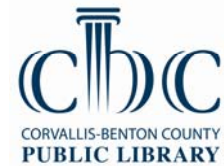




# Fall Early Literacy Newsletter

## Harvest Time

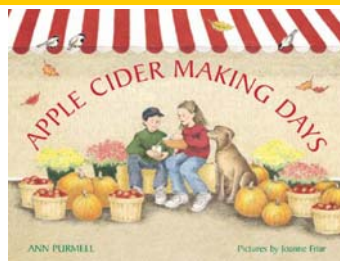


It's Fall Harvest time in the Valley. Trips to the pumpkin patch, apple tree farm, the farmer's market, or even the grocery store can be a great opportunity to discuss where our food comes from, the seasonal cycles, and the different ways we prepare our food.

Suggested children's books with fall harvest themes:

**Apple Harvest**  
by Calvin Harris

**Apples**  
by Inez Snyder



**Apples and Pumpkins**  
by Ann Rockwell

**Apple Cider Making Days**  
by Ann Purmell

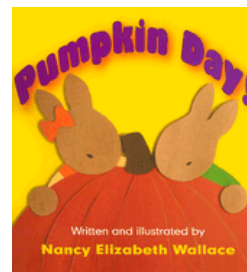
**Apple Farmer Annie**  
by Monica Wellington

**Apple Picking Time**  
by Michele Benoit Slawson

**Delicious!**  
by Helen Cooper

**It's Pumpkin Time!**  
by Zoe Hall

**Pepo and Lolo and the Red Apple Pumpkin Day!**  
by Anna Martín Larrañaga  
by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace

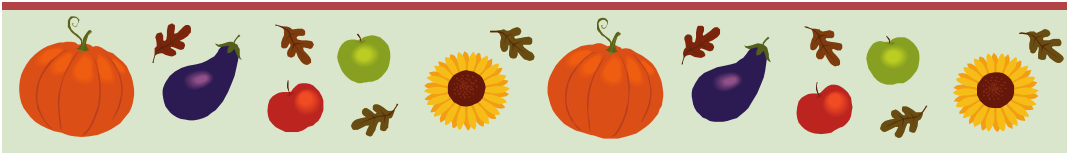


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## What is Early Literacy?

Early literacy is everything a child knows about reading and writing before he or she can actually read or write.



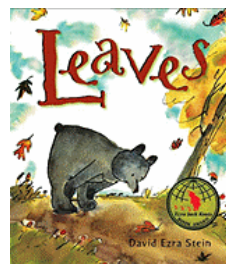
## Staff Favorites for Fall



**Fall is Not Easy**  
by Marty Kelley



**Leaf Man**  
by Lois Ehlert



**Leaves**  
by David Ezra Stein

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## Seasonal Rhymes

**Phonological Awareness** is one of the six early literacy skills (pre-reading skills) that every child needs in order to become successful readers in life. Phonological awareness is the ability to hear and play with the smaller sounds in words. Sharing nursery rhymes and fingerplays with children is one easy and fun way to help build this skill.

### Two Little Apples

Way up high in the apple tree  
(*extend arms above head like a tree*)

Two little apples smiled at me  
(*smile and point to mouth*)

I shook that tree as hard as I could  
(*circle your hands and shake!*)

Down came the apples  
(*hands in the air falling*)

Mmmmmm, they were good!  
(*rub tummy*)



### Ten Little Leaves

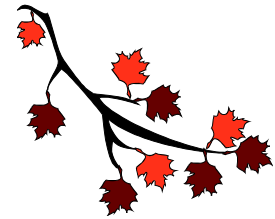
(*Tune: Ten Little Indians*)

One little, two little, three little leaves.

Four little, five little, six little leaves.

Seven little, eight little, nine little leaves.

Ten little leaves fall down.



## Cooking with Children

Even young children can enjoy simple cooking activities such as helping make play dough, baking cookies, making a sandwich or a salad. Cooking offers opportunities for bringing literacy into the home as well. Cooking involves reading, writing, math and hand-eye coordination skills. For pretend play, children can "write" their own recipes down, make menus to use in a pretend restaurant, and take "customer orders" as they act as waiters. Read aloud from the recipes you're using and share books where cooking is one of the themes.



Suggested children's books with cooking themes:

*Bread, Bread, Bread* by Ann Morris

*Bread and Jam for Frances* by Russell Hoban

*A Chef* by Douglas Florian

*Chicks and Salsa* by Aaron Reynolds

*Cooking Tools* by Inez Snyder

*Duck Soup* by Jackie Urbanovic

*Eating the Alphabet: Fruits & Vegetables from A to Z* by Lois Ehlert

*Eight Animals Bake a Cake* by Susan Middleton Elya

*Feast for 10* by Cathryn Falwell

*Growing Vegetable Soup* by Lois Ehlert

*Kids' First Cookbook: Delicious, Nutritious Treats to Make Yourself* by the American Cancer Society

*The Little Red Hen* by Paul Galdone

*Lunch* by Denise Fleming

*Mean Soup* by Betsy Everitt

*Pancakes! Pancakes!* by Eric Carle

*Peanut Butter and Jelly: a Playtime Rhyme* by Nadine Bernard Westcott

*Pete's a Pizza* by William Steig

*Pretend Soup and Other Real Recipes: a Cookbook for Preschoolers & Up*

by Mollie Katzen and Ann Henderson

*Slop Goes the Soup: a Noisy Warthog Word Book* by Pamela Duncan Edwards

*Spot Bakes a Cake* by Eric Hill

*The Story of Noodles* by Ying Chang Compestine

*Strega Nona* by Tomie dePaola

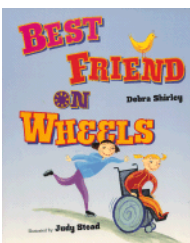
*What's Cookin'? A Happy Birthday Counting Book* by Nancy Coffelt

Cooking involves reading, writing, math and hand-eye coordination skills.

# October is Disabilities Awareness Month

"Today, about 50 million Americans, or one in five people, are living with at least one disability, and most Americans will experience a disability at some time during the course of their lives. Some disabilities are easy to see, such as when a person uses a wheelchair or when someone has lost an arm. Other disabilities, like a developmental disability such as autism or a chronic condition like arthritis, may not be as easy to see." - Centers for Disease Control & Prevention  
[www.cdc.gov/Features/DisabilityAwareness/](http://www.cdc.gov/Features/DisabilityAwareness/)

Suggested books on disabilities in children:



**Best Friend on Wheels** by Debra Shirley  
 A best friend relates all the ways that she and her best friend,

Sarah, are alike, in spite of the fact that Sarah uses a wheelchair.

**Flight of the Dove** by Alexandra Day  
 Four-year-old Betsy, an autistic child, begins to improve after she sees a dove, one of the animals at her preschool, fly into the air.

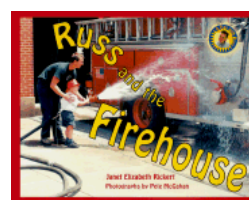
**Friends at School** by Rochelle Bunnett  
 Text and photographs show children of different abilities working and playing together at school.

**Lucy's Picture** by Nicola Moon  
 A young girl creates a special picture that her blind grandfather can "see" with his hands.

**Moses Goes to School** by Isaac Millman  
 Moses and his friends enjoy the first

day of school at their special school for the deaf and hard of hearing, where they use sign language to talk to each other.

**Rolling Along with Goldilocks and the Three Bears** by Cindy Meyers  
 In this version, baby bear gets around in a wheelchair and has a motorized bed which fascinate Goldilocks when she becomes friends with him after her surprise visit to the three bears' house.

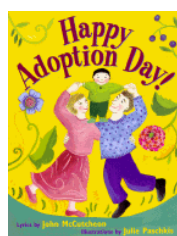


**Russ and the Firehouse** by Janet Elizabeth Rickert  
 Russ, a five-year-old with Down syndrome, visits his uncle's firehouse and gets to help with the daily chores.

# November is National Adoption Month

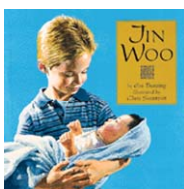
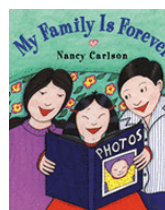
"National Adoption Week was first proclaimed in Massachusetts in 1976. The number of states that designated a special week to recognize the practice of adoption gradually increased, leading to National Adoption Month in 1990. The purpose of National Adoption Month is to focus attention on the increasing number of children in the child welfare system waiting to be adopted. Each year, the President joins the adoption community across the country in proclaiming November as a month when Americans should be aware of adoption as a way to build a family." - ([www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov))

Suggested picture books on adoption:



**Happy Adoption Day!**  
 by John McCutcheon

**My Family is Forever**  
 by Nancy Carlson



**Jin Woo**  
 by Eve Bunting



**The Red Thread: an Adoption Fairy Tale**  
 by Grace Lin

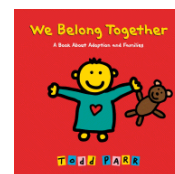


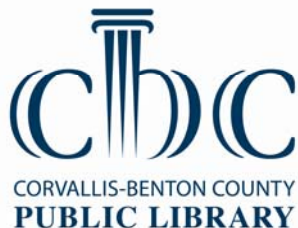
by Jamie Lee Curtis

**We Belong Together**  
 by Todd Parr

The library has a children's booklist on both domestic and international adoption. For more suggestions, just ask a librarian!

**Tell Me Again About the Night I Was Born**





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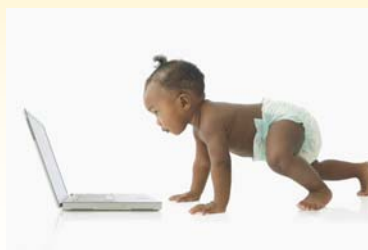
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For more ideas and information about early literacy,  
check out the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library's  
**Birth to Six Blog** online at:

[www.corvallislibrarybirthtosix.blogspot.com](http://www.corvallislibrarybirthtosix.blogspot.com).

Youth Services Librarians share information and  
resources on early literacy topics for parents, child  
care providers, and the general community in Corvallis  
and Benton County, Oregon.



## Storytime Schedule at Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

### Corvallis-Benton County Public Library Storytime Schedule:

**Bedtime Storytime**  
All Ages  
Mondays at 7:00PM

**Toddler Storytime**  
Ages 24 months to 36 months  
Tuesdays at 10:00AM

**Infant Storytime**  
Ages Birth to 12 months  
Wednesdays at 10:00AM

**Preschool Storytime**  
Ages 3 to 5 years old  
Thursdays at 10:00AM

**Wobbler Storytime**  
Ages 12 months to 24 months  
Fridays at 10:00AM

**La fiesta de su biblioteca**  
Bilingual Family Storytime  
Third Saturdays at 11:00AM

### Monroe Community Library Storytime Schedule:

**Preschool Storytime**  
Tuesdays at 10:30AM

### Philomath Community Library Storytime Schedule:

**Bedtime Storytime**  
Tuesdays at 7:00PM

**Preschool Storytime**  
Wednesdays at 10:00AM



"Children are made readers on the  
laps of their parents."  
— Emilie Buchwald

