



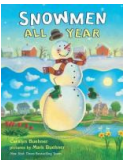
Winter Early Literacy Newsletter

snowmen

Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow! While the Mid-Willamette Valley may have had its fair share of snow this December, kids may still be dreaming of making snowmen (or more no-school days!) this winter. Here are some fun picture books about snowmen to enjoy:

The Snowman—E Briggs, Raymond

Snowmen All Year—E Buehner, Caralyn



Snowmen At Night—E Buehner, Caralyn

The smiley Snowman—E Butler, M.

Snowballs—E Ehlert, Lois

Christmas Magic—E Garland, Michael

Snowman Magic—E Tegen, Katherine

Snowie Rolie—E Joyce, William



A Perfect Snowman—E McDaniel, Preston



Making a Friend—E McGhee, Alison

Snow Day—E Peddle, Daniel

All You Need for a Snowman—E Schertle, Alice

The Magical Snowman—E Walters, Catherine

Sam the Snowman—E Winget, Susan



The Sneezey Snowman—E Wright, Maureen

Max and Mo Make a Snowman—E-R Lakin, Patricia



Eloise and the Snowman—E-R McClatch, Lisa

The Best Snowman—E-R Nash, Margaret

One Snowy Day—E-R Scherer, Jeffrey



Early Literacy Tip

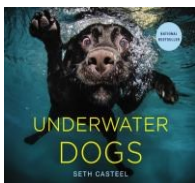
Play is how children learn. Encourage your children to use their imaginations by looking for different ways to use recyclables such as toilet paper rolls, milk cartons, bottle caps, and cereal boxes. Talk, play and have fun with them!

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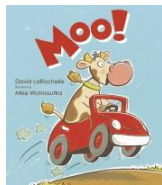
Staff Favorites

Curtis' Pick:



Underwater Dogs by Seth Casteel

Dana's Pick:



Moo! by David LaRoche

Heidi's Pick:



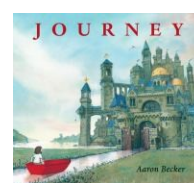
When It Snows by Richard Collingridge

Kristin's Pick:



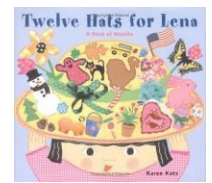
Mr. Tiger Goes Wild by Peter Brown

Peik-Kuan's Pick:



Journey by Aaron Becker

Ruth's Pick:



Twelve Hats for Lena: A Book of Months by Karen Katz

FAIRY TALES

Fairy tales are told in many lands all over the world to young children. One may find these tales violent and scary. One may also wonder why we should indulge children in fantasy when real life rarely works like a fairy tale?

Maria Tatar, a Harvard College professor who teaches students about fairy tales, says, "*They [fairy tales] work through so many personal and cultural anxieties, yet they do it in a safe, 'once upon a time'*"

way." (source: "Why Fairy Tales Matter" by Hannah Boyd, Education.com archive article). In fairy tales, challenges are overcome when the protagonists find inner strength and wisdom to triumph over the roadblocks.

Another positive aspect of reading fairy tales is that it gives children the opportunity to let their imaginations roam. In a world full of graphic intensive electronics, it is perhaps a reprieve for children to

have their own imaginings played out in their own minds.

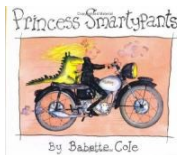
Children can now grow up with many updated versions of classic fairy tales that give new twists to the stories, often involving stronger female heroines. These versions are called "fractured fairy tales". Adults may decide to read these to kids alongside the classics, to make comparisons and to encourage discussions. You can check out some of these fractured fairy tales at the library.

Fractured Fairy Tales

"A fractured fairy tale is a story that uses fairy tales you know and then changes the characters, the setting, points of view, or plots." (www.readwritethink.org)

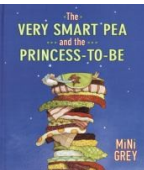
Jim and the Beanstalk—E Briggs, Raymond

Princess Smarty Pants—E Cole, Babette



Three Cool Kids—E Emberley, Rebecca

Goldilocks Returns—E Ernst, Lisa



Little Red Riding Hood: A newfangled prairie tale—E Ernst, Lisa

The Very Smart Pea and the Princess-to-

be—E Grey, Mini



Three Little Dinosaurs—E Harris, Jim

Cinder Edna—E Jackson, Ellen

Bubba the Cowboy

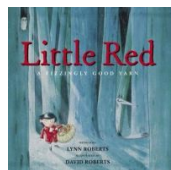
Prince—E Kettman, Helen

Señorita Gordita—E Kettman, Helen



Sleepless Beauty—E Minters, Frances

Cinder-Elly—E Minters, Frances



Paper Bag Princess—E Munsch, Robert

Little Red: A Fizzingly Good Yarn—E Roberts, Lynn



The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs—E Scieszka, Jon

The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales—E Scieszka, Jon

Frog Prince Continued—E Scieszka, Jon

Somebody and the Three Blairs—E Tolhurst, Marilyn

Princess and the Pea—E Vaës, Alain



Falling for Rapunzel—E Wilcox, Leah



Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig—E Triviza, Eugene

Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs—E Willems, Mo

Early Literacy Activity with Fairy Tales



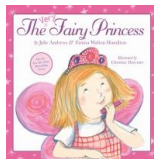
Read a traditional version of a fairy tale, and then ask the children to:

- come up with a different ending for the story,
- or add twists to the plot,
- or change the characters in the story.

Kids can also illustrate or make a dramatic play of their story. Children's ability to retell stories, and their understanding of how a story works (beginning, middle and end) will be strengthened. Research shows that talking, singing, reading, writing and playing are important early literacy skills that help children become successful readers. What a great adventure it will be to look back at all the stories that your child has created over time!

heart warming staff favorites

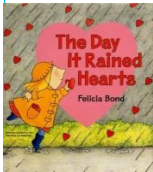
The Very Fairy Princess Follows Her Heart—E Andrews, Julie



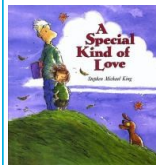
My Heart is Like a Zoo— E Hall, Michael



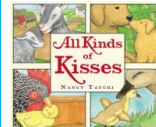
The Biggest Thing in the World—E Steven, Kenneth



The Day It Rained Hearts—E Bond, Felicia

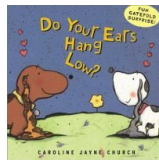


A Special Kind of Love—E King, Stephen



All Kinds of Kisses—E Tafuri, Nancy

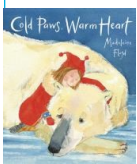
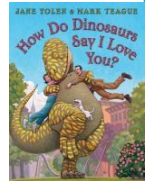
Do Your Ears Hang Low—E Church, Caroline



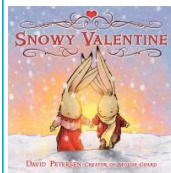
Love You When— E Kranz, Linda



How Do Dinosaurs Say I Love You? - E Yolen, Jane



Cold Paws, Warm Heart—E Floyd, Madeleine

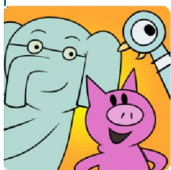


Snowy Valentine— E Petersen, David



That's Love— E Williams, Sam

Technology Corner—Apps for Preschoolers by Librarian Kristin Starnes



Pigeon Presents: Mo... on the Go! By Disney Publishing Worldwide.

Pigeon and several other favorite Mo Willems characters are together for entertaining games that encourage creativity and problem solving.



Bunny Fun: Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes by Rosemary Wells by Aurnyn Inc.

Rosemary Wells

collaborated with app makers to create an adorable, interactive version of the popular children's song, "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes." Play and interact with the song in four languages - English, Spanish, French, and Japanese.



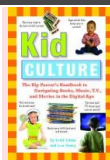
Felt Board by Software Smoothie

Creativity on the go! It's like having a traveling felt board to create scenes, dress up characters, and tell stories - all without losing the felt pieces or having to make them or purchase them in the first place!

Resources for Parents, Caregivers and Educators

How does one keep up with the whirlwind changing pace of technology and parent responsibly? There are no easy answers but some of these resources may provide insight to help you make informed decisions regarding media use with young children.

E-Parenting: Keeping up with your tech-savvy kids
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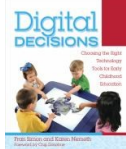
Kid Culture: The hip parent's handbook to navigating books, music, T.V., and movies in the digital age

302.23083 Tobias



The Parent App: Understanding families in the digital age

302.231 Clark



Digital Decisions: Choosing the right technology tools for early childhood

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Web resources:

www.pbs.org/parents/digital-media/coolTools.html

www.common SenseMedia.org

Littlelit.com

music picks

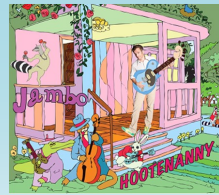
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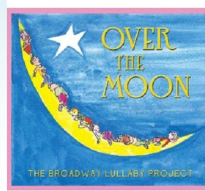
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Parents' Choice Silver Award Winner



**Over the Moon: the Broadway
Lullaby Project**

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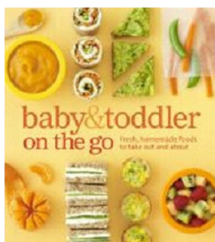
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PARENTING PICKS



Attached at the Heart: Eight proven parenting principles for raising connected and compassionate children

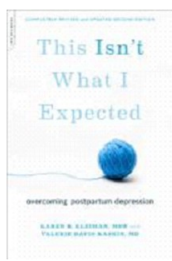
Parent 649.1
Nicholso



Baby and Toddler on the Go: Fresh, homemade goods to take out and about

Parent 641.56222

Laidlow



This Isn't What I Expected : Overcoming post-partum depression

Parent 618.46 Kleiman

Special Library Programs in Corvallis

Corvallis-OSU Piano International Children's Concert

Jan 11th 2014 (Sat.) @ 11am, Main Meeting room

"Animal Carnival" with Matt Goodrich and Rachelle McCabe.

Mother Goose Asks Why

Feb 20th 2014 (Thurs.) @ 10am, Main meeting room

A preschool science program using picture books and hands-on activities for families and their children ages 3-5.

"Singable" New Picture Books

There Was A Tree—E Isadora, Rachel

Old Makimba Had A Farm—E Isadora, Rachel

A Hole in the Bottom of the Sea—E Law, Jessica

Pete the Cat: Wheels On the Bus—E Litwin, Eric

The Croaky Pokey—E Long, Ethan

One Love—E Marley, Cedella

If You're Snowy and You Know It, Clap Your Paws!- E Norman, Kimberly

Sing—E Raposo, Joe

It's A Small World—E Sherman, Richard

