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## ***I Just Loved That Book! A Celebration of Favorite Children's Tales***

Sometimes, simply holding a favorite storybook from childhood in our hands brings back cherished memories of sitting in rapt attention in a circle of classmates or snuggling under the warm cozy covers of your bed while listening to a story. Glancing through the book's pages brings back the genuine excitement and delight of hearing it read with feeling and inflection. *I Just Loved That Book!*, celebrates treasured childhood books and the memories they inspire, on Friday, March 11, 2005 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Town of Rochester Community Center (off Main St., behind the train station) in Accord. Children, from infants to age 10, are invited to gather around while adults read books they "just loved." There will be a magic show, activities, take-homes and refreshments. Generous donations of new books covering a wide variety of interests and age groups will allow children choices among free books to take home. Admission is free for adults with at least one child, so bring along one of your own or borrow a few from your friends and neighbors!

According to Sue Matson, "Reading out loud to a child is a magical experience. We can travel to new and exotic places and appreciate familiar ones; learn about new things; or share feelings, emotions and experiences. The time spent together in discovery is what makes reading to a child so special."

*I Just Loved That Book!* is sponsored by the members of the Rondout Valley Early Childhood Workgroup which include: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County; Ellenville Public Library; Kerhonkson-Accord Chamber of Commerce; Little Ones Learning Center; The Child Care Council of Ulster County; Town Of Rochester Youth Commission; UCCA, Inc Head Start/Early Head Start; Ulster BOCES Adult Education; Ulster County Early Intervention and Preschool Programs; and Rose Women's Care Service with support from the Southern Ulster Optimist Club; Town of Rochester Senior Group; and Town of Rochester Youth Group. The event is free. Please call the Town of Rochester Youth Department to register: 626-2115. For more information call Sue Matson, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, at 340-3990.