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Hurricane Warning: New Children’s Book “Storms” onto Shelves this Month

Florida author launches her debut picture book, “Ready, Set...WAIT! What Animals Do Before a Hurricane”

MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C. (Aug. 26, 2010) - Local author Patti Zelch teams up with illustrator Connie McLennan to create their children’s picture book “Ready, Set...WAIT!”, which launches just in time for the peak hurricane season.

Oakland Park Public Library will host Zelch’s book launch on Sept. 14 at 6:30 p.m. where she will read “Ready, Set...WAIT!”. She will sign copies at a reception following the reading. On Sept. 17, Zelch will read to students at Park Trails Elementary and that afternoon, she will visit Blake Library in Stuart, Fla. at 4:00 p.m.

“Ready, Set...WAIT!” is a fascinating story about what animals do before a hurricane. We all know what humans do to prepare for a storm, but what do wild animals do? This book explains how nine animals sense, react, and prepare for a hurricane. Based on research or observations, the brief portraits are explained in simple, poetic language for children of all ages.

Like all other **Sylvan Dell** titles, “Ready, Set...WAIT!” features a special “For Creative Minds” section at the end of each story. This section provides fun activities and information to enhance the book’s educational value. Additionally, the [Sylvan Dell](http://www.sylvandellpublishing.com) website offers an abundant amount of supporting material including a 30-40 page “Teaching Activities” packet, three interactive quizzes, some of the most technologically advanced **eBooks in the U.S.**, and much more.

While preparing for a hurricane, her grandson asked her what wild animals would do during the storm. After much research, she learned that some wildlife seem to sense upcoming storms long before humans. “Ready, Set...Wait!” is the product of Zelch’s research, and is her debut picture book. Zelch, a retired teacher, splits the year with her husband between southern Florida and North Carolina.

For event details, visit <http://www.sylvandellpublishing.com/events.htm>.

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