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It happens to the best of us. We think we have the time to do it and we even write it down in our planner (or enter it into our smart phone, or tie a string around our finger). We have every intention of actually getting it done and then, boom, something comes up. The dog tunnels her way out and under the fence in the backyard, the kids all decide to get sick at the same time and demand that you take care of them, and then the exhaust pipe on the car that was just barely hanging on by a thread finally falls off. And all you wanted to do was return the kids' library books on time.

So the kids are not only still feeling groggy from being sick, but now they are cranky because they have overdue fines on their library cards. What's a kid to do? Well, for the month of January, kids ages 12 and younger can come to the library and *Read For Fines*. For every 15 minutes they read they will earn \$1 in Library Bucks that they can use to either pay down overdue fines or purchase a replacement library card. Kids can come to the library every Wednesday in January (the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th) from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. and read in the Children's Program Room. If they come to all four programs, they can earn up to \$16 in Library Bucks, which will go a long way toward uncrankifying them (yes, I realize that isn't a real word, but hey, literary license...)

For more information about the *Read For Fines* program and our other library programs, visit us online at www.beloitlibrary.org or "like" us on Facebook. And be sure to check out these great books available at your Beloit Public Library:

Crankenstein by Samantha Berger. He may look like any ordinary boy, but when faced with a rainy day, a melting popsicle, or an early bedtime, one little boy transforms into a mumbling, grumbling Crankenstein! When Crankenstein meets his match in a fellow Crankenstein, the results could be catastrophic-or they could be just what he needs to brighten his day! (Picture Book Description)

The Reading Promise: My Father and the Books We Shared by Alice Ozma. When Alice Ozma was in 4th grade, she and her father decided to see if he could read aloud to her for 100 consecutive nights. On the hundredth night, they shared pancakes to celebrate, but it soon became evident that neither wanted to let go of their storytelling ritual. So they decided to continue what they called "The Streak." Alice's father read aloud to her every night without fail until the day she left for college. (Book Description)

Smart Mama, Smart Money: Raising Happy, Healthy Kids Without Breaking the Bank by Rosalyn Hoffman. ...Rosalyn Hoffman knows it's more important to spend time with kids than spend money on them. In *Smart Mama, Smart Money*, she offers intelligent, witty advice to help modern moms budget. From healthy foods and must-have toys to age-appropriate clothing, electronic gadgets, school and party supplies, and fun-filled family vacations, moms learn how to make savvy financial decisions to provide children with a nurturing upbringing- without sacrificing the fun! (Book Description)