



Fall 2011 Early Literacy Newsletter

The cycle of change

As summer winds down, and a chill in the air sets in, we welcome fall with all its beautiful colors.

While we try to settle in to the bustling routines of getting back to school, we also experience the changes that autumn brings. From the changing colors of leaves to the harvesting of apples and corn, here are some children's books that celebrate fall, and some that celebrate the cycle of seasons:

The Great Blue House—
E Banks, Kate



Seasons—
E Blexbole

Listen, Listen—
E Gershato, Phillis

It's Fall— E Glaser, Linda
Fall Is Here! I Love It! -
E Good, Elaine

Fall Leaves
Fall—E Hall,
Zoe



Red Are The Apples— E Harshman, Marc
Fall—E Hirschi, Ron

Fall Is Not Easy—E Kelley,
Marty

From Dawn Till Dusk—
E Kinsey-Warnock, Natalie

A is for Autumn—
E Maass, Robert



I Love Our Earth—
E Martin, Bill

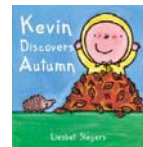
Circle of Seasons—
E Muller, Gerda

Who Loves the Fall— E Raczka,
Bob

Tell Me A Season—
E Siddals, Mary



Kevin Discovers Autumn—
E Slegers,
Liesbet

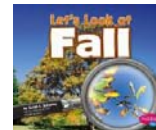


Leaves—
E Stein, David

Apple Valley Year—
E Turner, Ann

Seasons—J 508.2 Rau

Let's Look at Fall—J 508.2
Schuette



Autumn
Across America—
J 508.73 Simon

Early Literacy Tip

Help your child get ready to read with these 5 activities:

- Talking
- Singing
- Reading
- Writing
- Playing

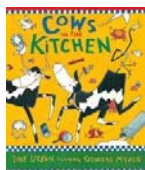
It's never too early to start!
Every Child Ready to Read @
Your library

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Staff Favorites

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Pick:



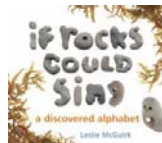
Cows In The Kitchen by June Crebbin

Dana's
Pick:



Cat Secrets by Jef Czekaj

Heidi's
Pick:



If Rocks Could Sing by Leslie McGuirk

Kristin's
Pick:



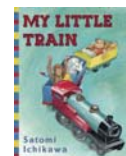
Babies on the Bus by Karen Katz

Peik-Kuan's
Pick:



Yuki and the One Thousand Carriers by Gloria Whelan

Robin's
Pick:



My Little Train by Satomi Ichikawa

Ruth Rose's
Pick:



Pick a Pup by Masha Wilson Chall

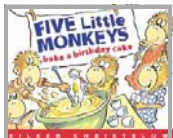
Happy Birthday!

Does your child wish that everyday is her birthday? Try reading about birthdays. You can do that any day!

Happy Birthday Moon by Frank Asch

Birthday at the Panda Palace by Stephanie Calmenson

The Secret Birthday Message by Eric Carle



Five Little Monkeys Bake a Birthday Cake by Eileen Christelow

Carl's Birthday by Alexander Day

Birthdays! : Celebrating life around the world by Eve Feldman

What's Cookin'? : A happy birthday counting book by Nancy

Coffelt

It's My Birthday! by Pat Hutchins

Every Year on Your Birthday by Rose Lewis

Henry's First Moon Birthday by Lenore Look



Dear Tyrannosaurus Rex by Lisa McClatchy

Not Last Night But The Night Before by Colin McNaughton

The Birthday ABC by Eric Metaxas

I Want Two Birthdays by Tony Ross

Surprise by Sally Noll

The Birthday Box by Leslie Patricelli



Snail's Birthday Wish by Fiona Rempt

Margaret and H.A. Rey's Curious George and the Birthday Surprise by Margaret Rey

Birthday Zoo by Deborah Rose

Bun Bun's Birthday by Richard Scrimger

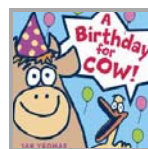
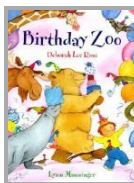
Happy Birthday to You by Dr. Seuss

The Fairy Tale Cake by Mark Sperring

A Birthday for Cow by Jan Thomas

Happy Birthday, Lulu! by Caroline Uff

Bunny Party by Rosemary Wells

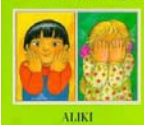


Say "Hello!"

This simple word that we use everyday - "hello" - has such power to help us start a connection with others, and to make others feel welcomed. In how many ways or languages can you say "hello"?

Check out some of these picture books that say hello:

Hello! Good-bye!



Hello! Goodbye! By Aliko

Hurry! Hurry! by Eve Bunting

Hello Puppy! by Jane

Cowen-Fletcher

Hello, World by Michael Foreman



Say Hello by Jack Foreman



Hello, Baby! By Mem Fox

Say Hello to Zorro! by Carter Goodrich

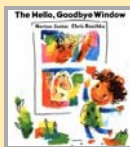


Say Hello! By Rachel Isadora

Hello, Day! by Anita Lobel

Hello, Sweetie Pie by Carl Norac

The Hello, Goodbye Window by Juster Norton



The Big Hello by Janet Schulman



Hello, Hello! by Miriam Schlein

Hello, Arctic! By Theodore Taylor

Hello, Snow! by Hope Vesterga

Hello: Is This Grandma? By Ian Whybrow



Hello Sun! by Hans Wilhelm

Picture Walk

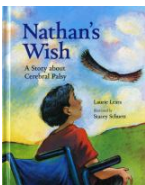
Bonding with your child is one of the great experiences of reading with your child. How can you make this experience interesting and positive for both of you, when your toddler has asked you to read the same book for the twentieth time in two days? Try a **picture walk**! Which means having a conversation about the book as you "walk" through the book. For example, "I see 3 kittens, can you count them?", "Hmmm, what do you think he is going to do with all that sand?", "Yes, we've been to the park. What is your favorite thing to do at the park?".

This conversation keeps your child engaged, and gives him or her the chance to practice turn taking. In the process, you are also extending what your child is saying, introducing new vocabulary and further developing his or her language skills! Wow!

Teaching About Disabilities Through Books

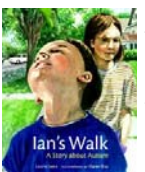
Children's literature can provide a window into a world that is not familiar to a child, thus providing opportunities for building awareness and understanding. They can also be a sort of "mirror" into which children see themselves reflected. "When books act as both windows and mirrors, they allow children to stretch themselves beyond their circle of experience, yet reflect on similarities between themselves and characters in the book" (Teaching About Disabilities Through Children's Literature, by Mary Prater and Tina Dyches). It is in this way that books can help children see past other's differences and accept people who appear different from them.

The following are recommendations of picture books that contain characters with disabilities. This list is not comprehensive. Please ask a reference librarian at your local library if you need assistance finding more resources.



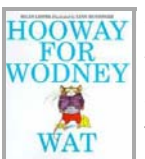
***Nathan's Wish* by Laurie Lears**

A boy with cerebral palsy helps out at a raptor rehabilitation center and is inspired himself when an owl that cannot fly finds another purpose in life.



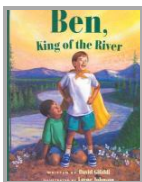
***Ian's Walk: A story about autism* by Laurie Lears**

A young girl realizes how much she cares for her autistic brother Ian when he gets lost at the park.



***Hooway for Wodney Wat* by Helen Lester**

All his classmates make fun of Rodney because he can't pronounce his name, but it is Rodney's speech impediment that drives away the class bully.



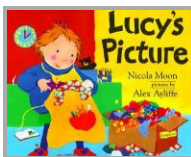
***Ben, King of the River* by David Gifaldi**

Chad experiences a range of emotions when he goes camping with his parents and his five-year-old mentally disabled brother Ben who has many developmental problems.



***Shelley, the Hyperactive Turtle* by Deborah Moss**

After getting into trouble by not paying attention, Shelley the turtle is diagnosed with ADHD and his behavior improves.



***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 a Concert* by Isaac Millman**

Moses and his schoolmates, all deaf, attend a concert where the orchestra's percussionist is also deaf. Includes illustrations in sign language and a page showing the manual alphabet.



***Luna and the Big Blur: A story for children who wear glasses* by Shirley Day**

A young girl who hates her glasses learns to appreciate them after spending a day without them. Includes note to parents.



***Susan Laughs* by Jeanne Willis**

Rhyming couplets describe a wide range of common emotions and activities experienced by a little girl who uses a wheelchair.

Resources For Parents, Caregivers and Educators

There are a myriad of books in the library on the subject of disabilities. Some of them are written for adults who are living or working with children with certain disabilities. Some are written for children who have a disability, and need help understanding and developing coping strategies for their disability. Others are written to highlight a specific disability, such as Down Syndrome, to

show other children what it may be like to have Down Syndrome. There are a few that are written for children who have siblings with disabilities.

Here, a few books about adapting play activities to help children with special needs are highlighted:

Creative Play Activities for Children with Disabilities: A resource book

for teachers and parents—
790.196 Morris

Social Skills Activities for Special Children—362.1968 Mannix

Play Helps: Toys and activities for children with special needs—
790.196 Lear

Come and Play: Sensory-integration strategies for children with play challenges—J 155.41235 Cross

Early Literacy Programs at the Corvallis library

Man with the Yellow Hat

(1st. Saturday of the month at 11a.m.)

Storytime for children ages 0-3 and their dads or father figures.

La Fiesta

(2nd. Saturday of the month at 11a.m.)

Bilingual storytime presented in English and Spanish, followed by a craft for families with young children of all ages.

Family Music Fun

(October 15 & November 19, 2011 at 11a.m.)

Family participation music and movement program. Come prepared to sing and move with Kris Olsen, who

teaches Music Together, and Sue Hardin, who teaches Kindermusik.

Bookflix for Kids

(Oct. 4, 6, 7, 2011 at 10:30a.m.)

Come learn about a free on-line resource offered through the library for kids that pairs picture books with non-fiction books on a related topic. A few examples will be shown after the regular storytime.

Mother Goose Asks Why

(November 3, 2011, January 19, March 8, & May 10, 2012 at 10a.m.)

A hands-on program with fun family projects linking science and math to literacy, designed for preschool-age children and their families.

Play: A Toddler's Work

(November 4, 2011 at 10:30a.m.)

Come learn hands-on ideas on how to promote toddlers' learning and healthy development through the experience of simple play. Presented by LBCC instructor Kara Becerra.

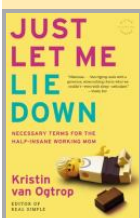
Little Gym (TBA)

Come sample a program that helps establish an appreciation of physical activity and the development of healthy living habits.

Library Storytimes

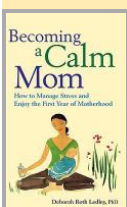
Storytime for young children and their families during the week. (Please see last page for the schedule and more information).

Parenting Picks for Busy Moms (or Survival Guides!)



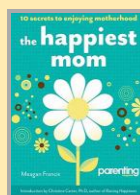
Just Let Me Lie Down: Necessary terms for the half insane working mom by Kristin Van Ogtrop

PARENT 306.8743 VAN-OGTR



Becoming a Calm Mom : How to manage stress and enjoy the first year of motherhood / Deborah Roth Ledley

155.6463 LEDLEY



The Happiest Mom : 10 secrets to enjoying motherhood / Meagan Francis

649.1 FRANCIS



Balance is a Crock, Sleep is for the Weak : An indispensable guide to surviving working motherhood / Amy Eschliman and Leigh Oshirak

646.70085 ESCHLIMA

Early Learning Activities: All About ME

What's in a name? Letters as well as some personality! Here are some suggestions of fun "all about me" activities to do together:

Make a **name card**— cut a piece of card stock or poster board to size, cut out square blocks of letters in your child's name from magazines, or purchase foam letters from a dollar store. Stick them on the card,

decorate around it with stickers or colors. Hang the name card up in your child's space.

Self Portrait—This can be done in different mediums—paint, markers, paper collage, found objects. Help your child look into the mirror and talk about the parts of his body, the color of his eyes and hair. Talk about what is unique about him. Then create

an "**all about me book**" with your child, writing down information such as, "I am (5 years old)", "My favorite food is (pasta)", "I like to (dig in the sandbox)", " My favorite place is (under my bed)", and so on.

The self portrait can be the cover page of the book. Don't forget to give the book a title and include the author's name!

Fall Rhymes

The Apple Tree (sing to the tune of "Rock-a-bye-Baby")

Here is a tree with leaves so green,
(Forearms together, elbows to wrists, hands spread)

Here are the apples that hang between.

(Clench fists for apples.)

When the wind blows the apples will fall,

(Wave arms in the wind and let apples fall suddenly)

Here is a basket to gather them all.

(Make a basket with both hands, fingers interlocked.)

Apples (www.alphabet-soup.net)
(sing to tune of "Are you Sleeping?")

Picking apples,
Picking apples,

(make picking motion with hand)

One by one,
One by one.

(continue picking motion)

Put them in a basket,
Put them in a basket,

(make a circle with one arm against body, and pretend to place apples in "basket" with the other arm)

Oh what fun!
Oh what fun!



**Rima En Español:
Las Hojitas (The Leaves)**

Las hojitas, las hojitas de los árboles se caen

(Little leaves, little leaves falling from the tree)

Viene el viento y las levanta y se ponen a bailar

(the wind comes to pick them and they begin to dance)

Tra-la-la-la-la-la-la.

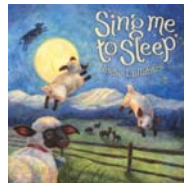


Featured Program

Something Yummy! is an OSU Extension Nutrition Education Program that brings yummy kid-friendly recipes and samples to help encourage healthy eating habits in young children. The presenters have information and handouts to help families with topics such as food safety, getting active, and choosing lean proteins. Kids love the samples!

Starting in October, "Something Yummy" will be at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library on the second Monday of the month at 7p.m. for Bedtime Storytime, and on the second Saturday of the month at 11a.m. for La Fiesta.

Music Picks

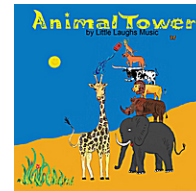


**Sing Me to Sleep:
Indie Lullabies**

J CD 781.523 Sing

Not another lullaby album of "Twinkle,

Twinkle Little Star" - this lullaby album has baby *and* adult appeal. Indie rock acts cover great, soothing songs such as "The Rainbow Connection" (made famous by Kermit the Frog), "Have You Forgotten" (Red House Painters), ELO's "Can't Get It Out of My Head", "Little Inchworm", "Pure Imagination", and "Dream A Little Dream Of Me" among others. Recipient of the 2010 NAPPA Gold Award for Best Children's Album.

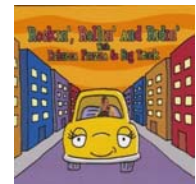


Animal Tower by
Little Laughs Music

J CD 781.58

Animal

Various performers sing songs that teach about colors, numbers, manners, musical styles and rhythms and more!



**Rockin', Rollin' and
Ridin' with Rebecca
Frezza & Big Truck**

J CD 781.58 Frezza

Fun, upbeat songs perfect for sing-alongs in the car.

Featured Blog: Birth to Six



Keep up with the latest from the library with our **Birth to Six** blog! Visit www.corvallislibrarybirthtosix.blogspot.com which shares information on books, music, early literacy, parenting, pregnancy, childcare, and more. We regularly highlight new books and staff favorites, fingerplays and rhymes, children's music, storytime ideas, and early literacy tips. You can find information about opportunities in our community and library events geared for young children. The Youth Services department welcomes your feedback and hopes you'll share with us and others what you find useful on the blog!



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C.A.R.E. Kits

Children Are Reading Everywhere (C.A.R.E) is a library outreach service that brings a rotating collection of books and early literacy materials to family childcare providers in the Benton County Library Service District. The materials are exchanged monthly, and the program participants receive on-site, prescheduled storytime visits from a library volunteer or staff. The program's goals are to support childcare providers in making their care environment literacy-rich, to create a connection to the library for those who may have barriers in accessing library materials and/or services, and to enrich children's lives with the magic of books.

If you are interested in participating in this free program, or in finding out more about the program, please contact the Early Literacy Coordinator—**Peik-Kuan Lim**—at **541-766-6481**, or email peik-kuan.lim@ci.corvallis.or.us.

"The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children." (National Commission on Reading)

Storytime Schedule for Benton County Public Libraries

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
 Second Saturdays at 11:00AM

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

Monroe 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

