



Summer 2011 Early Literacy Newsletter

Curious About Summer Reading ?

Summer is a great time to enjoy reading together indoors and outdoors! Research shows that reading aloud to young children is the single most important activity for preparing them to become successful readers. Starting June 13th, come to the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library and pick up your [Curious George summer reading packet](#) for children ages birth to five. The packet will include:

- A [Curious George gameboard](#) to record each day that you read to your child.
- [Stickers](#) that your child can attach to the gameboard for each day that you read together.

When the gameboard is complete, you can stop by the library to receive a certificate and a \$3 coupon to use at the Corvallis and Albany Farmers' Market.

In addition, families can enjoy the following summer programs for children 5 years old and younger, sponsored by the Friends of the Library:

- **Chintimini Chamber Music Festival:**

presenting *The Boy Who Cried Wolf & The Great Race: The Tortoise & the Hare*, June 22nd, 10 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room at the Corvallis Library.

- **Teddy Bear Picnic:** featuring the Mud Pie Divas on June 23rd., 10 a.m. at Central Park, Corvallis, with special guest appearance by **Toot & Puddle** from the books by Holly Hobbie. .
- **World Puppet Adventures:** presenting puppet plays with stories from around the world, and puppet crafts, July 13th, 10 a.m. in the Main Meeting Room.
- **Mother Goose Asks Why?** Introducing fun family projects linking science and math to literacy, July 7th, 14th, 21st. at 10 a.m. in the Main Meeting Room.
- **ABC 1-2-3 with Cinda Tilgner:** combining music and learning in fun ways, July 28th, 10 a.m. in the Main Meeting Room.

**Up to date summer reading information can be found at www.thebestlibrary.net

Early Literacy Tip

Repetition determines which brain connections are kept and which connections are dropped. The connection of brain cells is what makes learning happen. So keep that in mind when your child asks you to read the same book again for the 20th time !

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Staff Favorites

Curtis'	Dana's	Heidi's	Kristin's	Peik-Kuan's	Robin's	Ruth Rose's
Pick:	Pick:	Pick:	Pick:	Pick:	Pick:	Pick:
Donovan's Big Day by Lesléa Newman	Those Darn Squirrels and the Cat Next Door by Adam Rubin	Sunflower Sword by Mark Sperring	Cinnamon Baby by Nicola Winstanley	Rrrralph by Lois Ehlert	Monday is One Day by Arthur A. Levine	Deron Goes to Nursery School by Ifeoma Onyefulu

How Many Ways Can You Get There?

This summer, perhaps you will be bicycling to the farmer's market, or perhaps you will be flying to another country to visit family. The following picture books, besides being a great source of entertainment during the trip, may provide your child with a fun way to look at transportation, travel and new adventures. Don't forget to check out some non-fiction books as well. If read in conjunction with a trip to the train station for example, a book about trains can help reinforce new vocabulary, provide opportunities for your child to make comparisons and to talk about the whole experience. What a great way to develop narrative skill and visual perception!

Recommended reads:

Airport by Byron Barton

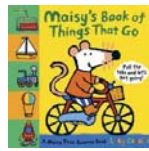
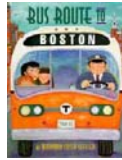


Prairie Train by Marsha Chall



Night Driving by John Coy

Bus Route to Boston by Maryann Cocca-Leffler



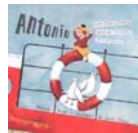
Maisy's Book of Things that Go by Lucy Cousins

In the Back Seat by Deborah DeSaix

To the Beach by Thomas Docherty



Go Go Gorillas by Julia Durango



Antonio on the Other Side of the World, Getting Smaller by Malachy Doyle

Lavender Moon by Troon Harrison

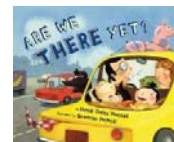
My First Airplane Ride by Patricia Hubbell



Getting There by Marla Konrad

Night Ride to Nana's by Jenny Koralek

Here Comes Grandma! By Janet Lord



Pigs Ahoy by David McPhail

Are We There Yet? By Dandi Mackall

Jingle the Brass by Patricia Newman

A Drive in the Country by Michael Rosen

Go Bugs Go! By Jessica Spanyol



On the Road by Susan Stegall

Night Train by Caroline Stutson

Where is Coco Going? by Sloane Tanen



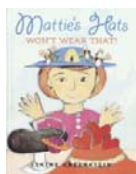
Bunnies on the Go: Getting from place to place by Rick Walton

Hats! Hats! Hats!

Rain or shine, hats do their jobs to keep us, or at least our heads, dry and cool. Put on a hat and a pair of sunglasses, and have a "hat adventure" this summer.

Here are some suggested picture books with a hat theme to enjoy:

Rembrandt's Hat by Susan Blackaby



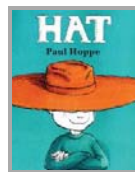
Casey's New Hat by Tricia Gardella

Mattie's Hats Won't Wear That by Elaine Greenstein



Which Hat Is That? By Anna Hines

Hat by Paul Hope



Aunt Flossie's Hats and Crab Cakes Later by Elizabeth Howard

Millie's Marvelous Hats by Satoshi Kitamura



Hats by Kevin Luthardt

Zara's Hats by Paul Meisel

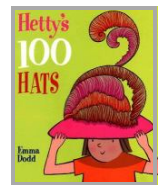
Whose Hat? By Margaret Miller

Hats, Hats, Hats by Ann Morris



The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins by Dr Seuss

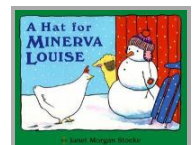
Hetty's 100 Hats by Janet Slingsby



Caps for Sale By Esphyr Slobodkina

Do You Have a Hat? By Eileen Spinelli

A Hat for Minerva Louise by Janet Stoeke



Halloween Hats by Elizabeth Winthrop

Board books:

Blue Hat, Green Hat by Sandra Boynton

What's on My Head by Margaret Miller

Early Literacy Everywhere

As you are out and about this summer, don't forget to continue to read aloud to the kids, have writing instruments available for them to create stories and pictures, point out signs, numbers, and letters of the alphabet all around you, sing and make up funny rhymes, tell stories, and relate new and old experiences. All these things will help your child develop the important foundations for learning to read. In the case of the reading child, this will reinforce his reading skills and broaden his vocabulary as well as his comprehension.

Additional fun activities that your family can do to enhance your child's early literacy skills:

1. Take photos of family activities and let the children make their own scrapbook—help them write down their thoughts about the activity or experience.
2. Make your own postcards to send to friends and family. You can make up crazy, funny captions for the

postcards.

3. Collect found objects or little souvenirs from all the places that you have visited, and make a collage in a shadow box. Then everyone can create a story using all the objects.
4. Have a magical picnic on a "magic carpet" and talk about the places that you would go with your magic carpet. Read some children's books about different countries, cultures, or magical places and creatures.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

Dr. Seuss in "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut"

Web Resources For Parents, Caregivers and Educators

Reading Tips to support children of varying ages with different abilities:

Reading Together: Tips for Parents of Children with **Autism Spectrum Disorder**:

<http://www.ldonline.org/article/41114>

Reading Together: Tips for Parents of Children with **ADHD**:

<http://www.ldonline.org/article/41119>

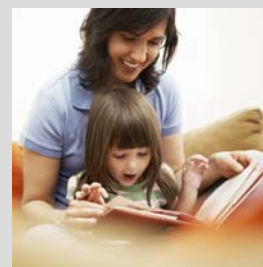
Reading Together: Tips for Parents of Children with **Intellectual**

Disabilities: <http://www.ldonline.org/article/41115>

Reading Tips for all children:

<http://www.reachoutandread.org/parents/readingtips>

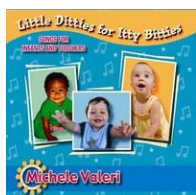
<http://www.pbs.org/launchingreaders/parenttips.html>



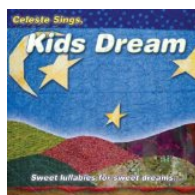
Websites with literacy activities for families to enjoy together:

- Bookflix—www.thebestlibrary.net/bookflix
- Storyline online—www.storylineonline.net
- Scholastic—www.scholastic.com/parents/play
- PBS—www.PBSkids.org

Music Picks



Little Ditties for Itty Bitties
by Michele Valeri



Celeste Sings, Kids Dream: Sweet lullabies for sweet dreams by Dana Anton



Everyone Loves to Dance by Aaron Nigel Smith



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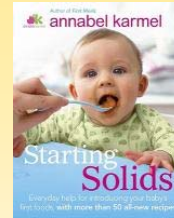
Parenting Picks



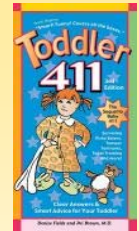
Everyday Play: Fun games to develop the fine motor skills your child needs for school by Christy Isbell



How to Have Your Second Child First: 100 things that are good to know—the first time around by Kerry Colburn



Starting Solids: What to feed, when to feed, and how to feed your baby by Annabel Karmel



Toddler 411: Clean answers and smart advice for your toddler by Denise Fields

La Fiesta de su Biblioteca

A bilingual English / Spanish storytime program for families. Songs, stories, crafts, and food. Children of all ages are welcome.

2nd Saturdays of the month

11:00 a.m.—Noon

June 11th / 11 de Juno

Make a sea animal/ Haga un animal del mar

July 9th / 9 de

Make a worry doll/ Haga una muñeca quitapena

August 13th / 13 de

Make a mirror/ Haga un espejo

Wobbler Storytime is Back!

Starting June 1st 2011, Wobbler Storytime for children ages 12 to 24 months will return to its previous line-up on **Fridays**, at **10 a.m.** in the Storytime Room at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library.

All families with young children are invited to come to the library's storytimes. However, children will benefit most by coming to the storytime for his or her age group because the storytimes at the Corvallis library are designed to meet the developmental level and needs of children in specific age groups. The following schedule may help families decide the one in which to participate:

Tuesdays—Toddler Storytime (ages 24-36 months)

Wednesdays—Infant Storytime (ages 0-12 months)

Thursdays—Preschool Storytime (ages 36 months and up)

Fridays—Wobbler Storytime (ages 12-24 months)

** All storytimes are a half-hour long starting at 10 a.m., and takes place in the Storytime Room at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library.

FREE Summer Meal Site (June 21st—September 3, 2011)

Ride the **city bus for free** to the library this summer and have a **free lunch** at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library Storytime Room. Children and youth **1-18 years-old** can receive a free lunch, **Monday through Friday, from 12:15—12:45 pm.** Meals must be eaten on site. Parents can purchase a meal for \$3.00. The free lunch program is provided by the Corvallis School District.