



Summer 2010 Early Literacy Newsletter

Swing into Summer Reading



The Corvallis-Benton County Public Library invites all children ages birth to five years-old to participate in the **Curious? READ! Summer Reading Program**. (Older children may participate in the Make a Splash! Summer Reading Program, designed especially for them.) The reading program incorporates reading with fun-filled activities you can do with your child to support early literacy development. The single most important activity for raising a successful reader is reading aloud with your child. Visit the Corvallis-Benton County Public

Library and ask for your Curious George packet, sponsored by the American Library Association and Houghton Mifflin Company. **Your family will receive a Curious George gameboard to record each day you read with your child. Receive a sticker for each day you and your child read together. When your child completes the gameboard, stop by the library for a certificate and book prize!**

Enjoy Fun Summer Programs for Children at the Library:

- * **Teddy Bear Picnic** featuring A Splish-Splashing Singalong with Greta Pedersen and special guest Llama Llama Red Pajama, **June 30th, 2010, 10 a.m.**, Central Park, Corvallis.
- * **Under the Sea Party!**, **July 21st, 2010, 10 a.m.**, Corvallis-Benton County Public Library. Stories, songs, and activities with an ocean theme.
- * **Mo Willems Pigeon Party & Summer Reading Party**, **August 25th, 2010, 10 a.m.**, Corvallis-Benton County Public Library. Stories, art, and activities based on the Pigeon books by Mo Willems.

Early Literacy Tip

Being able to coordinate small muscles in hands and fingers helps children hold things, use scissors, fasten buttons, zip zippers, and tie shoes.

Sharing fingerplays and rhymes with your children is not only fun, but also helps prepare them for writing!

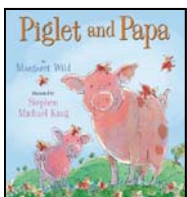
From *The Early Literacy Kit* by Betsy Diamant-Cohen & Saroj Ghoting (ALA Editions, 2009)

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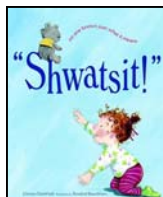
Staff Favorites for Summertime Reading

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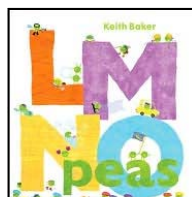
Piglet and Papa
by Margaret Wild

Dana's
Pick:



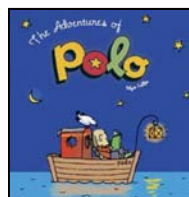
Shwatsit! No one knows just what it means
by Christin Ditchfield

Heidi's
Pick:



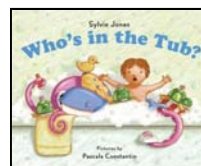
LMNO Peas
by Keith Baker

Kristin's
Pick:



The Adventures of Polo
by Régis Faller

Peik-Kuan's
Pick:



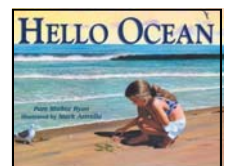
Who's in the Tub?
By Sylvie Jones

Robin's
Pick:



Pretzel
by H.A. Rey

Ruth Rose's
Pick:



Hello Ocean
by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Curious about Early Readers



Get ready parents! It won't be long before your child will be ready to begin reading. Every time you say a rhyme, sing a song, read a book for the umpteenth time or have a conversation with your very young child you are preparing him/her for success as a reader. Prepare yourself to have fun, listen to the same early reader book over and over again and to provide lots of opportunities for your child to experience success as a reader. Here is how your library can help...

The Corvallis-Benton County Public Library has an extensive early reader collection located in the Youth Services Department in all branches. Early readers are transitional books for children moving from picture books that are read to them to chapter books that they read on their own. Early readers are also called easy readers, first readers, new readers and beginning readers. Genres include fiction, fantasy, historical fiction, folklore, poetry, and information books. Early readers are designed to be read with minimal or no assistance from an adult. The primary audience for the early reader collection is first through third graders but many parents start reading them to their child when he/she is younger. The books are fun, colorful, simple, and short. For example, Mo Willems, of "Pigeon" fame, has a strong following of younger children in the early reader collection with the "Elephant and Piggie" and the "Cat the Cat" series.



Early readers are designed specifically for children beginning to read. The typeface is large, there is a lot of white space on each page, illustrations provide word clues and the books are usually 31-64 pages in length. There are both phonics based and sight word based early reader series in the lower levels.



Some children really enjoy comics and graphic novels. Toon Books are award-winning graphic novels written specifically for beginning readers and can be found in the juvenile graphic novel collection (J Graphic). Explore these fun books at the library and online: <http://toon-books.com/fun.php>.

Non-fiction early readers are located in the juvenile non-fiction collection (JNF). JNF early readers encourage children to read about some of their favorite subjects while learning to read. Boys especially like JNF because of the detailed information. Popular juvenile non-fiction subjects include pirates, the planets, wild animals, pets, jokes, and biographies.



Early reading materials are also available in different formats. The audio-visual early reader collection includes book/cd kits for the child to read along in the book as they listen, leap pads and kits for interactive reading, books on CD and preloaded audiobooks. Don't forget the library has a subscription to **Scholastic BookFlix**, an online literacy resource that pairs classic video storybooks from Weston Woods with related nonfiction eBooks from Scholastic to build a love of reading and learning.

One of the great things about children learning to read is that their interest level and comprehension level are much higher than their reading level. This is why it is so important that parents continue reading to their children. This is a great time to introduce your child to longer chapter books and fairy tales. Remember, learning to read is fun! Sit back, enjoy the silly stories and beam at the success your child is having. For more information, pick up a copy of the **Early Readers** brochure at the library. Need more assistance? The Youth Services Librarians are happy to help!

New! Early Reader Family Book Club

Book club for kids beginning to read on their own. Parents are welcome!



Book discussion & fun activities.

Meets in the Youth Activity Room at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library.

Sign-up begins June 1st, 2010.

For more information, call 541-766-6794.



The Littlest Leaguer
by Syd Hoff

Tuesday, June 29th, 2010
1:30—2:30 p.m.



Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride
by Kate DiCamillo

Tuesday, July 27th, 2010
1:30—2:30 p.m.



Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa
by Erica Silverman

Tuesday, August 24th, 2010
1:30—2:30 p.m.

Sunshine Painting

Spend a sunny day this summer enjoying a little creative fun with your child! Here are two ways to explore painting on a hot day:

Sunshine Painting

You'll need:

- Paint brushes
- Paper
- Yellow, gold, orange and red paints (any combination)

Let your child mix, swirl, and play with the different yellow and red tones to create a sunshine-filled painting.

Sidewalk Painting

You'll need:

- Paint brushes
- Bucket of water

On a hot day, paint pictures using water on a hot sidewalk. The "painting" will eventually evaporate in the sun. No mess, cool fun!

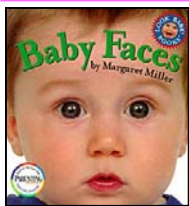


Scholastic BookFlix pairs classic video storybooks with related nonfiction eBooks. This online resource is geared for children in preschool - 3rd grade and free with your library card!



Try it online at www.thebestlibrary.net/kids. Click on "Kids Research" and then choose "BookFlix". Login with your library card #. Questions? Call 541-766-6794.

Exploring the World through a Photograph



Babies love to look at faces!

In fact, studies show that they will focus their attention on faces longer than they will focus on anything else.

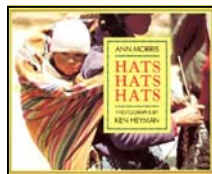
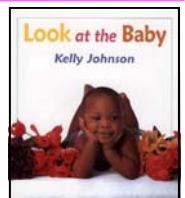
By four or five months old, most babies are able to distinguish between different expressions on faces — happiness, anger, sadness, boredom. Helping children see similarities and differences in facial expressions will help them later to interpret how people are feeling. As adults, we know this is a very useful (but not always easy!) skill.

You can use board books (like Margaret Miller's *Baby Faces* series featured above) and picture books with photographs of people to explore different emotions and also the great diversity of experiences and cultures around the world! Talking about and sharing photographic books with children expands their horizons and helps them build their emotional and social awareness skills. Plus, these books feature gorgeous photographs!

Hands Can
by Cheryl Willis Hudson



Look at the Baby
by Kelly Johnson



Hats Hats Hats
by Ann Morris

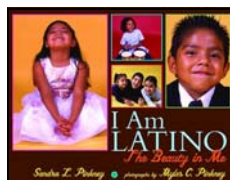
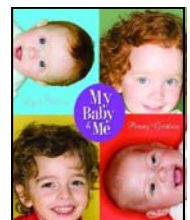


Lots of Feelings
by Shelley Rotner

A High, Low, Near, Far, Loud, Quiet Story
by Nina Crews



My Baby & Me
by Lynn Reiser



I Am Latino: the beauty in Me
by Sandra Pinkney

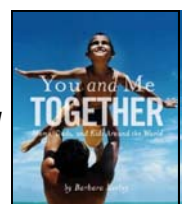


My Big Brother
by Valorie Fisher

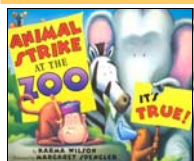
I Like to Play
by Marla Stewart Konrad



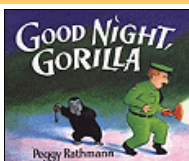
You and Me Together: moms, dads, and kids around the world
by Barbara Kerley
J 306.874 KERLEY



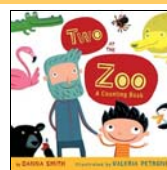
Going to the Zoo: Animal Adventures!



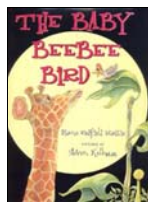
Animal Strike at the Zoo, It's True!
by Karma Wilson



Good Night, Gorilla
by Peggy Rathmann



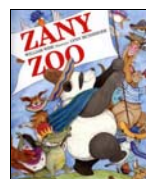
Two at the Zoo
by Danna Smith



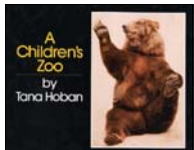
The Baby BeeBee Bird
by Diane Redfield Massie



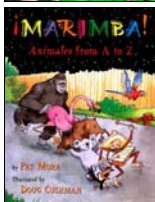
If Anything Ever Goes Wrong at the Zoo
by Mary Jean Hendrick



Zany Zoo
by William Wise



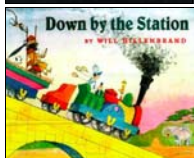
A Children's Zoo
by Tana Hoban



¡Marimba! Animales from A to Z
by Pat Mora

Non-Fiction Books:

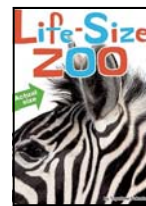
J 590.73 (Zoo Animals) &
J 636.0889 (Zoos & Zookeepers)



Down by the Station
by Will Hillenbrand

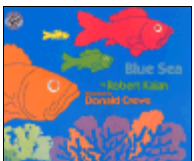


Peek-a-Zoo
by Marie Torres Cimarusti

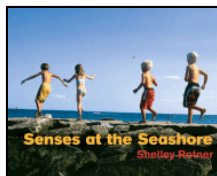


Life-Size Zoo: from tiny rodents to gigantic elephants, an actual-size animal encyclopedia
by Teruyuki Komiya

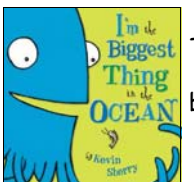
Splash into a Good Book! Books with an Ocean theme



Blue Sea
by Robert Kalan



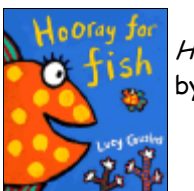
Senses at the Seashore
by Shelley Rotner



I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean
by Kevin Sherry



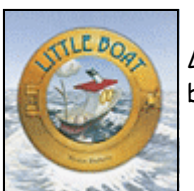
Out of the Ocean
by Debra Frasier



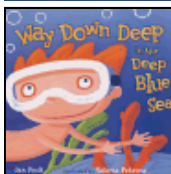
Hooray for Fish
by Lucy Cousins



Ten Little Fish
by Audrey Wood



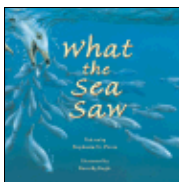
Little Boat
by Thomas Docherty



Way Down Deep in the Deep Blue Sea
by Jan Peck



The Octonauts & the Great Ghost Reef
by Meomi



What the Sea Saw
by Stephanie St. Pierre



Don't Forget to
Be Safe!
**Water Safety
for Kids**

Books to share with kids:

Safety at the Swimming Pool
by Lucia Raatma

J 797.21083 RAATMA

Watch Out! Near Water
by Clare Llewellyn

J 613.6 LLEWELLY

Water Safety

by Nancy Loewen

J797.2108 LOEWEN

Water Safety

by Peggy Pancella

J 797.21083 PANCELLA

Helpful websites:

<http://kidshealth.org/kid/watch/out/water.html>

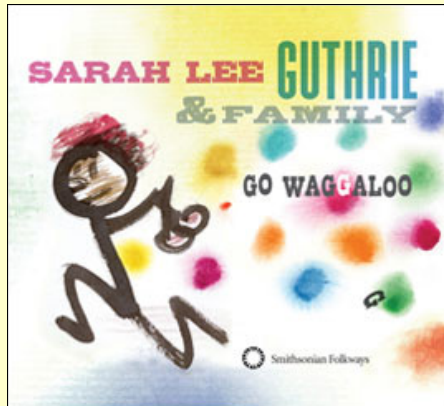
<http://www.safekids.org>

♪ Music Picks ♪



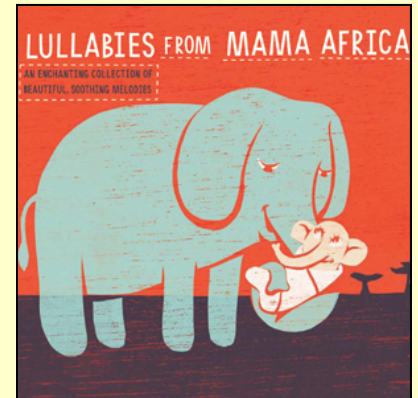
Here I Am! — Caspar Babypants

Catchy tunes about the things toddlers find fascinating: bugs, dust bunnies, birdies, babies, trucks, and bears.



Go Waggaloo — Sarah Lee Guthrie & Family

New, fresh, and traditional songs from the granddaughter of Woody Guthrie.



Lullabies from Mama Africa African Cream Music

Soothing melodies from Africa for little ones.

Fiesta de su biblioteca

La Fiesta de su Biblioteca is a fun bilingual English/Spanish program! Children of all ages are welcome.

**Third Saturdays,
11:00 a.m. — Noon**

**June 20th:
Make a String Craft**

**July 17th:
Make a Paper Maraca**

**August 21st:
Make a Mayan Weaving**

**Corvallis-Benton County
Public Library
645 NW Monroe Ave.,
Corvallis, OR**

Venga y disfrute de la fiesta de su biblioteca! Un programa bilingüe cada mes en la biblioteca. ¡Gratis! ¡Refrescos! Escucha cuentos y cante canciones.

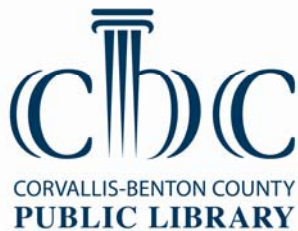
R.E.A.D. Dogs: Reading Education Assistance Dogs

The Corvallis-Benton County Public Library has the Reading Education Assistance Dogs (R.E.A.D.) visit the library to support beginning readers. R.E.A.D. dogs are registered therapy animals who volunteer with their owner/handlers as a team. The dogs provide a non-threatening environment for beginning readers to practice their reading skills.

R.E.A.D. dogs help children relax. The dogs listen attentively; they do not judge, laugh, or criticize; and they allow children to proceed at their own pace. R.E.A.D. dogs never get tired of hearing the same story over and over again and they do listen in all languages. The dogs frequently close their eyes, roll onto their backs and imagine a wonderful story as their tummies are scratched and their ears rubbed by the beginning readers. The handlers are skilled facilitators who provide support while the child gets the supervised reading practice necessary to build vocabulary, increase understanding of the material and gain fluency as a reader.

The R.E.A.D. dogs are scheduled to be at the library from 11 a.m. to Noon every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during the month of July 2010, beginning July 6th. Children ages 5-9 are invited to sign up to read to a dog starting June 1st.





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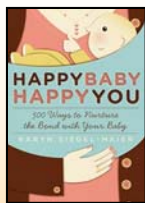
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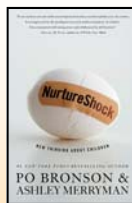
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Parenting Picks:



Happy Baby, Happy You: 500 ways to nurture the bond with your baby

by Karyn Siegel-Maier



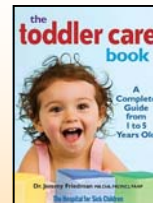
NurtureShock: new thinking about children

by Po Bronson & Ashley Merryman



Raising Happiness: 10 simple steps for more joyful kids and happier parents

by Christine Carter, Ph.D.



The Toddler Care Book: a complete guide from 1 to 5 years old

by Jeremy Friedman



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Children Are Reading Everywhere (C.A.R.E.) Kits

Outreach Library Service for Family Childcare Homes and Preschool Sites

C.A.R.E. Kits are rotating collections of books and early literacy information for small family childcare homes and preschool sites in Benton County. Each month a site receives 15-20 picture and board books, a parenting or early childhood book or magazine, and early literacy information. Trained volunteers will provide participating sites a prescheduled storytime visit. The C.A.R.E. Kit program is **free** of charge.

For more information, contact Peik-Kuan Lim (541-766-6481).

How can childcare providers and educators use this resource?

They can:

- Establish regular times for reading to children
- Teach early literacy skills through books, flannel board stories and music
- Provide supplemental reading material
- Utilize ideas from the professional book to do lesson planning
- Enrich program activities
- Integrate music and movement into daily activities
- Increase their knowledge about early literacy

How does this resource benefit the children?

The materials will help:

- Create a literacy rich environment
- Enhance children's language and overall development
- Provide opportunities for different experiences
- Spark their imagination
- Create a connection to the library
- Support their caregivers' professional development or literacy knowledge