

Winter Early Literacy Newsletter

What's the Weather Today?



Foggy, rainy, snowy, cloudy are just a few words that may describe the daily weather outside our window during the winter months in the Mid-Willamette Valley. What a great time to satisfy curious young minds about weather, and at the same time build up their vocabulary and comprehension skills!

Here are some book suggestions on weather:

If Frogs Made Weather—E Bauer, Marion

On Sunday the Wind Came—
E Elliot, Alan

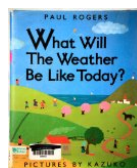
What Color Was the Sky Today—E Ford, Miela

I Call It Sky—E Howell, Will

What Will the Weather Be Like Today—E Rogers, Paul

On the Same Day in March: A tour of the world's weather—
E Singer, Marilyn

How Do You Know—
E Trotter, Deborah



W is for Wind—J 551.5 Paulausk

Hail—J 551. 5787 Burby

What Makes Weather—
J 551.6 Orme

Oh Say, What Can You Say About the Weather Today?—
J 551.6 Rabe

Whatever the Weather—
J 551.6 Wallace



You may also want to look up books on specific weather topics such as snow, storm, tornadoes, rain, or hail.

Early Literacy Tip

Playing is a child's way of learning. "Children learn about language through different kinds of play." "Play helps children think symbolically." So be sure to give them time and space to play.

Every Child Ready to Read@ Your Library

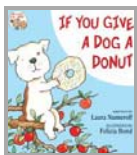
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Staff Favorites

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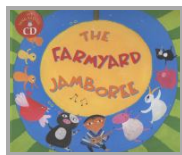
Pick:



If You Give a Dog a Donut by
Laura Numeroff

Dana's

Pick:



Farmyard Jamboree by
Margaret Read MacDonald

Heidi's

Pick:



Red Sled by
Lita Judge

Kristin's

Pick:



Stars by
Mary Lyn Ray

Peik-Kuan's

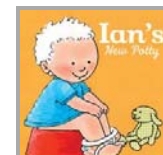
Pick:



Perfect Square
by Michael Hall

Robin's

Pick:



Ian's New Potty
by Pauline Oud

Ruth Rose's

Pick:



ZooBorns! Zoo babies from around the world
by Andrew Bleiman

Why the Drama in Dramatic Play ?

Ever seen a child pretend to be "mommy" or "daddy", and give instructions to her sibling in a very convincing "mommy voice" or "daddy voice"? Although it is both eerie and funny to see yourself reflected in your child's play, there is something very important happening in that moment of play!

Play is a child's work. Through pretend play, children try to figure out roles and situations that are both familiar and unfamiliar to them. They work through issues such as facing their fears, figuring out gender roles. Play gives them a place to master skills in a safe environment and gain a sense of power. In the process of

playing with other children, they learn social skills and ways to problem solve. These kinds of play also help a child gain an understanding of concepts that they may never experience directly, such as what it would be like to be a fish in the ocean.

According to the author of the book Literacy-Building Play in Preschool, dramatic play supports children's literacy development in several ways:

1. It allows them to "experiment with purposes for literacy they've seen at home". For example, making a grocery list.
2. Children learn "to recognize that different tasks require different texts". A menu versus making a

grocery list.

3. It allows them "to produce a wide variety of texts". For example, a letter, a traffic sign, a thank you note, a poster, etc.
4. Dramatic play helps "build comprehension by allowing children to act out familiar stories". (*Literacy-Building Play in Preschool* by V. Susan Bennett-Armistead).

Adults can promote and enhance children's play by giving them words and scenarios associated with their play, procuring props from a resale store, taking them on field trips, or reading books related to the child's interest.

Picture Books About Pretending

There are infinite possibilities to explore in all picture books, as well as non-fiction books. Some topics that may support pretend play include - post office, firefighters, doctors, veterinarians, dentists, farm, bakery, restaurants, space station, airport, grocery store, school, knights and dragons, camping, library, museum and train station. Please ask a librarian for book suggestions on topics that interest your child or children.

"Try on" some of these:

Maisy Dresses Up—

E Cousins, Lucy

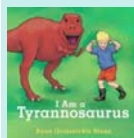
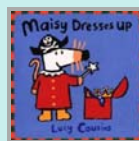
Meeow and the Little

Chairs—E Braun, Sebastien

If I Were a Jungle Animal—E Ellery, Amanda

I Am A Tyrannosaurus—E Hines, Anna

For Just One Day—E Leuck, Laura



My Big Rig—E London, Jonathan

Dragon Dancing—E Schaefer, Carole

I am the Dog—E Pinkwater, Daniel

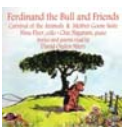
Not a Box—E Portis, Antoinette

Captain Bob Takes Flight—E Schotter, Roni

Fire Engine Man—E Zimmerman, Andrea



Music Picks



Ferdinand the Bull and Friends; Carnival of the Animals & Mother Goose Suite by Nina Flyer, cello;

Chie Nagatani, piano; **Stories and poems read by David Ogden Stiers.** Classic stories and poems are expertly narrated and take listeners on a delightful journey through music and story.



Mind of My Own by Frances England

Frances England's unique, sweet voice is a favorite among several staff members who are also parents. If you like this one, don't miss England's earlier albums *Family Time* and *Fascinating Creatures*. She is also featured on the 2011 album *Acoustic Dreamland*.



Songs, Stories and Friends: Let's Go Play! by Charlie Hope

Fun, family friendly music from Charlie Hope that can be enjoyed by children and parents as well! Includes songs such as *Wheels on the Bus*, *Robin in the Rain*, *One That I Love*, and *Alouette*.

Check Out Those Teeth!

February is *National Children's Dental Health* month. Children are often afraid to go to the dentist. Reading a book about what to expect when one visits the dentist may help calm fears and answer children's questions about the experience.

These resources for going to the dentist and tooth brushing may help:

Picture Books

The Berenstain Bears

Visit the Dentist—

E Berenstain, Stan

Dentist—E Dentist

Visit to the Dentist—

E Marleau, Eve

Just Going to the

Dentist—E Mayer, Mercer



Brush Your Teeth Please—

E McGuire, Leslie

Gargonzola—E Palatini,

Margie

Vera Goes to the

Dentist—E Rosenberry,

Vera

J Non-Fiction

Visiting the Dentist—

J 617.6 Guillain

ABC Dentist—J 617.601

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Do I Have to Go to the Dentist?—

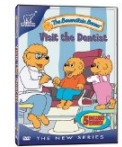
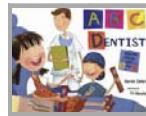
J 617.6 Thomas

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The Berenstain Bears

Visit the Dentist—

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Winter Rhyme

Five little snowmen

Standing in a row,

Each had a hat

and a big red bow.

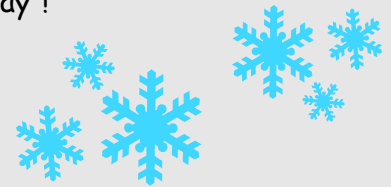
Out came the sun

And shined all day.

One little snowman,

Melted away!

*Continue counting down until the "last little snowman melted away"!



Gender Creative Books

by Youth Services Librarian Robin Fosdick

What is "Gender Creative"?

According to Dr. Diane Ehrensaft, author of *Gender Born, Gender Made*, children who do not identify with or behave according to their biological gender are gender creative. Being different can be difficult, especially for children. Preferring clothing or play that doesn't conform to one's gender can exacerbate differences.



Gender Born, Gender Made: Raising healthy non-conforming children —

649.13 Ehrensaf

Dr. Ehrensaft's book is an essential guide for parents of gender creative children. Drawing on the case histories of several children, each "gender creative" in his or her own way, Dr. Ehrensaft offers concrete strategies for understanding and supporting children who experience confusion about their gender identities.

Books such as *My Princess Boy: A*



Odd Bird Out —

E Bansch, Helga

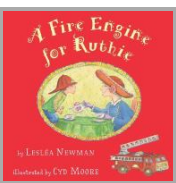
Mom's Story About a Young Boy Who Loves to Dress Up, Odd Bird Out, Pugdog, Ten Thousand Dresses and A Fire Engine for Ruthie feature characters that are different and proud of it.

Check out our brand new booklist, *Gender Creative Books* for more great titles! (Look for it in our booklists binder near the Youth Services Reference Desk.)



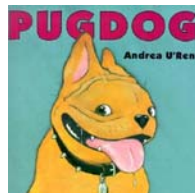
Ten Thousand Dresses

— J 306.76 Ewert



A Fire Engine for Ruthie —

E Newman, Leslea



Pugdog —

E Uren, Andrea



My Princess Boy: A Mom's Story About a Young Boy Who Loves to Dress Up —
E Kilodavi, Cheryll



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Bringing people and information together

Want to learn more about nutrition?

Something Yummy! An OSU Extension Nutrition Education Program that brings yummy kid-friendly recipes and samples to help encourage healthy eating habits in young children, is at the Corvallis Library on:

2nd. Monday of the month at 7p.m.
2nd. Saturday of the month at 11a.m.

**Parenting Picks—
Feeding Your Infant and Toddler**

Cooking for Baby: Wholesome, homemade, delicious foods for to 18 months—Parent 641.5622 Barnes

Meals Without Squeals—Parent 649.3 Berman

Love in Spoonfuls—Parent 641.5622 Clegg

Mealtime Solutions For Your Baby, Toddler and Preschooler: the ultimate no-worry approach for each age and stage—Parent 649.3 Douglas

My Two-Year-Old Eats Octopus: Raising children who love to eat everything—Parent 613.2083 Pihl

The Baby-Led Weaning Cookbook—Parent 641.56222 Rapley

The Toddler Bistro—Parent 613.20832 Schmidt

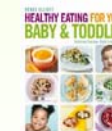
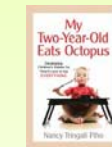
Organic Baby and Toddler Cookbook—Parent 641.5622 Vann

Blender Baby Food: Over 175 recipes for healthy homemade meals—Parent 641.56222 Young

Healthy Eating for Your Baby and Toddler—641.56222 Elliott

Feeding Baby Green—649.3 Greene

First Meals and More—641.56222 Karmel



**early literacy programs
at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library**

La Fiesta de su Biblioteca

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

Bilingual Spanish-English Storytime for children of all ages and their families, followed by a craft activity.

Jan 14th: Make a paper snowman

Feb 11th: Celebrate Chinese New Year (* stories and songs in English, Spanish, and Chinese followed by a Chinese New Year craft)

Mar 10th: Make a paper lamb

Man With the Yellow Hat

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

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

Family Yoga

(January 21, Saturday, at 11 a.m.)

Basic yoga poses and stretches will be explored through playful imagery led by Nancy Mildren. This program is designed for children ages 3-12 years and their families. Come prepared to move with comfortable clothing and bring your own yoga mat if desired.

Family Music Fun

(Feb 18, Mar 17, April 21 at 11 a.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.

Mother Goose Asks Why

(January 19, March 8 at 10 a.m.)

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

Charlie Hope

Winner of the 2009 Independent Music Award, and a 2010 Juno Award nominee, Charlie Hope will be performing here at the Corvallis Library on Thursday, **February 23, 2012 at 10 a.m.**

For more information about Charlie Hope, please visit her website: www.charliehopemusic.com

