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Children's event to bring story books to life!

Stuart – Vendors are coming out in force to participate in next month's Storybook Forest, bringing with them a host of beloved children's fairytale characters.

The second annual event, scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. January 23 at Stuart's Flagler Park, is an exhibit of booths designed to give children an interactive experience with favorite childhood stories. Some of the stories featured include Giraffes Can't Dance, Harold and the Purple Crayon, Old MacDonald Had a Farm and the Secret Garden.

Storybook Forest is being done in celebration of Children's Week, which is being recognized early this year to coincide with the early legislative session – an act meant to draw greater political attention to children's issues. It will feature interactive exhibits from 15 local organizations and businesses.

Activities include flower making, gardening and planting and arts and crafts.

"We want this to be a fun learning event for all children in the community," said Loretta Toth, executive assistant for Early Learning Coalition of Indian River, Martin and Okeechobee Counties and event committee chair. "We pulled together several human services leaders to make this event possible."

Other organizations represented on the committee include Devereux CBC, Camelot Community Care and Guardian ad Litem.

Devereux Community Based Care and its foster-parent recruitment and licensing providers will have booths at the event for anyone interested in learning more about becoming foster parents.

Clifford the Big Red Dog and Sammi the Sailfish will also make appearances throughout the day.

About 200 people attended the event last year, said Christina Kaiser, community relations director for Devereux CBC and committee member.

"This was a tremendously successful event, and we look forward to doing it again," Kaiser said. "It was bright, it was colorful and it was so much fun."

For information the event, visit www.elcirno.org. For information about Devereux CBC or about becoming a foster parent, please visit www.fostercare.devereuxcbc.org.

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