

Spend *A Day in the Salt Marsh*...

February 2 Is World Wetlands Day!

Mount Pleasant, S.C. (January 29, 2009) – While February 14 is all about spreading the love, why not celebrate a little earlier by honoring some of the world’s most dynamic habitats? February 2 is **World Wetlands Day** – and it’s celebrated in over *95 countries!*

Wetlands are found on just about every continent on Earth! These habitats are home to almost 600 species of plants, animals, and insects - such as birds, mammals, reptiles, and fish. Marsh areas are not only excellent viewing areas to watch these species in their natural habitat; wetlands also reduce flooding by storing water that comes from rainfall and runoff! If your family doesn’t live near a marsh area to witness this phenomenon, why not spend *A Day in the Salt Marsh* – without ever leaving your home?

A Day in the Salt Marsh (Sylvan Dell Publishing, 2007) takes readers on a fun-filled day in the wetlands, as they learn about hourly changes within the marsh – brought on by the dynamic nature of the tides. Told in rhyme, this story follows different animals hunting for food and playing in the sun, while adapting to the changes within their habitat. You and your child will learn about the adaptability of different salt marsh creatures, while also learning why marsh grass survives the upsurge of the tides! Additionally, there is a “For Creative Minds” section in the back of the book that offers salt marsh and tidal animal activities, along with important facts on salt marshes and Spartina grass. For more information, visit

<http://www.sylvandellpublishing.com/ADayintheSaltMarsh-ChildrensBook.php>.

Hérons are another common site in salt marshes. They are known for their exceptional grace and tranquility...so what’s all that splashing over there? *Henry the Impatient Heron* (Sylvan Dell Publishing, 2009) is the brand new title from award-winning author, Donna Love. This hilarious story teaches children and parents alike a valuable lesson about patience, as Henry learns he won’t be able to catch any food if he’s hopping back and forth! This title not only demonstrates the importance of being still, but it also features fun-filled activities in the “For Creative Minds” section! In the spirit of World Wetlands Day, you and your child can read together interesting facts about herons and their home in the wetlands. Then, why not test your knowledge and try the Heron Life Cycle Matching Activity? For a sneak peek at *Henry the Impatient Heron*, please visit

<http://www.sylvandellpublishing.com/Heron.php>.

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