



Summer 2012 Early Literacy Newsletter

At the Library This Summer...

Dream Big



The theme for this summer is "Dream Big Read!". Let your child's imagination soar with books this summer, and have fun participating in your library's summer reading programs.

Starting June 18th, families with children ages birth to five years old are invited to come to the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library to pick up a summer reading packet, which will include:

- **A Dream Big Read! gameboard** to record each day that you read with your child.
- **Stickers** to attach to the gameboard for each day that you read together.

When completed, bring your gameboard in to the Corvallis library to receive a certificate and **free book!**

In addition to the special summer programs for young children, don't forget about our regular storytimes at the library—*Bedtime storytime* on Monday nights, *age appropriate storytimes* every Tuesday through Friday, *Man with the Yellow Hat* on the first Saturday of the month, and *La Fiesta Bilingual English/Spanish storytime* on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

2012 summer programs for birth to five sponsored by the Friends of the Library:

June 20th—Chintimini Chamber Music Festival presents a **Children's Concert**, 10 am & 3:30 p.m. *

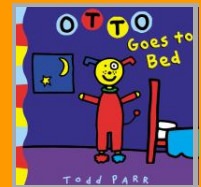
June 21st.—**Teddy Bear Picnic** featuring the Mud Pie Divas, 10 a.m. at Central Park in Corvallis. Special guest appearance by **Otto** from Todd Parr's books.

June 28th—**Recess Monkey music group** live in concert, 10 a.m. *

July 26th—Puppeteer Celeste Rose presents the marionette show "**Henny Penny's Trip to the Moon**", 10 a.m. *

*These programs will be held in the Main Meeting Room at the Corvallis library.

Meet Otto!



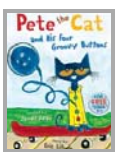
At the Teddy Bear Picnic on June 21st. In Central Park

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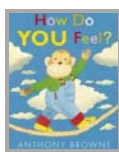
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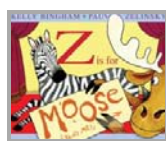
Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons by Eric Litwin

Dana's
Pick:



How Do You Feel? by Anthony Browne

Heidi's
Pick:



Z is for Moose by Kelly Bingham

Kristin's
Pick:



Happy by Mies van Hout

Peik-Kuan's
Pick:



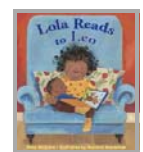
Kali's Song by Jeanette Winter

Robin's
Pick:



Be Who You Are by Jennifer Carr

Ruth Rose's
Pick:



Lola Reads to Leo by Anna McQuinn

Dream Big - Space and Stars

Take a trip to the moon, or reach for the stars and beyond with these picture books:

Frog in Space—E Arnold, Tedd



Hedgie Blasts Off! - E Brett, Jan

Noah and the Space Ark— E Cecil, Laura



This Rocket— E Collicutt, Paul

I'll Catch the Moon— E Crews, Nina



On the Launching Pad— E Dahl, Michael

Jimmy Zangwow's out-of-this-world, Moon Pie

Adventure—E DiTerlizzi, Tony



Wynken, Blynken and Nod—E Field, Eugene

There's Nothing to Do on Mars—E Gall, Chris

There was a Bold Lady Who

Wanted a Star—

E Harper, Charise



Space Boy—E Landry, Leo

Astro Bunnies—E Loomis, Christin



Seeing Stars—E MacKall, Dandi

Moon Plane—E McCarty, Peter

If You Decide to Go to the Moon— E McNulty, Faith



Crimson Comet— E Morrissey, Dean

Earth to Stella— E Puttock, Simon

Stars—E Ray, Mary

Light Up The Night— E Reidy, Jean



Sheep Blast Off—E Shaw, Nancy

Stars, Stars, Stars—E Wallace, Nancy

Non-Fiction:

There's No Place Like Space—J 520 Rabe



Stardust From Space— J 523.2 Grady



Outdoor Play

With the promise of sunshine and warmer weather, the great outdoors beckons us in Oregon during the summer months. Children benefit not only from the absorption of Vitamin D and fresh air, but also from the imaginative, large motor and social play that happens when playing outdoors. All areas of children's development—physical, social, emotional, cognitive and creative—are enhanced. Outdoor activities can

provide children with the opportunity to use all their senses when playing.

According to Rae Pica, author of many books including "Jump Into Literacy", children also learn the following skills while engaging in outdoor play,

- "communication skills and vocabulary (as they invent, modify, and enforce rules)."
- "number relationships (as they keep score and count)."

- "social customs (as they learn to play together and cooperate)."

(source: *Early Childhood News* article "Take It Outside")

To read more about the importance of outdoor play, please visit:

<http://tinyurl.com/8ay5yab>

(discussion from "A Place of Our Own" website)

<http://tinyurl.com/7u5ord4> ("Take It Outside" article)

Outdoor Play—resource books for parents, caregivers and educators



Go Out and Play: Favorite outdoor games from Kaboom! - J 796 Go

Sidewalk Chalk: Outdoor fun and games—J 796 McGillia

Great Book of Children's Games: Over 450 indoor and outdoor games for kids—J 790.1922 Wise

The Great Big Book of Games—J 790.1922 Stott



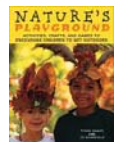
Run, Jump, Hide, Slide, Splash: The 200 best outdoor games ever— J 796 Rhatigan

Great Outdoor Games From Trash and Other Things—J 790 Conaway

Get Out!: Outdoor activities kids can enjoy everywhere (except indoors!) - J 793 Warshaw

Nature's Playground: Activities,

crafts, and games to encourage children to get outdoors—790.1922 Danks (Adult collection)



Activities that can be adapted to outdoor play:

How to Make Play Places and Secret Hidy Holes—J 643.5 Lane

Games to Play with Babies— J 790.1922 Silberg

Do You See Patterns?

Dots, stripes, waves and spirals. What do they have to do with each other? Shapes and patterns abound in our natural as well as man-made environment. One of the first things that infants focus their attention on is high contrast patterns, including human faces. By observing and learning to recognize shapes and patterns, children acquire the foundation for basic geometry concepts as well as learning the letters of the alphabet.

Here are some book suggestions:

Daisy Gets Dressed—E Beaton, Clare



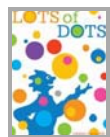
Bear in a Square—
E Blackstone, Stella

Ship Shapes—
E Blackstone, Stella

Ten Black Dots—E Crews, Donald

Lots of Spots—E Ehlert, Lois

Color Zoo—E Ehlert, Lois



Round Like a Ball—E Ernst, Lisa

Lots of Dots—E Frazier, Craig

Dots, Spots, Speckles, and Stripes—E Hoban, Tana

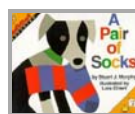
Spirals, Curves, Fanshapes and Line—E Hoban, Tana

Dot—E Intriago, Patricia



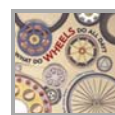
Spots: Counting creatures from sky to sea—E Lesser, Carolyn

Shape by Shape—E MacDonald, Suse



A Pair of Socks—
E Murphy, Stuart

Shapes That Roll—
E Nagel, Karen



What Do Wheels Do All Day? - E Prince, April Jones

Mouse Shapes—E Walsh, Ellen

Juvenile Non-Fiction Books:

How Does It Look?—
J 152.1423 Kalman



A Star in My Orange:
Looking for nature's shapes—J 516 Rau

Shapes in Sports—J 516.15 Rissman

Shapes in the Garden—J 516.15 Rissman

Shapes in Music—J 516.15 Rissman

I Spy Shapes in Art—
J 701.8 Mickleth



Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in nature—J 811.54 Sidman

Fun with Flashlights

Turn off the lights, close the curtains, make the room dark!

Put on a "light show" by securing colored translucent cellophane over the flashlights, have children lay on their backs, put on some rock & roll music, and have them shine their lights on the ceiling and around the room as they wiggle and swirl their flashlights around. If you hang up or put up reflective objects such as mirrors, glasses, or metallic decorations, the light show will become really interesting!

You can also have a shadow puppet show and the children will have fun trying to figure out how to manipulate their hands to make all sorts of creatures.

Simple fun with simple stuff!



Creatures in the Night—Non-fiction

When Night Comes—
J 519.518 Hirschi



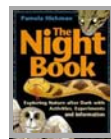
Night Creatures—J 519.518 Night

100 Things You Should Know About Nocturnal Animals—
J 591.518 De-La-Be



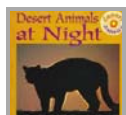
Where Are the Night Animals?—J 591.518 Fraser

The Night Book: Exploring nature after dark with activities, experiments, and information—J 591.518 Hickman



Night Science for Kids: Exploring the world after dark—J 591.518 Krautwurz

Black Out!: Animals that live in the dark—J 591.518 Clarke



Desert Animals At Night—
J 591.754 Stone

Rain Forest At Night—J 591.9095 Stone

Scorpions in the Dark—
J 595.46 Gonzales



Crickets in the Dark—
J 595.726 Gonzales

Red-Eyed Tree Frog—J 597.87 Cowley

Night Birds—J 598.251 Flanagan



Bats in the Dark—J 599.4 Gonzales

Big Cats: Hunters of the night—J 599.755 Landau



Raccoons in the Dark—
J 599.7632 Gonzales

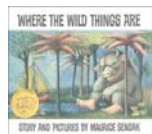
Badgers: Active at night—
J 599.767 Howard



Skunks in the Dark—
J 599.768 Gonzales

Aye-Ayes—J 599.83 Petrie

A Tribute to Maurice Sendak



Maurice Sendak, perhaps most well known for the book **"Where the Wild Things Are"**,

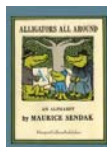
which he wrote and illustrated, passed away on May 8th 2012. He was awarded the Caldecott Medal for "Where the Wild Things Are" in 1964, and a National Medal for the Arts in 1996 by President Clinton for his breadth of work. An article about Sendak is featured on NPR's blog:

<http://tinyurl.com/6nkh228>

The following are highlighted books that represent just a fraction of the great variety of work that Sendak has done in his lifetime:

Picture Books: (E collection)

Alligators All Around: An alphabet



Bumble Ardy
The Night Kitchen
One Was Johnny: A counting book



Outside Over There
Seven Little Monsters
The Sign on Rosie's Door

Some Swell Pup: Or, Are you sure you want a dog?



We Are All in the Dumps with Jack and Guy: Two nursery rhymes with pictures

Where the Wild Things Are

Juvenile Early Readers:

Pierre, a Cautionary tale in Five Chapters and a Prologue

Chicken Soup with Rice: A book of months

Juvenile Chapter Book:

Higglety Pigglety Pop! Or, There Must be More to Life

In the adult collection, we suggest the following books about Sendak:

The Art of Maurice Sendak: 1980 to present—741.64209
Sendak



Making Mischief: A Maurice Sendak appreciation—741.64209 Maguire

Tell Them Anything You Want: A portrait of Maurice Sendak— DVD
813.54092 Tell



Meet Otto This Summer!



Otto is the beloved dog in author and illustrator Todd Parr's picture books. In contrast to Maurice

Sendak's illustrations that draw on classical style and motives, Todd uses bold bright colors and childlike pictures to represent contemporary stories and themes. You can read more about Todd Parr at his website:

www.toddparr.com.

E Picture Books Collection:

It's Okay to be Different



Otto Goes to School

Otto Goes to Camp



Otto Goes to Bed

Reading Makes You Feel Good



The Daddy Book

The Earth Book

The Family Book

The Feel Good Book

The Feelings Book

The Grandma Book

The Grandpa Book

The I'm Not Scared Book

The Mommy Book

The Peace Book



We Belong Together: A book about adoption and families

E Español Collection:

El Grand Libro De La Amistad

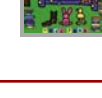
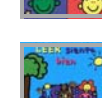
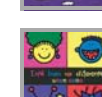
Amigos

El Libro de la Paz

Está Bien Ser Differente

Leer Sienta Bien

Me Gusta Ser Como Soy



Early Literacy Tip


Flutter, Flutter Butterfly
(tune: Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star)


Flutter, flutter butterfly,
Floating in the summer sky.
Floating by so merrily,
Floating by for all to see.
Flutter, flutter butterfly,
Floating in the summer sky!


Music and movement is an easy way to engage children in literacy. As they sing, they are separating the sounds that make up words, helping them eventually sound out words when they learn to read. They also hear rhyming sounds in the songs. As they move their bodies, their brains are reinforcing the words that they are learning. So bring out your voice, sing and move with your child!


Summer Parenting Reads

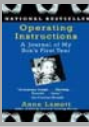
This summer you may want to explore some parenting memoirs—books that may make you laugh, cry, smile, or challenge the way you think about parenting. Featured are some of the memoir books on the 50 Best Parenting Books list from Babble.com (<http://www.babble.com/products/mom-products/top-books-parenting-help-raising-children-memoirs/>):


 **Waiting for Birdy : A year of frantic tedium, neurotic worrying, and the wild magic of growing a family** by Catherine Newman
306.8743 NEWMAN


 **Sippy Cups Are Not for Chardonnay, and Other Things I Had to Learn As A New Mom** by Stefanie Wilder-Taylor
306.4743 WILDER—T


 **The Kid : What happened after my boyfriend and I decided to go get pregnant : an adoption story** by Dan Savage
362.73408 SAVAGE


 **Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother** by Amy Chua
306.8743 CHUA

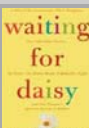
 **Operating Instructions : A journal of my son's first year** by Anne Lamott
921 LAMOTT, ANNE

 **Thinking in Pictures : And other reports from my life with autism** by Temple Grandin
616.8982 GRANDIN

 **The Glass Castle : A memoir** by Jeannette Walls
362.82092 WALLS

 **A Life's Work: On becoming a mother** by Rachel Cusk
(On order)

 **Down Came the Rain** by Brooke Shields
618.76 SHIELDS

 **Waiting for Daisy : A tale of two continents, three religions, five infertility doctors, an oscar, an atomic bomb, a romantic night, and one woman's quest to become a mother** by Peggy Orenstein
618.178 ORENSTEI

Parents in Fiction

How do you compare to the best parents in fiction? There are plenty of examples of bad parents in fiction - and in many books, the parents are altogether missing. In 2010, Mental Floss magazine published a list of who they considered the "10 of the Best Parents in Fiction": "It's a lot more difficult than you might think to find good parents in fiction: Perhaps unsurprisingly, a lot of fiction deals either with the lack of a parent—being a cardinal rule of children's fiction to ditch the parents—or a parent's complete unsuitability for the role. But there are a few out there, parents who make you think, "Gee, I wish my parents were like that." <http://www.mentalfloss.com/>

[blogs/archives/70203](http://www.mentalfloss.com/blogs/archives/70203) . Take a look at these and see how you compare - or who you would add to the list! Here is the list from Mental Floss:

- Atticus Finch**
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
- Alex and Kate Murry**
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle
- The Weasleys**
Harry Potter series by JK Rowling
- Marmee**
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
- Mr. and Mrs. Little**
Stuart Little by EB White
- Ma and Pa Ingalls**
Little House on the Prairie by Laura

by Kristin Starnes

- Ingalls Wilder
Mr. and Mrs. Quimby
Ramona series by Beverly Cleary
- Carlisle and Esme Cullen**
The Twilight Saga by Stephenie Meyer
- Baloo the Bear, Bagheera the Black Panther, and the Wolves**
The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling
- The Gilbreths**
Cheaper By The Dozen by Frank Bunker Gilbreth, Jr., and Ernestine Gilbreth Carey
- Surprised?**





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Visit us at the Corvallis Library **birth to six** blog

www.corvallislibrarybirthtosix.blogspot.com to find out about what we are doing in storytime, library staff book picks and music picks, early literacy information and current events around town.

Send us a comment or a suggestion, we love to hear from our readers!

Music Picks



Tumble Bee - Laura Veirs

J CD 781.58 VEIRS

Beethoven's Wig Sing Along Piano Classics

J CD 781.58 BEETHOVE



Little Nut Tree - Dan Zanes and Friends

J CD 781.58 ZANES

Flying - Recess Monkeys

J CD 781.58 RECESS



What About the Branches?

If you are looking for information about summer programs at the **Monroe, Philomath, or Alsea Community Library**, please go to the library's homepage -

www.thebestlibrary.net, and click on one of the branch libraries listed on the left hand navigation bar. Then proceed to the respective library's calendar of events page to view. The libraries' hours of operation and contact information are also listed.

The Philomath Community Library is now on facebook as well! Please visit them at www.facebook.com/PhilomathCommunityLibrary.

If you would like to keep tabs on what is happening to the new Monroe Community Library, check out the blog at <http://monroelibraryor.blogspot.com>

Free Summer Meal Site

This summer, the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library and the Philomath Community Library are once again designated as Corvallis School District **FREE LUNCH** sites for children 18 years and younger.

For the Corvallis Library, lunches will be served Monday through Friday, 12:15—12:45 p.m. from June 25th through August 31st. in the storytime room. Lunches will be served at the same times at the Philomath Community Library. Meals must be eaten on site. Parents or caregivers can purchase a meal for \$3.00.

Wanted: Gently Loved Board Books

Peik-Kuan Lim, the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library's Early Literacy Coordinator, is looking for gently loved boardbooks to help support a lending library for Benton County Healthy Start—an organization that helps first time moms, and a group of families with children with special needs being served through Early Intervention. These families have various barriers that prevent them from accessing library services regularly.

One of the most important activities that will help children get ready to read is reading aloud to them. By providing access to books, the library's outreach efforts can bring the joy of reading together to families in the county. If you would like to donate board books towards this effort, please contact **Peik-Kuan** at **541-766-6481**, or peik-kuan.lim@corvallisoregon.gov Thank You!