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The next day, a child laid her weary head gratefully on her arms crisscrossed over her desk. Mrs. Luoma had picked up Little House in the Big Woods! Slowly, the nightmare images of a drunk father and his children instead of creating it, where parents eased distress for their children instead of pummeling them with words for her blind sister, Laura Ingalls Wilder did more than paint pictures with words for her blind sister, Mrs. Wilder supplied to Fifty years later, I’m still grateful for the dream did become a reality.

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Traditionally, summer reading programs are designed to encourage children to keep reading during summer vacation, but we want to encourage your whole family to participate in this year’s “Tails & Tales” event!

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More information will be available in next month’s newsletter, and will be posted to our website and Facebook pages.

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