

Kazoo Makes The Team Book Helps Local Readers Embrace Literacy

Kazoo Makes The Team Story is Now Available in Retailers, Book Signing is Friday

Pensacola, Fla. (December 21, 2016) – Kazoo Makes The Team, a new book about how the beloved Kazoo became the Blue Wahoos mascot, written by Mandy Fernandez and illustrated by Andy Marlette, is now available at local Pensacola retailers.

“Readers will feel all the joys and sadness that Kazoo endures in this tale,” says Mandy, author. “Parents and educators can incorporate lessons from the book using its discussion questions and early learning activities at the close. We can all learn from Kazoo’s journey of handling a difficult situation from the story. He found his own unique approach to make the team.”

The story aligns with the educational initiative detailed as part of local businessman, Quint Studer’s plan to distinguish Pensacola as America’s first early learning city. The team involved in the making of this book created it to encourage kids to read and share a love for literacy.

A book signing event will be held on Friday, Dec. 23 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at The Bodacious Shops, 407 S Palafox St, Pensacola, 32502. Kazoo will be in attendance along with the author and illustrator. Kazoo Makes The Team is available at Wahoo’s Bait and Tackle Shop in store and online, Bubba’s Sweet Spot and The Bodacious Shops in Pensacola. For more information, contact the author, Mandy Fernandez at mandy@writtenbymandy.com or call 850.485.3971.

Keep up with Kazoo’s adventures on social media:

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About the Author: Mandy Fernandez first came up with the idea to write the children’s book in February 2015. She had the notion to write a rhyming story about the Blue Wahoos team and their mascot Kazoo. She shared the suggestion to Quint Studer who liked her idea and encouraged her to write it. After Mandy shared the written story with Quint, he paired her with local illustrator and Pensacola News Journal political cartoonist/writer Andy Marlette. This duo used their writing and creative talents to make the book relatable to all fans. Mandy’s rhymes and Andy’s drawings create excitement, just like in a real Blue Wahoos baseball game. Quint Studer and Bekki Kennedy helped prepare the book for publishing. The story aligns with Pensacola’s mission of early learning importance and tuning in to the needs of the community.