



Winter Early Literacy Newsletter

Hopes for Peace

Whatever peace may mean to you, whether it is being with family and friends, or having time to yourself, or watching your child sleep, or enjoying the beauty of the world; may some of these books inspire peace in your lives this winter.

Mindful Monkey, Happy Panda—E Alderfer, Lauren

While The World is Sleeping—
E Edwards, Pamela



Moonlight Bear—E Foley, Greg
Moonlight—
E Griffith, Helen



From a Distance—
E Gold, Julie

Peace Crane—
E Hamanaka, Sheila

Because of You—
E Hennessy, B.G.

Let There be Peace on Earth—
E Jackson, Jill

Snow sounds: An Onomatopoeic Story—
E Johnson, David

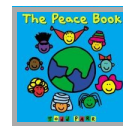
Can You Say Peace—
E Katz, Karen

Peace At Last—E Murphy, Jill



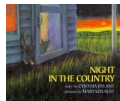
Mommies Say Shhh! -
E Polacco, Patricia

The Peace Book—E Parr, Todd



Good Night, World—E Pearlman, Willa

Night in the Country—
E Rylant, Cynthia



Giving Thanks—
E Swamp, Jake

The Quiet Book—
E Underwood, Deborah



Mama, Why? -
E Wilson, Karma



Early Literacy Tip

"Because 90% of brain development happens by age 5, making reading a priority in early childhood yields the greatest return on investment."

Source: "[Reading for All](#)" partnership between The Oregon Community Foundation and the Marion, Polk and Yamhill county Children and Families Commissions

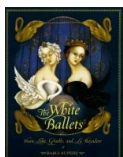
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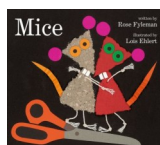
Staff Favorites

Curtis' Pick:



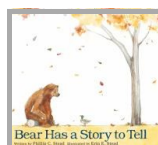
The White Ballets by
Rajka Kupesic

Dana's Pick:



Mice by
Rose Fyleman

Heidi's Pick:



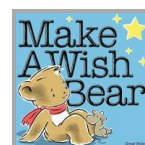
Bear Has a Story to Tell
by Philip Stead

Kristin's Pick:



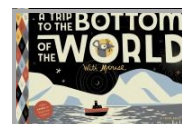
Charlie's First Night by
Amy Hest

Peik-Kuan's Pick:



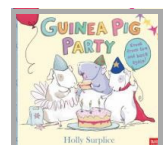
Make A Wish Bear by
Greg Foley

Robin's Pick:



Trip to the Bottom of the World With
Mouse by
Frank Viva

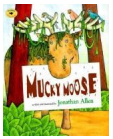
Ruth Rose's Pick:



Guinea Pig Party by
Holly Surplice

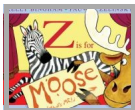
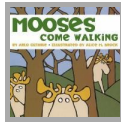
TRACKING A MOOSE

Moose books seem to be a hit in the youth department here at the library, so we are sharing some of our favorites:



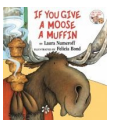
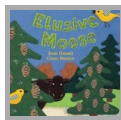
Mucky Moose—E Allen, Jonathan

Mooses Come Walking—E Arlo, Guthrie

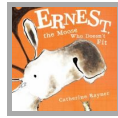


Z is for Moose—E Bingham, Kelly

Elusive Moose—E Gannij, Joan



If You Give a Moose a Muffin—E Numeroff, Laura



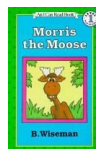
Ernest, the Moose Who Doesn't Fit—E Rayner, Catherine

Looking for a Moose—E Root, Phyllis



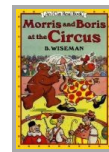
The Lonely Moose—E Segal, John

Moose Tracks—E Wilson, Karma



Morris the Moose—E-R Wiseman, Bernard

Morris and Borris at the Circus—E-R Wiseman, Bernard



The Use for a Moose—A Poem by Shel Silverstein in his book **Falling Up**

*The antlers of a standing moose,
As everybody knows,
Are just the perfect place to hang
Your wet and drippy clothes.
It's quick and cheap, but I must say
I've lost a lot of clothes that way.*

MOOSE FINGERPLAY:

Mr. Moose is very tall,
(raise one hand to the sky)
His antlers touch the sky,
(sweep the sky with one hand)
They make a good resting place,
(cross hands in front of chest)
For birdies passing by,
(make birds flying with both hands)



Leading Kids to Books Through Humor

Parents and caregivers tend to let their children's interests lead the way in selecting books to read together. This can aid in fostering a love for reading in children. If you have a child with a funny bone, you may look to some of the following authors time and time again when searching for a picture book to read.

Jan Thomas

Rhyming Dust Bunnies
Pumpkin Trouble



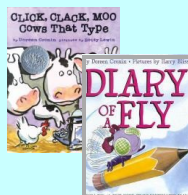
Mo Willems

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus
Knuffle Bunny



Doreen Cronin

Click Clack Moo: Cows that type
Diary of a Fly



Rob Scotton

Russell the Sheep
Splat the Cat



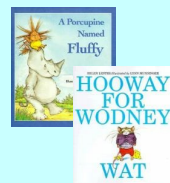
Dav Pilkey

Hally Tosis
Dogzilla
Hallo-Wiener



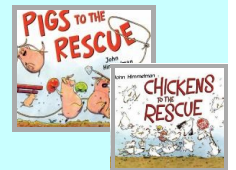
Helen Lester

A Porcupine Named Fluffy
Hooway for Wodney Wat



John Himmelman

Pigs to the Rescue
Chickens to the Rescue



Melanie Watt

Chester
Scaredy Squirrel



Jon Scieszka

The Stinky Cheeseman
The True Story of the Three Little Pigs

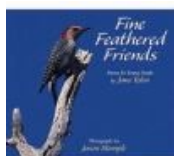


Not to be Overlooked! Non Fiction for Young Children

by Dana Campbell

In this issue, I would like to feature juvenile non-fiction books which connect science and poetry. The series is written by poet and author, Jane Yolen, and her son, Jason Stemple, photographer. These books expand a child's understanding of nature and its elements through poetry and photographs. The poems are meant to be read aloud and many of the books feature birds in our own backyard. The newer books include a short sidebar on each page with information about each species, written by Donald Kroodsma, ornithologist. Be sure to take a look! [\(J811.54 Yolen\)](#)

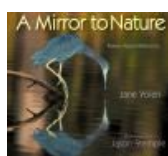
Fine Feathered Friends



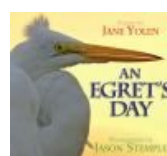
Wild Wings



A Mirror to Nature



An Egret's Day



Birds of a Feather



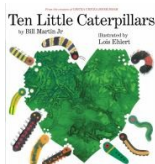
Developing Vocabulary—rare words in picture books

*"The first little caterpillar
crawled into a bower."*

*The second little caterpillar
wriggled up a flower."*

These are the opening lines in the book **Ten Little Caterpillars** written by Bill Martin Jr. Besides the bright, beautiful illustrations, the lyrical tone and rhyme of the text, this book brings information and new vocabulary into the reader's world.

Research shows that in a typical conversation, adults may introduce



9 new or "rare" words per 1000 words spoken to a child under age 5. But in children's books, the number of "rare" words introduced are found to be tripled! (The Read-Aloud Handbook by Jim Trelease). A child being read these lines in **Ten Little Caterpillars** may not be familiar with the words "bower" and "wriggle", which provides the adult reader a great opportunity to explain those words and use them in other contexts. Thus expanding the child's vocabulary.

At the end of the book, information is given about the different types of caterpillars illustrated—their names,

what they eat, and the kind of butterfly they turn into, along with illustrations of the butterflies. The numerals 1-10 are listed on top, enhancing counting concepts and numeral recognition as well.

Having a large vocabulary will help a child decode words when he is learning to read.

By reading to your child, you are expanding her vocabulary and helping her get ready to read!

The number of rare words found in children's books is triple the number found in typical conversations.

Early Literacy Websites for Parents, Caregivers & Educators



www.zerotothree.org — provides parenting and child development information for children ages 0-3 on a variety of topics (including language and brain development). Includes newsletter, books and professional journals.




www.readingrockets.org—includes reading tips in several different languages,

newsletters, activities, book suggestions, author interviews, blogs, links to articles and research, webcasts for professional development, and streaming videos of early literacy practices.

www.colorincolorado.net—Bilingual site for families and educators of English Language Learners,



produced by Reading Rockets. Includes the resources listed for Reading Rockets.

www.scholastic.com—  Has resource pages for parents and teachers, which include booklists, lesson planning support, child development information, reading tips and activities. E-books and learning games are available for purchase.

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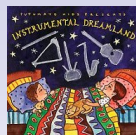


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Music Picks



**Instrumental
Dreamland** by
Putumayo Kids
J CD 781.523
Instrume



Let it Out
by Mike Schmid
J CD 781.58
Schmid

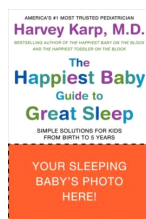


A Little Love
by Renee &
Jeremy
J CD 781.58
Renee

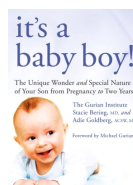


Golden Kids Rules
by Chip Taylor &
the Grandkids
J CD 781.58
Taylor

OH BABY! PARENTING PICKS



**The Happiest
Baby Guide
to Great
Sleep**
618.92849
Karp



**It's a Baby
Boy!**
Parent
305.232
Bering



**It's a Baby
Girl!**
Parent
305.232
Bering

Library Programs in Corvallis

Man With The Yellow Hat

First Saturday of the month at
11a.m. Storytime for kids ages 0-3
and their dads or father figures.

La Fiesta

Second Saturday of the month at
11a.m. Bilingual Storytime in English
and Spanish, and crafts for families
of all ages.

On **Feb. 9th**, **Oregon Guitar
Quartet featuring Ferdinand the
Bull story by Munro Leaf** put to
music and many other World Music
pieces will be presented.

Family Music Fun

Third Saturday of the month at
11a.m. Music and movement for
families with young children, led by
experienced music instructors.

Something Yummy

Second Monday of the month at
7p.m. and **Second Saturday** of the

month at **11a.m.** Nutrition
information and yummy recipe
samples put together by OSU
Extension Services.

Mother Goose Asks Why

**February 7th at 10a.m. The
Amazing Human Body.** A hands-on
program that integrates literacy and
science, designed for families with
preschool-aged children.

Storytimes

Bedtime Storytime (All ages)

Mondays at 7 p.m.

Toddler Storytime (Ages 24-36
months)

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Infant Storytime (Ages birth to 12
months).

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Preschool Storytime (Ages 3-5 yrs.)

Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Wobbler Storytime (Ages 12-24 mo.)

Fridays at 10 a.m.

EARLY LITERACY ACTIVITY—MEASURE IT!

Introduce math vocabulary by
measuring all sorts of things around
the house -

How tall is the tree?

Tall/ short— inches, feet, yard

What is the pattern on the string of
lights?

Patterns— repeats red, green, orange

How much flour (or other ingredient)
does the recipe call for?

*Measurements— Tablespoon ,
teaspoon , cup*

Half, quarter, one third

How much did the flour weigh?

Heavy / light— ounces, pounds

How many / what shapes cookies did
we make?

Quantity—Dozens, more or less

Order—1st, second, third

*Shapes— circle, square, rectangle,
oval, heart, etc.*