



Fall 2010 Early Literacy Newsletter

Family Literacy Day



Celebrate National Family Literacy Day on November 1st. Family literacy begins in the home. Help your child discover the joy of reading through great read-aloud books. Young children who enjoy being read to will have a greater interest in learning to read when they are ready, and they often become lifelong readers.

It's never too early to start. Babies will look at books for a short period

of time as you talk to them about the pictures. Choose sturdy board books with very simple pictures, pictures with high contrast (such as white shapes on a black background), and photographs of human faces.

For toddlers and preschoolers, try some of these:

Wolf's Chicken Stew by Keiko Kasza

The Baby Beebee Bird by Diane Massie

Owl Babies by Martin Waddell

Clip Clop by Nicola Smee

Wide Mouth Frog by Keith Faulkner

Bear Snores On by Karma

Wilson

The Napping House by Audrey Wood

Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell

Bark George by Jules Feiffer

I Stink by Kate & Jim McMullan

Little Beauty by Anthony Browne

Knuffle Bunny Too: A Case of Mistaken Identity by Mo Willems

Want to help others learn to read? You can volunteer for organizations such as SMART (www.getsmartoregon.org), Benton Literacy Council, (bentonliteracy@copper.net) and Linn Benton Volunteer Literacy Program (penny.steele@linnbenton.edu).

Early Literacy Tip

Learning through play is relaxed, fun, and creative. Through a single enjoyable activity, your child can learn about following directions, taking turns, and showing appreciation to others, all skills that are necessary for healthy development.

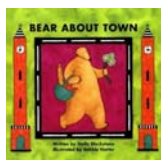
From The early Literacy Kit by Betsy Diamant-Cohen & Saroj Ghoting (ALA Editions, 2009)

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Staff Favorites

Curtis'
Pick:



Bear About Town
by Stella
Blackstone

Dana's
Pick:



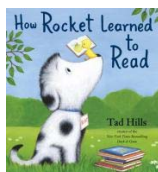
Big Rig Bugs by
Kurt Cyrus

Heidi's
Pick:



Creature ABC by
Andrew
Zuckerman

Kristin's
Pick:



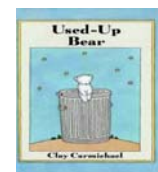
How Rocket
Learned to Read
by Tad Hills

Peik-Kuan's
Pick:



Charlie Hits It Big
by Deborah
Blumenthal

Robin's
Pick:



Used Up Bear by
Clay Carmichael

Ruth Rose's
Pick:



What If Every-
body Did That? By
Ellen Javernick

On The Move

From twirling hair to jumping off couches, young children seem to have a constant need to move. Developmentally, research has found that children's brains form important connections through physical activity and play.

"...movement, because it activates the neural wiring throughout the body, makes the entire body-not just the brain-an instrument of learning." *From the article "Babies on the Move" by Rae Pica in the July 2010 issue of Young Children.*

So, let the fun begin! Try reinforcing new words and concepts (tall, small, loud, soft, etc.) to very young children through movement and books. Sssh,

don't tell the children that wiggling is actually good for them! Hopefully, all the fun and physical activity will also tire them out.

Here are some books to share:

The Animal Boogie by Debbie Harter

Wiggle by Doreen Cronin

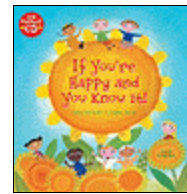
Stretch by Doreen Cronin

Shake My Sillies Out by Raffi

We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear illustrated by Steve Scott

Wave Goodbye by Rob Reid



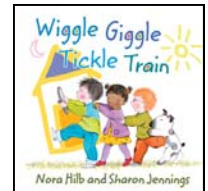
If You're Happy and You Know It by Anna McQuinn

Clap Hands by Helen Oxenbury (board book)

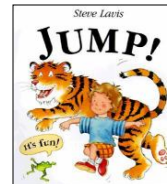
We've All Got Belly Buttons by David Martin

Wiggle Giggle Tickle Train by Nora Hilb

Ten Little Fingers by Annie Kubler (board book)



From Head to Toe by Eric Carle



Jump by Steve Lavis
Walking Through the Jungle by Julie La-comb

Resources for Parents, Caregivers, and Educators:

Looking for more fun ways for children to learn?

BOOKS:

(These are located in the children's non-fiction area)

Read! Move! Learn! Active Stories for Active Learning

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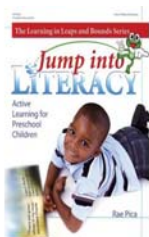


Wiggle, Giggle, and Shake! 200 Ways to Move and Learn!

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Jump Into Literacy

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CHILDREN'S MUSIC:

So Big: Activity Songs for Little Ones

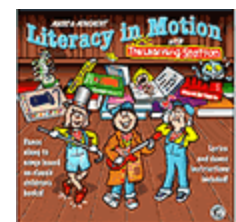
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Can a Jumbo Jet Sing the Alphabet?

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Literacy in Motion

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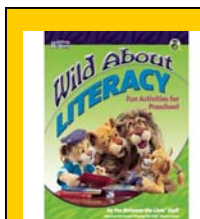
WEB RESOURCES:

Check out some interactive children's websites through the library's webpage. Go to www.thebestlibrary.net/kids and click on "cool sites" on the left navigation bar.

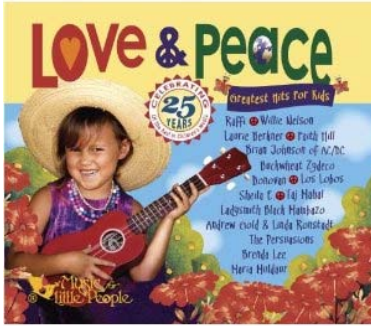
NEW BOOK:

Wild About Literacy: Fun Activities for Preschool (Between the Lions)

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Music Picks



**Love & Peace:
Greatest Hits for
Kids (Music for
Little People)**



**C'mon (Renee &
Jeremy)**

Music for Little People celebrates 25 years of children's music. This collection features some of the best musicians (Raffi, Laurie Berkner, Faith Hill, Brian Johnson of AC/DC) performing classic and heartfelt children's songs that the whole family will enjoy!

According to *Mothering Magazine*, this album "delivers upbeat tempos, lush harmonies, and lyrics that capture the tenderness of a family's heart."

Rhyme Time:

Autumn Leaves (tune: London Bridge)

Autumn leaves are falling down,
falling down, falling down.
Autumn leaves are falling down,
Red, yellow, green and brown.
Rake the leaves and pile them up,
pile them up, pile them up.
Rake the leaves and pile them up.
Ready? Jump and play!



Bilingual rhyme:

A La Rueda Rueda (Bread and Cinnamon)

A la rueda rueda
De pan y canela.
Dame un besito
Y vete a la escuela.
Y si no quieres ir:
¡Acuéstate a dormir!

Bread and cinnamon,
This is the rule.
Give me a kiss
And hurry to school.
If you want to sleep instead,
I won't wake you, sleepyhead

Early Literacy Activities:

Sing and move to the Tune: "The Wheels on the Bus"

I can make my hands go clap, clap, clap,
Clap, clap, clap.
I can make my hands go clap, clap, clap.
They're a part of me.
Continue song with different movements using different parts of the

body (examples: Stomp feet, wiggle hips, blink eyes, nod head).

Alphabet On The Move:

Write the letters in your child's name, as well as some other letters that are not part of her name, on pieces of paper (one letter per page). Then put the papers ran-

domly on the floor, and have your child spell her name out by hopping on the corresponding letters. You can call out the letters if she needs help, or she can call them out as she hops along. This will help reinforce letter recognition, an essential early literacy skill.

You can also play this game with shapes, colors, numbers, animals, and so much more!



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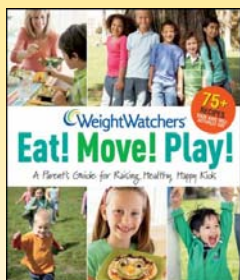
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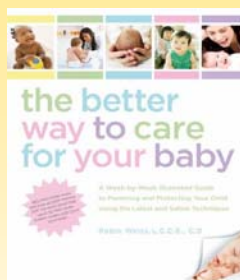


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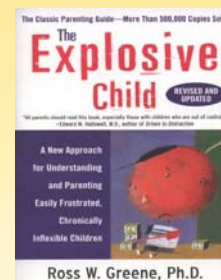
Parenting Picks:



Eat! Move! Play!: a parent's guide for raising healthy, happy kids by Weight Watchers International



The Better Way to Care for Your Baby: a week-by-week illustrated guide to parenting and protecting your child using the latest and safest techniques by Robin Elise Weiss



The Explosive Child: a new approach for understanding and parenting easily frustrated, chronically inflexible children by Ross W. Greene

NEW!

MAN WITH THE YELLOW HAT— A Storytime for dads (or granddads, uncles, male caregivers, father figures) and their children ages 3 years old and younger. Come join us for music, rhymes, books, and early literacy information on the first Saturday of the month. The first meeting will take place on October 2nd. at 11 a.m. in the children's storytime room at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library.

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

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

Man With the Yellow Hat
 Ages 3 and under
 First Saturdays at 11:00AM

Monroe 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

