



Fall Early Literacy Newsletter

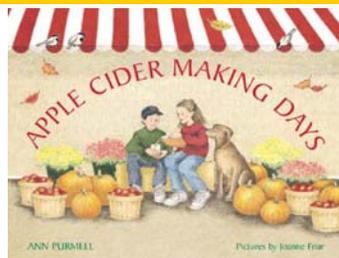
Harvest Time



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

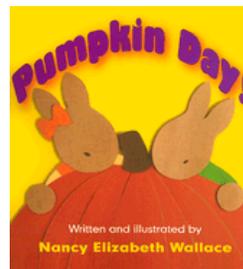
Apple Farmer Annie
by Monica Wellington

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?

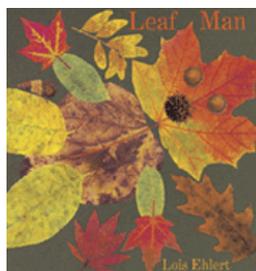
Early literacy is everything a child knows about reading and writing before he or she can actually read or write.



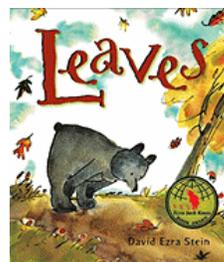
Staff Favorites for Fall



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

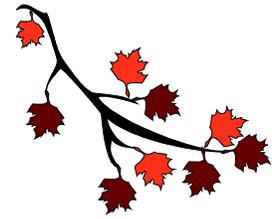
(*Tune: Ten Little Indians*)

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

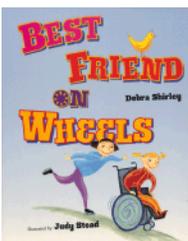
What's Cookin'? A Happy Birthday Counting Book by Nancy Coffelt

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/

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.

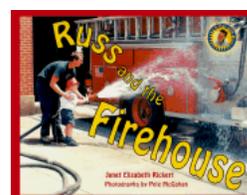
Friends at School by Rochelle Bunnett
 Text and photographs show children of different abilities working and playing together at school.

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.

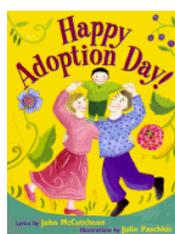


Russ and the Firehouse by Janet Elizabeth Rickert
 Russ, a five-year-old with Down syndrome, visits his uncle's firehouse and gets to help with the daily chores.

November is National Adoption Month

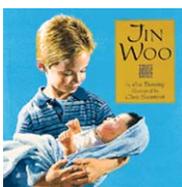
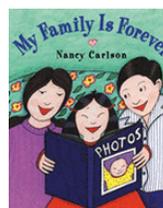
"National Adoption Week was first proclaimed in Massachusetts in 1976. The number of states that designated a special week to recognize the practice of adoption gradually increased, leading to National Adoption Month in 1990. The purpose of National Adoption Month is to focus attention on the increasing 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)

Suggested picture books on adoption:



Happy Adoption Day!
 by John McCutcheon

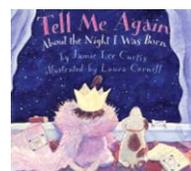
My Family is Forever
 by Nancy Carlson



Jin Woo
 by Eve Bunting



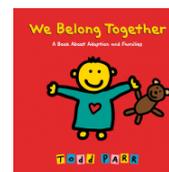
The Red Thread: an Adoption Fairy Tale
 by Grace Lin

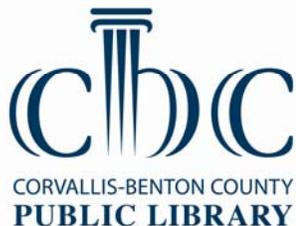


Tell Me Again About the Night I Was Born
 by Jamie Lee Curtis

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!





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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.

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

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Bilingual Family Storytime
Third Saturdays at 11:00AM

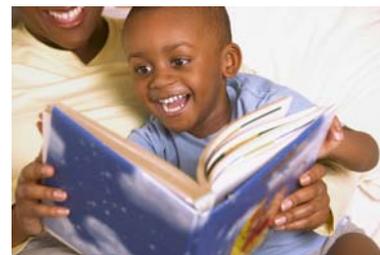
Monroe Community Library Storytime Schedule:

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

