



Spring Early Literacy Newsletter

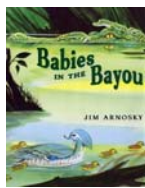
The Birth of a Reader



give your child a good start to becoming a successful reader one day.

Young children are fascinated by the changes Spring brings, especially baby animals. Explore this topic with these picture books:

Spring is a time of new birth and rejuvenation. Flowers and trees are beginning to bud and bloom; baby animals are born on the farm; and many families begin to freshen up their homes by "spring cleaning." Taking a walk around town and talking about the seasonal changes helps build a child's growing vocabulary. Discussing the new life we see growing around us helps build a child's narrative skills. Both vocabulary and narrative skills are important pre-reading skills that will



Babies in the Bayou by Jim Arnosky
Daisy and the Egg by Jane Simmons
Fox by Kate Banks
Happy Birthday to Whooo? by Doris Fisher
Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!

by Eve Bunting
I Love You, Little One by Nancy Tafuri



Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey
Puppies and Piggies by Cynthia Rylant
Wee Little Chick by Lauren Thompson



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Early Literacy Tip

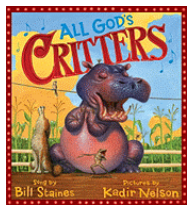


Knowledge of **alphabet letters** at entry into kindergarten is a strong predictor of reading ability in 10th grade.

(Every Child Ready to Read: American Library Association)

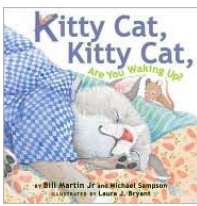
Staff Favorites for Spring

Dana's Pick:



All God's Critters
 by Bill Staines

Heidi's Pick:



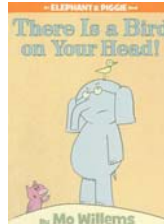
Kitty Cat, Kitty Cat, Are You Waking Up?
 by Bill Martin, Jr.
 Michael Sampson

Kristin's Pick:



Fletcher and the Springtime Blossoms
 by Julia Rawlinson

Robin's Pick:



There Is a Bird on Your Head!
 by Mo Willems

Ruth's Pick:



Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes
 by Mem Fox

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Peek-a-Boo Baby!

Stop by Infant Storytime at the library one day and you may hear:

*Peek-a-Boo, Peek-a-Boo,
I See You! I See You!
I See Your Button Nose,
I See Your Tiny Toes,
Peek-a-Boo, I See You!*



Peek-a-boo is a timeless playtime tradition for babies. A parent hides his face behind a blanket; a baby covers her face with her hands; a toy is temporarily hidden under a large cup. The game elicits giggles and requests for "Again!" The game also helps baby work on an important

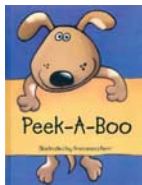
developmental task by teaching "object permanence" — the concept that even though something disappears from sight, it still exists. A baby works on building trust and security while playing a game of "peek-a-boo." It's also a wonderful bonding experience between a baby and his caregiver.



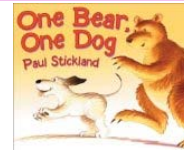
Baby Loves Peekaboo!
(DK Board Book)



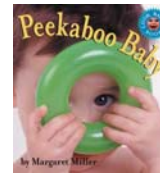
Peek-a-Baby
by Karen Katz
(board book)



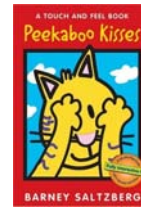
Peek-A-Boo
by Francesca Ferri



One Bear, One Dog
by Paul Stickland



Peekaboo Baby
by Margaret Miller
(board book)



Peekaboo Kisses
by Barney Saltzberg
(board book)



Peek-a-Moo!
by Marie Torres
Cimarusti



Peekaboo Bedtime
by Rachel Isadora

123: Beginning Math Skills



Are you a math whiz or are you math-phobic? Either way, you can help your child understand and become comfortable with mathematics while they are young. Beginning math concepts such as counting, number recognition, shapes and size, patterns and beginning prediction and logic are all important skills that they will build

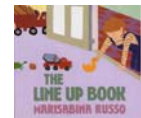
upon as they grow. Math is all around them too! Look for shapes and patterns while you're on a walk with your child. Notice and talk about the math we use as we cook together. Tell repetitive, pattern stories that help children build their skills with anticipating what will come next. Share books where characters count, add, subtract and play with math, shapes and numbers.

For book suggestions to help build beginning math skills, check out the library's **First Math Books** list, available at the library or online:

<http://www.thebestlibrary.net/joomla/images/pdfs/math%20fun.pdf>



Counting in the Garden
by Kim Parker



The Line Up Book
by Marisabina Russo



Mother Goose Numbers On the Loose
by Leo and Diane Dillon



Smokejumpers One to Ten
by Chris L. Demarest



What Do Wheels Do All Day?
by April Jones Prince

Rhyme Time

Share a rhyme in English or Spanish with a child and you'll help prepare them for reading! **Phonological Awareness** is the ability to hear and play with the smaller sounds in words.

Rima de Chocolate:

Uno, dos, tres, *cho*
 Uno, dos, tres, *co*
 Uno, dos, tres, *la*
 Uno, dos, tres, *te*
 Bate, bate, *chocolate!*



Chocolate Rhyme (English version):

1,2,3 *cho*, 1,2,3 *co*, 1,2,3 *la*, 1,2,3 *te*.
 Stir, stir *the chocolate!*

Music Pick



¡A Bailar! Let's Dance!
 (Spanish learning songs for kids/Canciones infantiles)
 (Jorge Anaya)

Using upbeat Latin rhythms, musician Jorge Anaya brings a collection of classic children's songs to teach kids Spanish.

Celebrate!

El día de los niños

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El día de los libros



Children's Day/Book Day
 April 30th, 2009
 Corvallis Library

3:30 pm Children's Chinese
 Dance Group

7:00 pm Grupo Condor
 Mexican Legends

Parents Corner: Raising Bilingual Children

Research shows that the brain is particularly wired for learning languages during the early years. Perhaps your native language is not English and you're raising your child in a bilingual household. Or maybe you're a native English speaker, but would like to introduce another language at home and school.

The library collects materials for English language learners of all ages, including books, magazines, audiobooks, music, DVDs, and foreign language collections especially for children. The library's



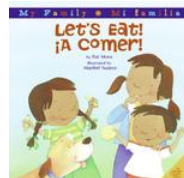
Bilingual Youth Services Librarian, Ruth Rose Hennessey, conducts bilingual Spanish

programs for children, and purchases the Juvenile Foreign Language materials.

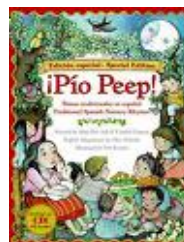
Ruth recommends the following new resources in the Juvenile Español Collection:



The Bilingual Book of Rhymes, Songs, Stories, and Fingerplays by Pam Schiller, Rafael Lara-Alecio, & Beverly J. Irby



Let's Eat! ¡A Comer! by Pat Mora



¡Pío Peep! Traditional Spanish Nursery Rhymes selected by Alma Flor Ada & F. Isabel Campoy



Hello Night • Hola noche by/por Amy Costales

¡la fiesta de su biblioteca!



Every 3rd Saturday
 11:00 am—Noon,
 Corvallis Library

Bilingual songs, stories, crafts, food! Families welcome!

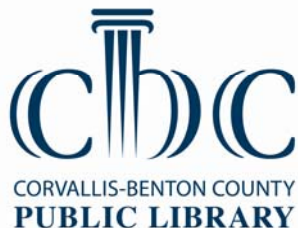
Notable Web Site for Parents & Teachers:



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Bilingual resources for parents & educators



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Week of the Young Child **"Children Bring Communities Together"**

The Week of the Young Child is April 19-25, 2009.

Each year the National Association for the Education of Young Children sponsors The Week of the Young Child. As part of the national Week of the Young Child celebrated across the country, the Corvallis-Benton County Library is honoring young children and all those who make a difference in children's lives.

Week of the Young Child is time to recognize the importance of early learning for all young children, and to bring Benton County together to help give all young children a great start. Look for the library's display in the Footwise windows in downtown Corvallis.

Week of the Young Child is an opportunity for early childhood programs across the country, including child care and Head Start programs, preschools and elementary schools, to hold activities to bring awareness to the needs of young children. Young children and their families depend on high-quality education and care, which help children get a great start, and bring lasting benefits to Benton County. Week of the Young Child is a time to recognize the importance of early learning and early literacy, and to celebrate the teachers and policies that bring early childhood education to young children.

Stay Tuned: This summer at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library we're celebrating the curiosity of the young child with a special *Curious George Reads!* summer reading program especially designed for children ages birth to four-years-old. Contact your library branch for more information.

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*

