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Did Thomas Crapper Really Invent the Toilet? Now, Read all About it During National Bathroom Reading Month.

Thomas Crapper (1836-1910) – contrary to popular belief – **did not invent the toilet**. He is credited, however, with improving the functionality of **Sir John Harrington's invention**, originally called the "water closet." The first working prototype of the water closet was installed in the palace of his godmother, Queen Elizabeth I.

But that was then and this is now: June, 2015, National Bathroom Reading Month. And no, we're not making that up. National Bathroom Reading Month, launched in 1988, was the brainchild of the Bathroom Readers' Institute (BRI) of Ashland, OR. In their own words: "**National Bathroom Reading Month celebrates the 66 percent of Americans who proudly admit to this time-honored pastime.**"

The BRI did much more than create an event, however. Since 1988, they've been giving people all over the world plenty to read, **starting with the very first Uncle John's Bathroom Reader**. It was a roaring success, and further editions have followed. After several years, readers wanted even more from the Uncle John line, and so it was: new editions for kids were released, along with special editions for subjects like history, hockey, US states, puzzles, music, baseball, nature, Hollywood, unique inventions, quizzes, Canada, and more.

Today, **the BRI has more than 15 million books in print** for adults and kids alike.

How about you: are you a confirmed and proud water "closet" reader, or the type who prefers to keep that fact a secret? Don't worry, we're not about to ask for a show of hands, especially on such a potentially delicate topic.



Green & Healthy Living Tips

Reading is good for you. That goes for in the bathroom or any place at all. The many known benefits of reading include mental stimulation, stress reduction, increased knowledge, memory improvement, and more.

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We did, however, come up with a **reading list of our own for your future bathroom reading pleasure:**

1. "The Call of the Wild," by Jack Londo
2. "Cannery Row," by John Steinbeck
3. "The Toilet Papers," by Sim Van Der Ryn and Wendell Berry
4. "Watership Down," by Richard Adams
5. "Sink the Bismarck," by C. S. Forester
6. "Straight Flush," by Ben Mezrich
7. "Coach, Cowboy, Christian," by Bum Phillips
8. "Some Came Running," by James Jones
9. "Movements That Heal," by Harold Blomberg and Moira Dempsey
10. "The Scent of Lilacs," by Ann H. Gabhart

To further celebrate National Reading Month, Your 1 Plumber is pleased to offer you **a \$20 savings on your choice of a toilet repair or a new toilet**, including our own professional installation services. You'll find that plus one more coupon on page 3 of this newsletter.

See you next month!

William Kirkorian
President



Amazing Fact

When Alfred Hitchcock's *Psycho* was released in 1960, it was the first American movie to feature a flushing toilet.

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Our Favorite Recipes
Zucchini Boats on the Grill



"Delish zucchini stuffed with your favorite ingredients and finished on the hot grill. Great side dish or as a light meal on their own."

[Click here to view and print this recipe](#)

You Gotta Laugh

"Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else." *Margaret Mead*



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Save \$20

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