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# Lifestyle

## A father in the home

Rosebank resident Jerry Cammarata will publish his first book this summer entitled "Fatherhood A to Zoo" which traces his unique experience during his unprecedented four-year paternity leave from the city's Board of Education.

"The concept of the father being home is very good for children, especially the male child. I believe it's vital for children in their infancy to realize that the father is just as important as the mother," said Cammarata.

The book, published by Pinnacle Books, recounts the everyday experiences Cammarata shared with his family that range from his wife, Margaret, putting a quick halt to his interior decorating plans for their home at 185 Maryland Ave. to the author collecting phone books in order to teach his two young daughters reading, geography and phone manners.

Cammarata, whose leave of absence as a special education teacher ends this September, and his wife are also completing a manuscript on consumer tips for youngsters called "How to Buy Ice Cream, Popcorn, Candy and Sometimes Spinach."

"This book is extremely vital in that, to date, there is no book that teaches our youth how to be really good consumers," said Cammarata.

Over the last three years, celebrities like Victor Borge, Anthony Newley, Roberta Peters, Dick Van Dyke, Paul Newman, Frank Sinatra, Rod Stelger and others have had their philosophy of fatherhood recorded by Cammarata and many have submitted family pictures for another book — to be released next year — entitled "Portrait of a Father."

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