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News: Find new free articles on the **Reference Desk** feature on the www.pilnutpress.com website. Free teaching aids for parents and teachers are also available. More Word Searches have been added this month. We continue to expand our article section to include more articles on vocabulary development, spelling help, and other reading-related skills. Examples of articles currently available:

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Book Signings: We will be signing books on the following Thursday nights in **May; 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th**. Join us at the Barnes & Noble, Westgate Plaza, 8117 Sudley Road, Manassas, VA 20109 from 5 to 9 pm. Come see us then!

Appearances:

Book Reading Party: By special request, we will be reading "The Snickerdoodle Mystery" at a Book Reading Party! Mark your calendars and bring the children in your life. The Book Reading Party will be at the Chick-Fil-A, 1040 Shoppers Way, Largo, MD 20774-4813 on Tuesday, May 20, 2008. The party starts at 5pm and finishes at 8pm. Readings will be held at roughly 10 minutes past the hour. Kid's Meals are **free** with the purchase of an adult combo AND you get to experience what other parents are raving about!!! You'll also be able to purchase books for your personal library!

UNCLE E's BOOK READING PARTIES @ CHICK-FIL-A

"This is the best story telling event we've attended...EVER!"

"The presentation was great! The interaction with the children is one of the best I've seen in a long time!"

"This was much more fun than our 'night out' at the movies!"

"I enjoyed seeing someone pour into the lives of youth. It was a family environment that blessed me after a work day!"

Have YOU and the children in your life been to a Book Reading party yet? What are you waiting for?

Workshop for Northern Virginia Family Enrichment Program: On Saturday, May 10th, Mack and I will work with young writers and illustrators to help them develop books for commercial publishing. We will discuss the nuances of writing books and how to meet the needs of their readers. We will also talk about the special considerations a writer must make to create a book which can be sold through bookstores and the internet. Since many people now self-publish, we will also cover book design and illustration. Attendees will also learn about the

publishing industry and how to get published. It will be a lively, fast-paced workshop full of practical information! We are looking forward to it!

Book Development Seminar: Are you part of a writers group or a librarian looking for a program of interest to your community? We teach a seminar on **How to Write, Design, and Illustrate Your Book**. This 3-hour intensive workshop offers solid tips to adult authors and illustrators on how to get your book from an idea in your head to the printer. We cover:

- *choosing a topic
- *writing to your audience
- *editing
- *features to include
- *understanding book layout and how to design a book that fits your readers needs
- *book illustration guidelines
- *computer software needed
- *references and resources
- *and much more.

If you would like to schedule a presentation of this seminar, contact us today at mainoffice@pilinutpress.com for complete information and fees.

Newest Book Release: The Snickerdoodle Mystery is now available! What is happening to the delicious snickerdoodle cookies? See if you can solve the mystery! The book includes a recipe for making your own snickerdoodles. Pamela Czarniak's cheerful illustrations make this book a winner! (Paperback, 8.5 in X 11 in, full color illustrations, 52 pages, ISBN: 978-0-9779576-5-1, \$15.95) You can learn more about the book at our website. It is available through on-line sources and bookstores as a special order item. If you'd like to order a copy today, here is a link to its [page](#) on Amazon.com.

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