

# Tiny Tot Newsletter

## Tiny Tots in Tiaras and Tuxedos



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### Happy New Year!



- It's 2026 and I'm still celebrating last month's glowing **Kirkus Review** of *Tiny Tots in Tiaras and Tuxedos*! "Overall, this biography...is an important addition to the literature on mid-20th-century Black women entrepreneurs," is just one of my favorite quotes. This validates the importance of my mother's story and gives me even more incentive to keep going.
- In addition to 2 book readings in MD (see below), I'm planning the combined **Tiny Tot Reunion and Book launch in St. Louis, MO, in the first week of May**, and more festivals throughout the year.
- If you've started the book, I'd love to hear your insights! A **review on Amazon** would also help others discover my mother's story.
- I'm available for in-person or virtual readings for book clubs, churches, and social groups. Please reach out if you have any referrals.

**Thanks so much for your support!**

### Book Launch Events

Please join me at my next book events. This month, I'll share the love letters, news clippings and photos that brought the book to life. In February, I'll be joined by my God-sister and poet, Linda Moore, with readings focusing on Black History & Valentine's Day.

**Saturday, January 24, 2026: 3:00 - 5:00 pm**

- Celebrating *Tiny Tots in Tiaras and Tuxedos*
- Wheaton Library, 11701 Georgia Ave, Wheaton, MD 20902

**Sunday, February 1, 2026: 2:00 - 3:30 pm**

- African American Family Stories and Poetry
- Olney Library, 3500 Olney Laytonsville Rd, Olney, MD 20832



### Meet Me In St. Louis

I'm taking the *Tiny Tots in Tiaras and Tuxedos* Show on the road! Hey St. Louis! Mark your calendars now! I'm scheduling book readings and Tiny Tot Alum Reunions for the first week of May!

**Saturday, May 2nd from 12-2pm, is already confirmed for a book reading at Barnes & Noble, 8871 Ladue Road, St. Louis, MO 63124.** Stay tuned for more information on the date and location for an official Tiny Tot Alum Reunion!

I can't wait to return to my hometown and connect with so many of St. Louis' Tiny Tot family and friends!



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### Latest News on *Tiny Tots in Tiaras and Tuxedos*

Now that *Tiny Tots in Tiaras and Tuxedos* is available for sale on **Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and everywhere books are sold** (believe me, I've checked), I'm looking forward to a busy 2026 filled with book festivals, author panels, and readings.

I'm also sending out new press releases that highlight the book's **glowing Kirkus Review** with requests for interviews on local and national media outlets.

**St. Louis Public Library** has purchased the book for their collection and I'm working with the **Missouri Historical Society** and other museum libraries to do the same.

Additionally, I've been experimenting with advertising on **TikTok, Facebook and Instagram** to share my mother's story with an even wider audience.

It's been wonderful to hear from those who have started reading (& shout out to **Janell Irving** who's already finished!). This journey has been so encouraging and I couldn't have done it without your support!

**Thank you!**