



# Spring 2012 Early Literacy Newsletter



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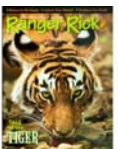
Visit the library! Check out the myriad of materials that the library has to offer:



**Music CDs**—put on different kinds of music and dance around the house.



**Activity books**—try out some ideas for baking with kids, crafts, games, and storytelling (found in the children's Non-fiction books area)



**Magazines**—Check out some children's magazines, such as Highlights, Chirp, or Ranger Rick with great photos and activity ideas. You can buy discarded

past issues of magazines from the Friend's of the Library book shelve and make a one-of-a-kind art or book.



**Board books, picture books, chapter books, non-fiction books, graphic novels**—check out books for every family member to enjoy.



**DVDs**—have a family movie day and relax together.

Using your library card number, you can access library resources from home through the library's website:

[www.thebestlibrary.net](http://www.thebestlibrary.net)

**Databases:**



**Bookflix**— choose from 100 children's video storybooks and non-fiction e-books to read together on the computer.



**Mango Languages—Little Pim**— learn or practice a new language, including Spanish, German, Mandarin, Russian and French, among others.



**Grolier on-line**—find out about a new country or animal that has always intrigued you.

Not sure what to read? Check out the booklists on our website for kids - [corvallis.libguides.com/kidsbooks](http://corvallis.libguides.com/kidsbooks), or ask a friendly reference librarian for help.

### Early Literacy Tip

Using books and stories to help children think of their own solutions to problems helps them develop problem-solving skills.

The Early Literacy Kit—  
Betsy Diamant-Cohen & Saroj Ghoting

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## Staff Favorites

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Pick:



Eli, No! by Katie Kirk

Dana's

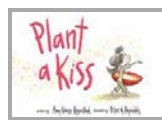
Pick:



Curious Critters by David FitzSimmons

Heidi's

Pick:



Plant a Kiss by Amy Rosenthal

Kristin's

Pick:



Extra Yarn by Mac Barnett

Peik-Kuan's

Pick:



Chicken Big by Keith Graves

Robin's

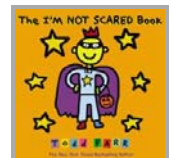
Pick:



Little Moon Princess by Y.J. Lee

Ruth Rose's

Pick:



The I'm Not Scared Book by Todd Parr

# Literacy In Science

Young children have a great sense of wonder and curiosity that naturally aids them in their learning about the world. It is this sense of "what is that?" and "why?" that makes them great little scientists.

Through the exploration of their surroundings, children develop literacy skills such as vocabulary and writing. According to an article in "Early Years Are Learning Years" from NAEYC excerpted from Kathleen Conezio and Lucia French's article "Science in the preschool Classroom", science for young children is "finding out about the

world that surrounds them", and "science gives children something to talk, read, and write about".

Further more, the skills that are essential in the study of science and math are also the crucial skills that help make a strong reader and writer—these include "predicting, understanding cause and effect, understanding sequence, acquiring a rich vocabulary, building background knowledge, and developing the ability to read and

**"Science gives children something to talk, read, and write about."**

**Kathleen Conezio and Lucia French**  
**"Science in the Preschool Classroom"**

write informational text" (ReadingRockets.org, Literacy In Sciences).

So the next time you take a walk with your child around the neighborhood, talk to her about what she sees, hears, smells, tastes and touches. Make a book about the experience together through drawings, words, photographs,

collages of found objects, or charts. Then read up on books about topics that interest her.

## Science Resources for Parents, Caregivers and Educators

### On-Line Resource:

**Reading Rockets-** includes tip sheets with activities that adults can do at home to help enhance literacy learning in science, book suggestions, links to other science related resources and PBS kids science programs and activities.

[www.readingrockets.org/extras/stem\\_series](http://www.readingrockets.org/extras/stem_series).

### Library Resources:

**Non-fiction books**—with many topics

of interest, including books on simple science experiments that you can do with kids.

**Science Magazines** for young children—including Ranger Rick, Zoo-books, Wild Animal Baby, Chickadee, Big Backyard.

**DVDs** for kids— such as Sid the Science Kid, Magic School Bus, Animal Atlas, and All About Wild Animals series.

**Mother Goose Asks Why** library

program— presents hands-on activities that integrate science and literacy designed for preschool-aged kids. The next program will be held on **May 10th, 2012** at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library.

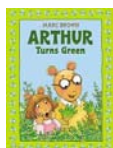
### Local Resources:

**The Corvallis Environmental Center, Chintimini Wildlife Center, and OSU Extension Service** —offer educational workshops, summer camps, informational presentations and family activities.

## "Green" Books

Picture book suggestions on environmental protection in celebration of Earth Day in April:

**Arthur Turns Green**—  
E Brown, Marc



**The Great Kapok Tree**—E Cherry, Lynne

**Ants in Your Pants, Worms in Your Plants**—E De-Groat, Diane

**The Trouble With Dragons**—E Gliori, Debi  
**Curious George Plants A Tree**—E Rey, H.A.



**Ballyhoo Bay**—E Sierra, Judy



**Miss Fox's Class Goes Green**—  
E Spinelli, Eileen



**The Lorax**—E Seuss, Dr.

**Gabby & Grandma Go Green**—E Wellington, Emma



**My Favorite Dresses**—E Ziefert, Harriet

**The Berenstain Bears Don't Pollute (Anymore)** -

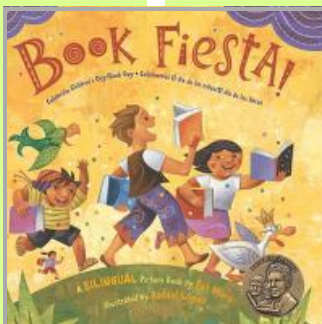
E-R Berensta Stan



# El Día de los Niños / Children's Book Day Celebration

El día de los niños is a day created by librarians and educators as a celebration of childhood and bilingual literacy. It emphasizes the importance of advocating literacy for every child regardless of linguistic and cultural background.

The celebration is cross-cultural and intergenerational. In the words of one of the founders of this annual event, author Pat Mora: "April 30th has



become a day for remembering the power of words and books in the lives of our young people and for honoring all the languages spoken in the homes of this country. One in five of our school children

comes from a home in which a language other than English is spoken. By honoring these languages, we celebrate our linguistic and cultural wealth."

Come Celebrate

**Saturday  
April 28th  
2 p.m.**

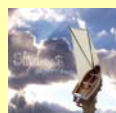


**Dragon Puppet Theater** presents  
**"Little Bug's Big World"** at  
Corvallis-Benton County Public Library  
Main Meeting Room

**FREE Book fair**

After the performance, First Book OSU will be providing each child with his or her very own book.

## Music Picks



**On Trinity Street—**  
J CD 781.58 SKYBOAT

**Together—**J CD 781.58  
SING

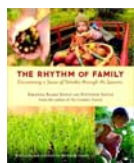


**Planting Seeds—**  
J CD 781.58 SANGIOLO

**Sing Me Goodnight—**  
J CD 781.523 REDFERN



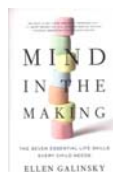
## Parenting Picks



**The Rhythm of the Family: Discovering a Sense of Wonder through the Seasons**  
by Amanda Blake Soule

with Stephen Soule

**Mind in the Making: the Seven Essential Life Skills Every Child Needs** by Ellen Galinsky



**Rad Dad: Dispatches from the Frontiers of Fatherhood** edited by Tomas Moniz and Jeremy Adam Smith



**How Not to Kill Your Baby: a Slightly Useless Guide** by Jacob Sager Weinstein (HUMOR!)



## Frogs and Salamanders



Natural Areas week is May 5-13th, and this year it is the year of the amphibians. Hop over and read some frog and salamander books from our collection:

**Wide Mouth Frog—**  
E Faulkner, Keith



**Little Tad Grows Up—**  
E Ferri, Giuliano

**Jump—**E Fischer, Scott

**Jump Frog Jump—**E Kalan, Robert



**Big Night For Salamanders—**  
E Lamstein, Sarah

**An Extraordinary Egg—**E Lionni, Leo

**Froggy Books—**E London, Jonathan

**Croaky Pokey—**E Long, Ethan

**The Salamander Room—**E Mazer, Anne



**The Frog Alphabet Book and Other**

**Awesome Amphibians—**E Pallot, Jerry



**The Biggest Frog In Australia—**  
E Roth, Susan

**Crawdad Creek—**  
E Samders, Scott

**Once There Was A Bull—**  
Frog—E Walton, Rick



**A Frog in the Bog—**  
E Wilson, Karma

Non-fiction books on "Amphibians" are located in the Juvenile non-fiction section J 597.8

# Meet Danny, the Dog!

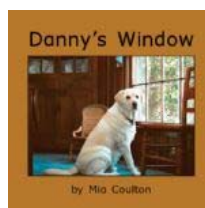
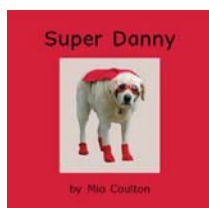
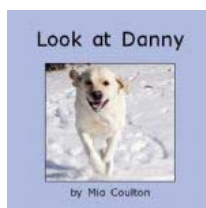
By Dana Campbell

Parents sometimes find that it is quite difficult locating very beginning reader books for their young child to start learning to read with. They need to have a large font, lots of white space, only 2-3 simple words per page and a picture or illustration to support the text. Very beginning reader books have a limited vocabulary that is repeated throughout the story and/or words which rhyme and are easy to decode. Very beginning readers need to be fun!

Meet Danny! This big yellow Labrador retriever takes his many friends on several adventures. The books include high frequency words in a natural oral language. The library currently owns Sets A/B and Set C and will be adding more sets in the near future. The series is written by **Mia Coulton**, a former reading specialist and owner of Danny.



The library will be hosting the Reading Education Assistance Dogs again this summer in July. This program provides an opportunity for beginning readers to practice their reading skills in a non-judgmental environment. More information will be coming your way as summer gets nearer. The R.E.A.D. dogs would enjoy hearing the Danny books.



Look for Danny Books in the Early Readers section of the library—E-R Kit Coulton, Mia

## Spring Fingerplay

### Five Fat Peas

Five fat peas in a peapod pressed,  
*(make a fist with one hand)*

One grew, two grew,  
*(lift out one finger, then another)*

And so did all the rest.  
*(open all fingers)*

They grew, and they grew, and they  
never stopped growing,  
*(pull hands increasingly apart, palms  
facing each other)*

They grew so big that the peapod  
popped!

*(clap hands on "pop")*



## Early Literacy Activities

### Make Your Own "Like Danny" book

Using pictures from your own family album, you can help your child make her own unique book. For example, you can have a picture of Sally playing with a ball, a picture of Sally riding her tricycle, then a picture of her on a swing. Glue or tape each picture on a piece of paper with space for words, and staple the pages together into a book.

The words could read like this:

Sally likes to throw.

Sally likes to ride.

Sally likes to swing.

The important thing to remember is to have fun with the activity, and to talk and listen to each other.

### Find a match

Put out several boxes or containers of different sizes and shapes with their lids separated out. Encourage your child to find the match and put the lids back on, keeping in mind your child's abilities. With an older child, try to find lids and caps that twist on, or snap on, or pop in. Trying to find matches require:

- visual perception (is this the right shape?),
- eye-hand coordination (can I put this together?),
- motor skills (can I twist with my fingers to put this on?).
- persistence by "testing" different ones out.

These skills provide the foundation for learning to read and write.

# Feature Author and Illustrator: Nancy Tafuri

Nancy Tafuri's picture books feature large, colorful illustrations, and simple text that are often repetitive and easy for young children to predict what may come next.

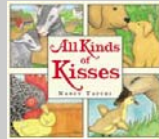
Her book "Have You Seen My Duckling?" was a 1985 Caldecott Honor Book.

Some of her picture books include:



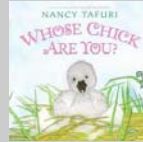
Busy Little Squirrel

Spots, Feathers, Curly Tails



All Kinds of Kisses

Whose Chick Are You?



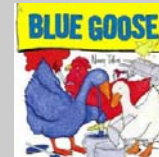
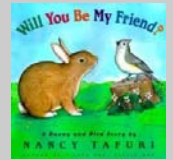
Big Storm: A very soggy counting book

What the Sun Sees, What the Moon Sees



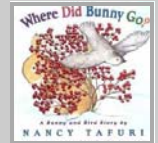
Five Little Chicks

Will You Be My Friend?



Blue Goose

Where Did Bunny Go?: A bunny and bird story



## On the Farm

### Picture Books:

Farm Flu—E Bateman, Teresa



Little Farm by the Sea—E Chorao, Kay



Farm—E Cooper, Elisha



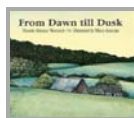
On the Farm—E Elliot, David



Sally Goes to the Farm—E Huneck, Stephen



From Dawn Till Dusk—E Kinsey-Warnock,



Natalie

Going to Sleep on the Farm—E Lewison, Wendy



Farm Babies—E McQuade Jacquel



Tractor Day—E Ransom, Candice



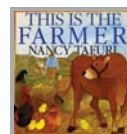
Senses on the Farm—E Rotner, Shelley



On Grandpa's Farm—E Sathre, Vivian



This is the Farmer—E Tafuri, Nancy



Farmer Duck—E Waddell, Martin



### Non-Fiction Books:

Living on Farms—J 630 Fowler



Up We Grow—J 630

Hodge



The Farm—J 630 Hoena

Farm—Kallen

The J 630





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## Corvallis—Benton County Public Library Program Highlights:

**Man With the Yellow Hat:** **First Saturday** of the month, at 11 a.m. Storytime for children 0-3 and their dads or father figures.

**La Fiesta:** **Second Saturday** of the month, at 11 a.m.. Bilingual storytime in English and Spanish for families of all ages, followed by a craft project.

**Family Music Fun:** **Third Saturday** of the month, at 11 a.m.. Music and movement for families with young children.

**Something Yummy:** **First Monday** of the month at 7 p.m. and second Saturday of the month at 11 a.m. Nutrition information and yummy recipe samples put together by OSU Extension Services.

**El Día De Los Niños:** **April 28th, 2012, at 2 p.m.** Children's Book Day celebration with a multicultural puppet show presented by Dragon Puppet Theater, and free book giveaway by First Book Organization.

**Mother Goose Asks Why:** **May 10th, 2012, at 11 a.m.** A hands-on program that integrates literacy and science, designed for families with preschool-aged children.

## 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

**Wobbler Storytime**  
 Ages 12months—24 months  
 Fridays 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

