For immediate release

December 1, 2018

Mumford the Manatee was a best seller at Learn to Read of St. Johns' County's Book Fair at Barnes & Noble in St. Augustine!

When the initial allotment sold out quickly, Dee arranged for a special delivery of additional books so that no child would be disappointed. Both adults and children enjoyed meeting Rose Grier Evans (the illustrator), Beth Mansbridge (the editor) and Dee Mountcastle (the author) to learn more about manatees, and the many manatee resources in the State of Florida.

Learn to Read of St. Johns' County, Inc. is an IRC §501(c)(3) public charity locally funded by Christ Episcopal Church in Ponte Vedra Beach and Serenata, United Way of St. Johns County, individuals, businesses, civic organizations and special events, such as Saturday's Book Fair at Barnes & Noble.

Their volunteer-based organization provides free literacy skills assessment and instruction in St. Johns and Putnam Counties to individuals 16 years of age and older. In addition to one-on-one literacy tutoring, Learn to Read has recently expanded its services throughout the two counties to help people learn English as a second language (ESOL) through personal tutoring and group conversation courses.

For more information, or to support Learn to Read, please go to <a href="https://learntoreadstjohns.org/">https://learntoreadstjohns.org/</a>.

Dee's next book signing is at the Eisenhower Center in the Villages Saturday, Dec. 8. In addition to Barnes & Noble St. Augustine, Mumford the Manatee is available online at bn.com and amazon.com.

For more information, please contact Dee Mountcastle @ (904)687-5667 or dee.mountcastle.books@gmail.com



1. Alma Deen Williams and Dee Mountcastle



2. Beth Mansbridge and Dee Mountcastle



3. Rose Grier Evans and Dee Mountcastle

## Mumford the Manatee at Learn to Read's Book Fair at Barnes & Noble St. Augustine



4. Rose Grier Evans, Dee Mountcastle and Bob Orsino whose holiday shopping benefited Learn to Read



5. Rose Thompson and Nicki Piccione Flagler College students who helped out with the Learn to Read LEGO building Contest