



# Winter 2020 Early Literacy Newsletter

Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

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## Stuffed Animals at the Corvallis Library

### Stuffed Animals Sleepover

Feb 8 - 9, 2020

It's time to let your stuffed animals have an overnight adventure at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library again!

Drop off a stuffed animal on Feb 8th, between 3-5 pm, then pick up between 1:30-3pm on Feb 9th, and view a slideshow of what the animals have been up to during the night.

Please keep an eye out for updated information on our website:  
[www.cbcppl.net/kids](http://www.cbcppl.net/kids).

Book suggestions for stories with stuffed animals:

**Teddy Bedtime**—  
E Birkett, Georgie

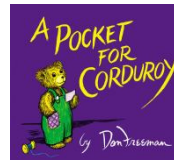


**Ten Play Hide and Seek**—E Dale, Penny

**I'm Afraid Your Teddy Is In Trouble Today**—E Dunn, Jancee

**Margery Williams' s Velveteen Rabbit**—E Fancher, Lou

**A Pocket for Corduroy**—E Freeman, Don



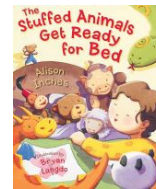
**Monkey and Me**—  
E Gravett, Emily

**Where's Bunny?** - E Heras, Theo

**Jolly Snow**—E Hissey, Jane

**Old Bear**—E Hissey, Jane

**Stuffed Animals Get Ready for Bed**—  
E Inches, Alison



**Toys Meet Snow**—  
E Jenkins, Emily

**My Friend Harry**—  
E Lewis, Kim

**The World Champion of Staying Awake**—E Taylor, Sean

**Raf**—E Vries, Anke - De

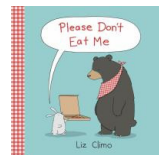
**Knuffle Bunny**—E Willems, Mo

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## Staff Picks

### Elizabeth's Pick



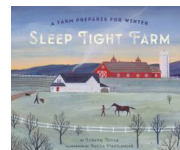
**Please Don't Eat Me** by Liz Climo

### Heidi's Pick



**Peace** by Wendy Halperin

### Katey's Pick



**Sleep Tight Farm** by Eugenie Doyle

### Kristin's Pick



**Small in the City** by Sydney Smith

### Kristy's Pick



**Sulwe** by Lupita Nyong-O

### Peik-Kuan's Pick



**Thank You Omu!** by Oge Mora



### Corvallis Early Literacy Events

**Science Saturday**  
Jan 25, 2020  
10:30am

**Theme: Simple Machines**

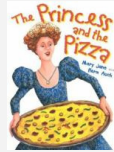
Stories and activities for preschool age kids

**Puppet Show**  
**1000 Books Before Kindergarten Kickoff**  
Feb 29, 2020  
10:30am

For kids under age 5

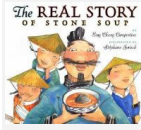
# Food Fun!

**The Princess and the Pizza**— E Auch, Mary



**Yum Yum! What Fun!**— E Bergman, Mara

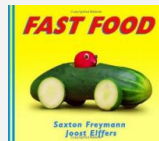
**The Real Story of Stone Soup**— E Compestine, Ying



**Strega Nona: An Old Tale**—E DePaola, Tomie

**Slop Goes the Soup: A noisy warthog word book**—E Edwards, Pamela

**Fast Food**— E Freymann, Saxton



**Kikuchi's Sushi**— E Jeong, Myung

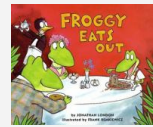
**The Wolf's Chicken Stew**—E Kaska, Keiko



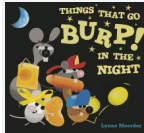
**The Three Little Tamales**— E Kimmel, Eric

**Gazpacho for Nacho**— E Kyle, Tracey

**Froggy Eats Out**— E London, Jonathan



**Night of the Veggie Monster**— E McClements, George

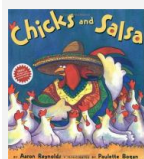


**Things That Go Burp in the Night**— E Moerder, Lynne

**The Prince's Breakfast**— E Oppenheim, Joanne

**The King's Taster**— E Oppel, Kenneth

**Dragon Loves Tacos**— E Rubin, Adam



**Chicks and Salsa**— E Reynolds, Aaron

**The French Fry King**— E Rogé

**Tony Baroni Loves Macaroni**—E Sadler, Marilyn



**Gregory the Terrible Eater**— E Sharmat, Mitchell



**Don't Eat That!** - E Sheneman, Drew

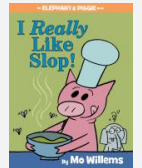
**Food trucks**—E Todd, Mark

**Bunny Cakes**—E Wells, Rosemary

**That Magnetic Dog**— E Whatley, Bruce

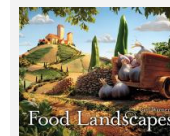
**Hot, Hot Roti for Dada-ji**—E Zia, F.

**I Really Like Slop**— E-R Willems, Mo



**Edible Science: Experiments you can eat**—J 507.8 Wheeler

**Fun Food Inventions**— J 641.309 Higgins



**Carl Warner's Food Landscapes**— J 779.36 Warner

## What's in the Mail?

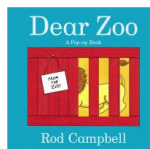
**With Love, Little Red Hen**—E Ada, Alma



**Jolly Little Postman**— E Ahlberg, Janet

**Seven Little Postmen**—E Brown, Margaret

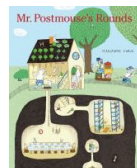
**Dear Zoo**— E Campbell, Rod



**The Mysterious Package**—E Chessa, Francesca

**It Came in the Mail**— E Clanton, Ben

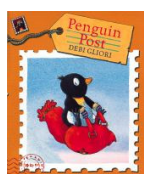
**Mr. Postmouse's Rounds** - E Dubuc, Marianne



**Dear Tooth Fairy**— E Edwards, Pamela

**Around the World, Who's Been Here?** - E George, Lindsay

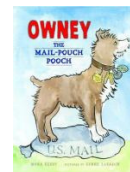
**Penguin Post**— E Gliori, Debi



**Meerkat Mail**— E Gravett, Emily

**The Giant Hug**— E Horning, Sandra

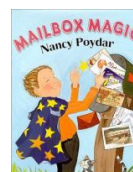
**Owney the Mail Pouch Pooch**—E Kerby, Mona



**Pink Magic**—E Napoli, Donna

**Dear Juno**—E Pak, Soyung

**Mail Box Magic**— E Poydar, Nancy



**A Letter for Leo**— E Ruzzier, Sergio

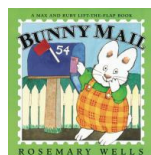
**Dear Daddy**— E Schindel, John

**I Miss You Every Day**—E Taback, Simms

**Mailing May**—E Tunnell, Michael

**Raf**—E Vries, Anke-De

**Bunny Mail**— E Wells, Rosemary



## Resources for Parents, Caregivers and Educators

Looking for activities that engage the senses? Check out these websites for lots of activity ideas for sensory play:

**Learning 4 kids**

<https://www.learning4kids.net/list-of-sensory-play-ideas/>

**Little Bins Little Hands**

<https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/kids-sensory-play-ideas/>

**Star Institute for Sensory Processing Disorder**

<https://www.spdstar.org/basic/home-activities>

**Busy Toddler:** contains information about the benefits of sensory play

<https://busytoddler.com/2018/04/why-is-sensory-play-important/>

# Learning with Senses

Why do children put things in their mouth? Why do they seem to have to touch everything or ask questions all the time? Very young children learn about their world by engaging their senses. Babies who are developing control over their bodies primarily use their mouth to experience their world. Children who do not yet have much language skills primarily use their bodies to communicate and learn. Think about the time when you needed to learn something new. How did you do it? Did you say it out loud repeatedly to yourself, or did you write the information down and look at it repeatedly? Did you practice it by performing a task? Or did you use all of these strategies? Just like adults, the more senses children use to experience and explore, the easier it is for their brains to make connections that aid learning. For some children, play that involves certain senses can also help calm and focus.

## What Can You Do?

Provide opportunities for children to explore with multiple senses. For example, if your child is learning about the alphabet, here are some ways to enhance her learning through sensory play.

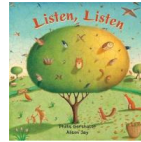
- Sing the alphabet song while pointing to the letters.
- Sing the alphabet song as you hop along on each alphabet letter taped to the floor.
- Practice writing by tracing the letters with a finger in shaving cream, or finger paint, or a mixture of flour, water and food coloring.
- Create letters with different materials: Legos, blocks, paper, string, play dough
- Play with magnetic letters
- Read alphabet books
- Have alphabet soup for lunch, alphabet crackers for snack.

## Books about senses:

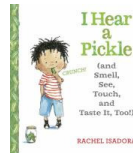
**Cold, Crunchy Colorful: Using Our Senses**—J 612.8  
Brocket



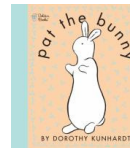
**Listen, Listen**—  
E Gershator, Phillis



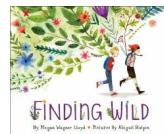
**I Hear a Pickle**—  
E Isadora, Rachel



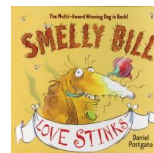
**Pat the Bunny**—  
E Kunhardt, Dorothy



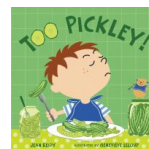
**Finding Wild**—  
E Lloyd, Megan



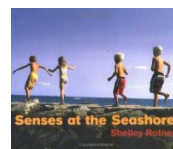
**Smelly Bill, Love Stinks**—E Postgate, Daniel



**Too Pickley!** -  
E Reidy, Jean



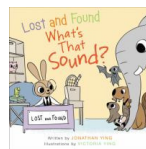
**Senses at the Seashore**—  
E Rotner, Shelley



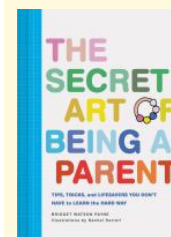
**Spring for Sophie**—  
E Werber, Yael



**Lost and Found What's That Sound?**—  
E Ying, Jonathan



# Parenting Picks



**The Secret Art of Being a Parent: Tips, tricks and lifesavers you don't have to learn the hard way by Bridget Payne**

New Non-Fiction  
306.874 PAYNE



**Raising Humans in a Digital World: Helping kids build a healthy relationship with technology**

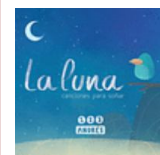
New Non-Fiction  
302.23108 GRABER



**Screen-Free Fun: 400 activities for the whole family by Shannon Philpott-Sanders**

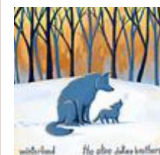
Parent 790.1  
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# Music Picks



**La Luna: Canciones para soñar** by 123 Andrés

J CD 781.523 LUNA



**Winterland** by the Okee Dokee Brothers

J CD 781.58 OKEE



**It Takes a Village** by Ginalina

J CD 781.58  
Ginalina



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Enrich, Excite, Explore

## CBCPL Storytimes

Monday 10:30 am Family  
Tuesday 10:30 am Infants  
(0-12 mo.)  
Wednesday 10:30 am Wobblers  
(12-24 mo.)  
Thursday 10:30 am Toddlers  
(2-3 yrs.)  
Friday 10:30 am Preschool  
(3-5 yrs.)  
First Saturday 10:30 am Family  
Second Saturday 10:30 am  
Los Cuentos (bilingual Spanish and English) Family

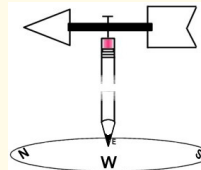
## Early Literacy Activity

### Make a Weather Vane

[www.pbs.org/parents/crafts-and-experiments/where-is-the-wind-going-try-a-diy-weather-vane](http://www.pbs.org/parents/crafts-and-experiments/where-is-the-wind-going-try-a-diy-weather-vane)

1. Use a compass to determine which way is North, then write N, S, E, W on a square piece of cardboard.
2. Cut a slit into each end of a straw and insert a cut out arrow and tail on opposite ends.
3. Place a piece of clay or putty in the center of the cardboard, and stick the tip of the pencil into the clay.
4. Use a pin to fasten the straw to the top of the eraser. Wiggle it a bit to make sure the arrow can spin easily.
5. Take it outside when there is a breeze. The arrow will point to the direction from which the wind is blowing.

Through this activity, children will learn about directions, and how observations can give us information.



## 1000 Books Before Kindergarten



- Obtain a **free reading log** from the library for any child who is not yet attending kindergarten, or download the mobile app “1000 books before kindergarten” by **1000 Books Foundation**.
- For the paper reading log - Cross off or color in 1 circle for each book read. It's ok to count a book more than once if it is read several times.
- There are 100 circles on each paper reading log.
- When you complete a log, show or tell the youth services librarian at any branch library how many books you have read. You can get additional logs to continue tracking.
- If you are using the mobile app for tracking, show a youth services librarian how many books you have read.
- Your child will receive a reward for participating and reaching these milestones at any branch library:  
**100 books, 500 books, and 1000 books read**

## Weather

**The Weather Girls**—E Aki

**Rain**—E Ashman, Linda

**If Frogs Made Weather**—  
E Bauer, Marion



**Big Snow**—E Bean, Jonathan

**Tap Tap Boom Boom**—E Bluemle,  
Elizabeth

**Little Cloud**—E Carle, Eric

**Sail Away**—E Crews,  
Donald



**What Color Was the Sky Today**—E Ford, Miela

**Kite Day**—E Hillenbrand,  
Will

**I Call It Sky**—E Howell, Will

**This Beautiful Day**—E Jackson,  
Richard

**The Squirrel's Busy Year**—E Jenkins,  
Martin

**Lucius and the Storm**—E Knowles,  
Kent

**Snow Day**—E Laminack, Lester

**Red Sky At Night**—E MacKay, Elly

**How the Ladies Stopped the Wind**—  
E Mc Millan, Bruce



**Worm Weather**—E Taft,  
Jean

**W is for Wind: A weather  
alphabet**—J 551.5  
Paulauski

**Fly Guy Presents Weather**—  
J 551.63 Arnold

**What Will the Weather Be?**  
- J 551.63 DeWitt

**The Cat in the Hat Knows  
All About that ! Oh Say,  
What' the Weather To-  
day?**- J DVD Cat



## Winter Rhyme

**Tune: “Lou, Lou, Skip to My Lou”**

Wind is blowing, what will I do?  
(swish hands above head)

Repeat 2 more times

What will I do my darling?

Put on my hat, that's what I'll do  
(pat top of head)

Repeat 2 more times

That's what I'll do my darling!

*Repeat song with:*

Rain is falling (both hands go  
from up to down) / Put on my  
boots (stomp feet)

Snow is falling (flutter fingers as  
hands move down) / Put on my  
mittens (clap hands)

# Special Events at Corvallis Public Library

## Noon New Year's Eve

**Tuesday**  
**December 31, 2019**  
**11:30 am-12:15 pm**  
**Main Meeting Room**

Children and their families are invited to celebrate New Year's Eve at **NOON** with snacks, crafts and lots of cheering.



## Winter Stories & Crafts

**Friday**  
**January 3, 2020**  
**10:30 am**  
**Main Meeting Room**

Enjoy a winter-themed storytime followed by seasonal crafts!



## Digital Safety for Kids

**Wednesday**  
**January 22, 2020**  
**6:00-7:30 pm**  
**Digital Safety for Kids:**  
**Pre-K-2nd Grade (Ages 2-7)**  
**Main Meeting Room**

Digital safety presentation with expert Melissa Whiteman. Childcare provided by LBCC child care staff

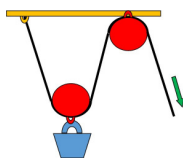


## Science Saturday

**Saturday**  
**Jan 25, 2020**  
**10:30 am**  
**Main Meeting Room**

**Theme: Simple Machines**

Special themed storytime followed by hands-on activities that encourage the exploration of math and science concepts. Activities are designed for preschool-age kids.



## Stuffed Animal Sleepover

**Saturday**  
**FEB 8, 2020, 3:00 pm**  
**Movie: Toy Story 4**  
**3:00-4:45 pm**  
**Drop off stuffed animal**

**Sunday**  
**Feb 9, 2020 1:30-3:00 pm**  
**Pick up stuffed animal**

Children are invited to drop off one stuffed animal to spend the night at the library! Animals will watch a movie, play games, and have snacks.



## 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Kickoff

**Special Puppet Show**  
**Saturday Feb 29, 2020**  
**10:30 am**  
**Main Meeting Room**

Join us for a special puppet show for young children featuring silly stories adapted from picture books. Presented by Steven Engelfried.

Pick up your first FREE reading log to start tracking your reading adventure and learn how the program works.

