



Winter 2010 Early Literacy Newsletter



Welcome Winter!

A new year and a new season are upon us. With the weather growing colder outside it's the perfect season to snuggle up inside with a great book! This edition of the Early Literacy Newsletter focuses on diversity in children's books, building early science skills, new parenting titles, and books to help children cope with the cold and flu season. The Youth Services staff at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library hope you find our newsletter both helpful and enjoyable. We hope this winter is a happy, healthy, and peaceful time for you and your family!



Family & Children's Events:

Each week the library offers storytimes for all ages. **Storytime Plus** extends the storytime fun by sharing early literacy tips following each storytime once a month.

La Fiesta de su Biblioteca is a bilingual Spanish/English storytime and craft program once a month. Check with your local branch library for times.

Children learning to read can practice their new skills by reading aloud to the **R.E.A.D. Dogs**. Call 541-766-6794 for the current schedule. *Registration is required.*

OSU Extension Service will continue to offer monthly **nutrition programs** following storytime at the Corvallis Library.

A free workshop for parents, "**Practical Tips for Feeding Kids Well**" will be offered on **Saturday, January 23rd from 11 am-1 pm**, as part of the Growing Families Together parenting program. Child care provided.



The library proudly presents **Gustafer Yellowgold in concert on February 2nd, at 10 a.m.**—a fun blend of live music and moving image, acclaimed by the *New York Times*, as a cross between Yellow Submarine and Dr. Seuss. *All ages.* Call 541-766-6794 for more information.

Early Literacy Tip



Creativity comes naturally to children! Having children think up their own endings to stories helps develop their imagination. Being ready to learn includes a healthy dose of creativity!

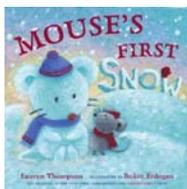
From *The Early Literacy Kit* by Betsy Diamant-Cohen and Saroj Ghoting (ALA Editions, 2009)

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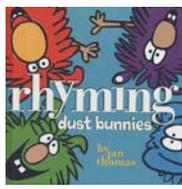
Staff Favorites

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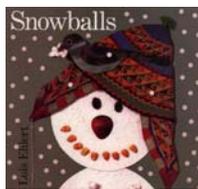
Mouse's First Snow
by Lauren Thompson

Dana's Pick:



Rhyming Dust Bunnies
by Jan Thomas

Heidi's Pick:



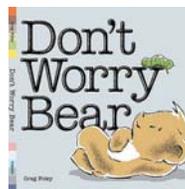
Snowballs
by Lois Ehlert

Kristin's Pick:



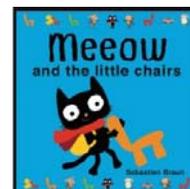
The Lion & the Mouse
by Jerry Pinkney

Peik-Kuan's Pick:



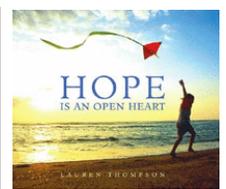
Don't Worry Bear
by Greg Foley

Robin's Pick:



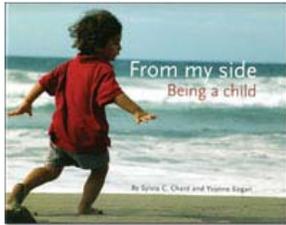
Meeow and the Little Chairs
by Sebastien Braun

Ruth Rose's Pick:



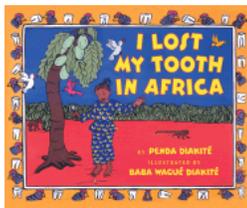
Hope is an Open Heart
by Lauren Thompson

Celebrate the diversity of our world this winter by taking a virtual trip around the globe through multicultural picture books and stories from different cultures. In ***From My Side: Being a Child***, authors Sylvia Chard and Yvonne Kogan give the reader a glimpse of a child's world as children around the world play,



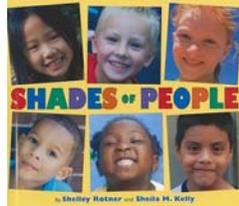
imagine, and investigate their homes, relationships, and nature in this photographic book. Folktales are also a wonderful way to introduce other cultures.

Also recommended:



***I Lost My Tooth in Africa* by Penda Diakité**

While visiting her father's family in Mali, a young girl loses a tooth, places it under a calabash, and receives a hen and a rooster from the African Tooth Fairy.

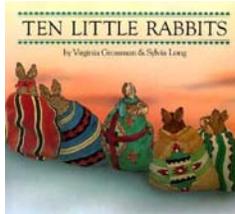


***Shades of People* by Sherry Rotner**
Explores the many different shades of human skin, and points out that skin is just a covering

that does not reveal what someone is like inside.

***Ten Little Rabbits* by Virginia Grossman**

A counting rhyme with illustrations of rabbits in Native American costume, depicting traditional customs such as rain dances, hunting, and smoke signals.

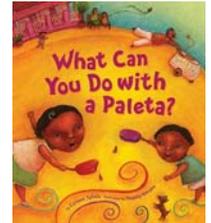


***My Mother's Sari* by Sandhya Rao**

A little girl is fascinated by her mother's sari and finds many uses for it.

***What Can You Do with a Paleta?* by Carmen Tafolla**

A young Mexican American girl celebrates the paleta, an icy fruit popsicle, and the many roles it plays in her lively barrio.



New DVDs!

The Little Travelers



These DVDs feature children traveling the world, experiencing new cultures and making new friends. Titles include *Bali*, *Japan*, and *The British Isles*.

Health Issues: when your child isn't feeling well

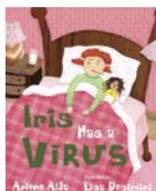
Health Questions? Start your search here with the Health & Wellness Resource Center:



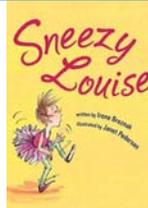
Point your Internet browser to:
<http://www.corvallis.libguides.com/health>
Login anywhere using your library card # !

Sometimes a book can help a child cope with and understand health issues.

Suggested Picture Books:



***Iris Has a Virus* by Arlene Alda**
***Sneezy Louise* by Irene Breznak**
***Germ* by Ross Collins**

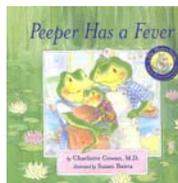


***Dr. Duck* by H.M. Ehrlich**

***Barnyard Song* by Rhonda Gowler Greene**

***Chicken Soup by Heart* by Esther Hershenhorn**

***Sick Day* by Patricia MacLachlan**



***Peeper Has a Fever* by Charlotte Cowan**

Other titles in this series include:
***Katie Caught a Cold*, *The Elephant with the Big Earache*, *The Moose With Loose Poops*, and *Sadie's Sore Throat*.**



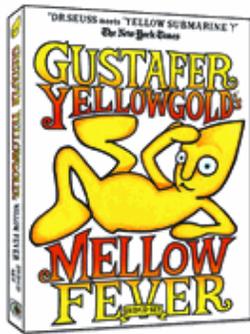
***Dear Daisy, Get Well Soon* by Maggie Smith**

***Felix Feels Better* by Rosemary Wells**

***Bear Feels Sick* by Karma Wilson**

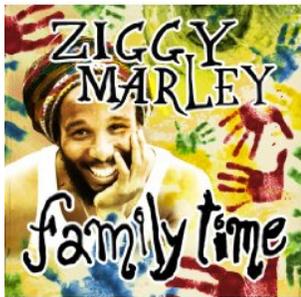
***How Do Dinosaurs Get Well Soon?* by Jane Yolen**

Music Picks



Gustafur Yellowgold's Mellow Fever (DVD/CD)

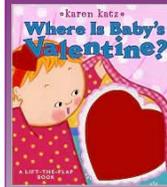
The *New York Times* refers to Gustafur Yellowgold as "Dr. Seuss meets 'Yellow Submarine.'" **This highly-acclaimed, musical show is coming to the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library on February 2nd, 2010 at 10 a.m. Free!**



Family Time (Ziggy Marley)

This is Ziggy Marley's first full-length children's album, featuring members of the Marley family and special guests such as Paul Simon, Jack Johnson, Elizabeth Mitchell, Willie Nelson, and Laurie Berkner. Also featured are two stories read by Jamie Lee Curtis.

Love! Love! Love!

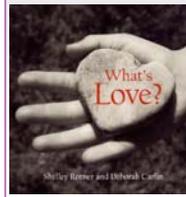


Where is Baby's Valentine?
by Karen Katz
Baby made a Valentine for Mommy, but where could it be? Another adorable lift-the-flap board book from Karen Katz.



I Love You So Much by Carl Norac

Since her parents are too busy in the morning to listen to her say that she loves them, Lola the hamster waits all day long for another opportunity to say the words.



What's Love? by Shelly Rotner

Photographs and simple text capture the many sides of love: pets, pals, and parents; a leap across a field; a hug when one needs it.

Curious Little Scientists



If you've spent much time with young children, you know that they are naturally curious.

Anyone with a preschooler at home knows all too well the seemingly endless questions of "why?" This curiosity serves them well. From birth on, human beings are learning and discovering all about the world around them. Even a simple game of playing with blocks is the start of mathematical and scientific thinking.

When a baby puts those blocks in her mouth, she is learning about taste, texture and size. When a toddler begins to stack blocks and then watches as they tumble down, he is gaining an understanding of

shapes and basic geometry, how balance and gravity work, and learning about patterns and relationships between size and space. Preschoolers and school-aged children may play more elaborately—building pretend cities and structures, all the while playing with beginning physics and engineering concepts.

It may look like simple play, but all of this exploring becomes the foundation for later scientific thinking.

Stumped by a preschooler?

Parents and caregivers want to encourage a child's curiosity, but we're often unsure of the answers to their questions. We can learn right alongside them by finding out the answers in books. Combining a child's natural curiosity about a subject with reading a story and further exploring the topic in a non-fiction book can really build a child's knowledge and love for learning!

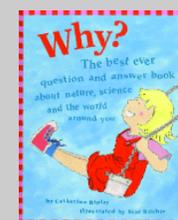
What is your child interested in?

Start with a visit to the public library and check out a few books to encourage their curiosity, discovery, and play. After all, playing is how our little scientists learn!

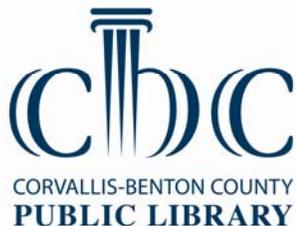
The library's **juvenile non-fiction** collection contains many simple, easy-to-read factual books that explain basic science and nature concepts. Search the kids catalog or ask a librarian for help!



Babies love realistic photographs like the ones found in the board book series **EyeLike Nature** by Play Bac shown here. Titles include *Stones*, *Snow*, *Leaves*, and *Sticks*.



Why? The Best Ever Question and Answer Book About Nature, Science and the World Around You
by Catherine Ripley



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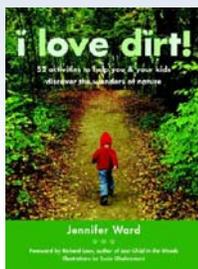
Winter Early Learning Activities

Whether your family is bundling up and heading outside or staying indoors, you may find creative inspiration in



Winter Day Play! Activities, Crafts, and Games for Indoors and Out by Nancy F. Castaldo

Provides dozens of ideas for winter activities in such categories as fun and games, winter critters, and winter holidays and festivals. Kids will love ideas like building a Japanese Snow Cottage, participating in Marshmallow Sculpture contests, throwing a Topsy-Turvy Party, or warming up with an Hawaiian Luau.



I Love Dirt! 52 Activities to Help You and Your Kids Discover the Wonders of Nature by Jennifer Ward

"I Love Dirt!" presents 52 open-ended activities to help you engage your child in the outdoors. No matter what your location - from a small patch of green in the city to the wide-open meadows of the country - each activity is meant to promote exploration, stimulate imagination, and heighten a child's sense of wonder." *Book jacket.*



Visit Birth to Six online!

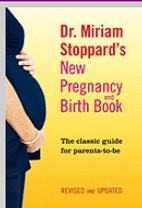
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New Parenting Picks: When You're Expecting



New Books on Pregnancy

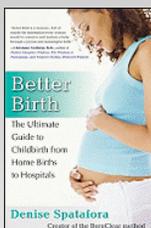
Dr. Miriam Stoppard's New Pregnancy and Birth Book by Miriam Stoppard



Hands Off My Belly!: the Pregnant Woman's Guide to Surviving Myths, Mothers, and Moods by Kathryn M. Landherr and Shawn A. Tassone



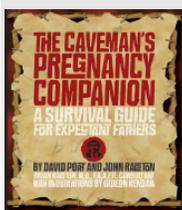
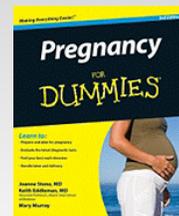
Better Birth: the Ultimate Guide to Childbirth from Home Births to Hospitals by Denise Spatafora



Expect the Best: Your Guide to Healthy Eating Before, During, and After Pregnancy by Elizabeth Ward

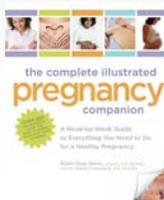


Pregnancy for Dummies by Joanne Stone, Keith Eddleman, and Mary Duenwald

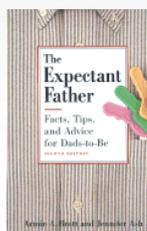


The Caveman's Pregnancy Companion: a Survival Guide for Expectant Fathers by David Port and John Ralston

The Complete Illustrated Pregnancy Companion by Robin Elise Weiss and Marcello Pietrantoni



The Expectant Father: Facts, Tips, and Advice for Dads-to-Be by Armin A. Brott and Jennifer Ash



You: Having a Baby: the Owner's Manual to a Happy and Healthy Pregnancy by Michael F. Roizen, M.D. and Mehmet C. Oz

