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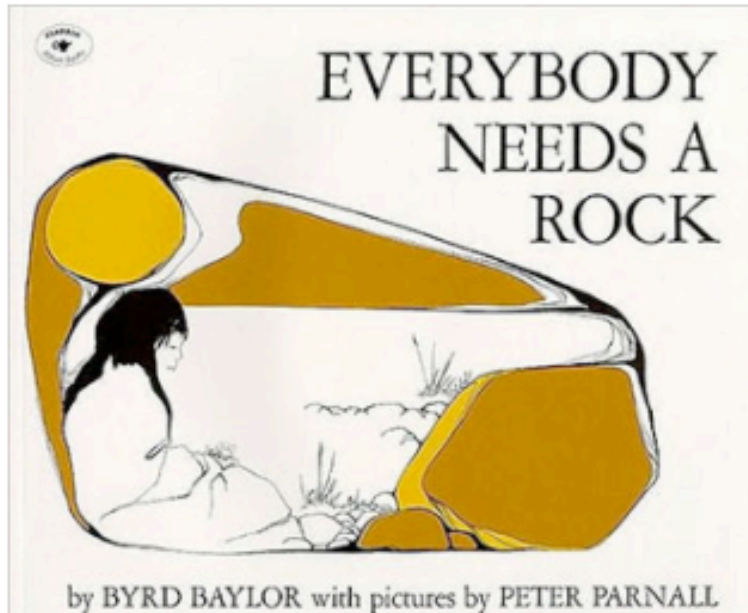
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ENC to present Reading in the Redwoods

March is National Reading Awareness Month, stressing the importance of reading aloud to youngsters at least 15 minutes a day. The Environmental Nature Center is embracing the benefits of reading to kids on Sunday, March 19 from 9:30 - 11 a.m., with their Reading in the Redwoods program.



"Everybody Needs a Rock" will be read aloud in Reading in the Redwoods

Attendees will get to meet some of ENC's educational animals before heading out on a hike with Executive Director Bo Glover and naturalist Valerie Bain; followed by Glover reading his favorite book beneath the redwoods – "Everybody Needs a Rock," by Byrd Baylor, which outlines 10 rules to finding the perfect rock.



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Courtesy Environmental Nature Center

ENC Executive Director Bo Glover reads aloud to kids and parents in the woods

Everyone needs a rock, so bring one to give it a personality and a backstory. Children can even take turns interviewing each other's rocks and trade them!

All ages are welcome, but parents, please remain with your children at all times. Bring a blanket or towel to sit on.

Cost: \$10 per child; \$5 for children of ENC members. Adult admission is free. To register and pre-pay, visit www.encycenter.org.

Environmental Nature Center is located at 1601 E. 16th St., Newport Beach. Call 949.645.8489.