the mini pirates gathered at the front of the store, McDuffie and McDevitt read them three children's books that dealt with the subject of the day. In a rare moment of peace, the pillaging and plundering came to a halt as the mini pirates put aside their differences to enjoy the stories.

International Talk Like A Pirate Day, which originated in 1995, is celebrated across the globe on Sept. 19. From Cleveland, OH, to Sydney, Australia, people display their best pirate accents.

So next year, on Sept. 19, when your neighbor or

coworker greets you with an "Ahoy!" as you walk to the end of your driveway to get your morning paper, you need not worry. A simple "Arrrr!" will ensure that the conversation continues to sail along.

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Although Brian Mageau listens intently to the story being read, he remains on guard.

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