

Mid-Continent Reading Aloud Family Time Program

From January 3 to March 3, the Grandview and surrounding area Mid-Continent Public Libraries will be awarding free copies of Roald Dahl's classic children's book, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, to families that take the time to read two chapter books aloud together in the Reading Aloud Family Time (RAFT) program.

The program's focus is to encourage and reward families who take time to read chapter books aloud together. Reading aloud leads to better performance in school by promoting language acquisition, literacy development, and increased capacity for comprehension. Participating families will also receive a golden ticket entry for a chance to win a free copy of Tim Burton's 2005 film adaptation, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, featuring Johnny Depp, for each two chapter books read aloud. For more information about the RAFT program, visit www.mymcpl.org/kids/raft or call 816.763.0550.

