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Spremulli to read her book at library Story Time

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Smith Memorial Library will host Story Time today and Tuesday for Chautauqua's children with Pamela Spremulli reading her book *Letter Birds* at 10:45 a.m. in the library's Meeting Room.

Today, Story Time will focus on older children in the 6-year-old range, and Tuesday, the focus will switch to 3-year-olds, but all ages are welcome to attend both readings.

Letter Birds is Spremulli's first children's book, which was first published in late January of this year.

The ABC book, Spremulli said, grows with children. For children ages 2 and younger, the colors are amus-

ing. As they get older, they begin to learn the alphabet. By the time they reach 5 or 6, they're learning the song and about the birds in the book.

The song, written by friend and musician Jackson Rohm, was added to the alphabetical bird book. Rohm recorded the song, which will be played along with a movie during Story Time.

Spremulli is a freelance graphic designer, and her book came as an afterthought. She had originally been designing the birds for an art show.

"I've always wanted to do a book," she said. "I love birds and wanted to draw them ... so I took them and incorporated them in a dif-

ferent format."

After taking a little over a year to complete the book and to get a publisher, Spremulli's *Letter Birds* took flight.

In her daughter's preschool and kindergarten classes, Spremulli read the book, which, she said, was a great success.

"I think story time for any library is perfect. It's not only a little social gathering for children, but they learn," she said. "It's a nice time to be with your children."

A Lakewood native, Spremulli has been coming to Chautauqua since her childhood. For the past three years, she's visited with her family one week out of the season.

Her father, Durwood

Swanson, a retired elementary school principal, is "The" Chautauqua tour guide for the Institution.

Both of Spremulli's parents, her mom a first-grade teacher, fostered a fondness of working with children in her.

"I guess it is in our blood to encourage the little ones!" Spremulli said.

After years of visiting, Spremulli continues in her love for Chautauqua and the values instilled in the people who visit.

"It's an incredible experience for adults and kids," Spremulli said. "You can't describe it."

Letter Birds is for sale at the Chautauqua Bookstore, and the song "Letter Birds" is available on iTunes.



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Photo by Greg Funka

Children's author Pamela Spremulli reads her book, *Letter Birds*, for Story Time at Smith Memorial Library