

Preschool Tidings

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News and Information for Parents, Grandparents, and Caregivers

Hello Laura,

The beginning of the school year is the perfect time to think about new routines (or restart the routines that got left behind during the business of summer), and new activities for your preschooler.

Our Preschool Story Time resumes next Tuesday September 10th, at a new time: 11am. You do not need to live in Bethlehem to attend any of our programs, and they are always free!

Below you'll find information on the importance of phonics, and new picture books. Enjoy, and we'll see you soon at the library!

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Preschool Story Time Tuesdays 11am ****New Time****

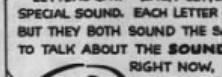
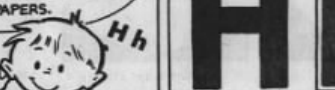
For children ages 2-5 and their caregivers.

Join Miss Kami for stories, songs, activities and crafts. Something new each week.

This month's themes:



Phonics is a way of teaching reading. Children learn the sounds of individual letters and how those letters sound when they're combined. When you say "sound out the word," you are using phonics! Children learn the sounds associated with the letters or group of letters. A majority of words are completely phonetic, and letter-sounds are still the best clue to deciphering the others. By learning phonics, children can more easily decode a word they are not familiar with, thereby expanding their vocabulary.

SHORT CUTS TO  READING YOU CAN TEACH YOUR CHILD Copyright © 1974 by Jenny Holm 0-8227 From "Teach and Tell with Phonics" By Sandra Lutz Wilson Published by Creative Teaching Press, Inc. Box 67, Mankato, MN	DIRECTIONS TO PARENT: DON'T TEACH A PRE-SCHOOL CHILD THE NAMES OF THE LETTERS AT FIRST; TEACH HIM THE SOUNDS INSTEAD.	THIS IS A GAME TO TEACH YOU WHAT THE LETTERS SAY. EACH LETTER MAKES ITS OWN SPECIAL SOUND. EACH LETTER CAN BE BIG OR SMALL, BUT THEY BOTH SOUND THE SAME. I AM ONLY GOING TO TALK ABOUT THE SOUNDS OF THESE LETTERS RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE I WANT YOU TO THINK ABOUT THEIR SOUNDS WHEN YOU SEE THEM IN BOOKS AND NEWSPAPERS. 	THIS LETTER LOOKS A LITTLE LIKE A CHAIR. 
HARRY RAN HOME SO FAST HE WAS OUT OF BREATH. 	...HE FELL IN THIS CHAIR AND ALL HE COULD SAY WAS:  H-h-h-h- h-h...	YOU TRY IT. RUN ACROSS THE ROOM AND PRETEND YOU ARE OUT OF BREATH AND SAY "H-h-h-h h-h" JUST AS THIS LETTER DOES. Hh	LISTEN TO THE H SOUND IN THESE WORDS AS I READ THEM TO YOU...  hat helicopter heart hammer
THINK OF SOME MORE WORDS THAT START WITH THE H SOUND. I WILL WRITE THEM HERE FOR YOU. _____ _____ _____ _____ _____			

Words are all around, not just in books.



Show them words on items in the grocery store.

Pick up an apple and teach the beginning sound A.
"Does apricot start with the same sound?"

Talk about what you see as you walk: the weather, what you hear or smell, animals, cars, bikes, a spiderweb, a leaf.

Sing a song or a nursery rhyme.

Give your child time to think and respond when you talk to them.

Follow what your child is seeing or doing. Showing your child you're interested in what they do and say boosts their confidence.

[National Literacy Trust]



At certain points your child gets:

- a book store gift certificate
- t-shirt
- book bag
- photo in the paper!

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program

Goal: read 1000 Books before your child reaches age 6 or starts school, whichever comes first.

It's Easy!

- Read ANY book
- Read the same book over and over
- Read one book a night
= 365 books in a year
= 730 books in two years = 1,095 books in three years.

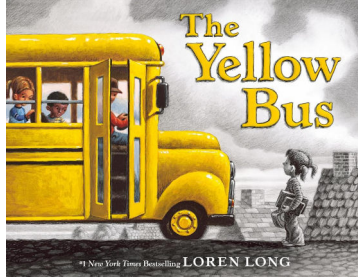
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Already started 1000 Books?

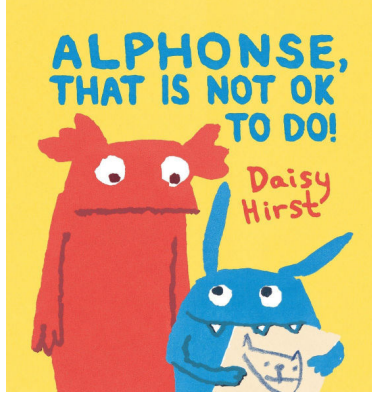
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Favorite Picture Books at BPL this Year

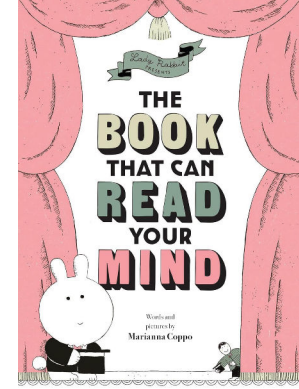
Click on the book cover to learn more and to reserve for pick up



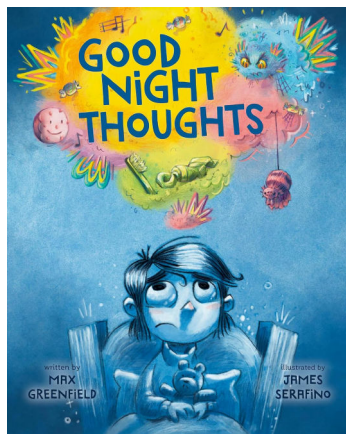
A story of a forgotten school bus that finds happiness and purpose in the most unexpected places--and the journey along the way. By the author of the Otis books.



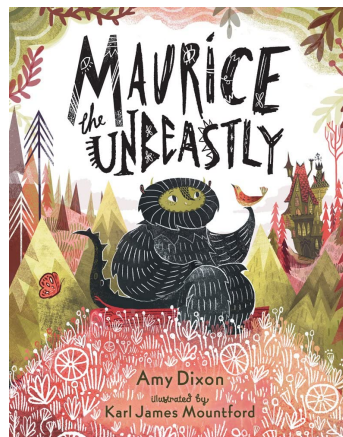
Monster Natalie gets angry with her little brother Alphonse when he starts eating her favorite book, but she doesn't stay mad for long.



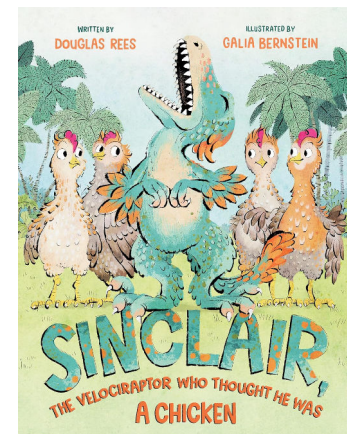
In this interactive book Lady Rabbit the Magician offers to read your mind, if you pick a member from the magician's audience.



From actor Max Greenfield, the author of *I Don't Want to Read This Book*, comes a sweetly funny bedtime book about anxiety and being present. This lovely picture book is a simple but complex message about acknowledging anxiety without succumbing to it that will appeal to so many little ones (and adults) out there who find that nighttime is when their thoughts carry the most weight.



With his melodious voice, fondness for kale, and unfailing politeness, Maurice isn't quite like other beasts. So his concerned Mama and Papa send their ridiculously photogenic beastie to the Abominable Academy for Brutish Beasts to learn how to behave badly. Will Maurice master growling, scowling, snarling, and howling? Or will he prove that being different is a good thing after all?



An action-packed and hilarious picture book about a family of chickens with one member who is a little different from the rest. Heartfelt and humorous, this delightful picture book celebrates dinosaurs, chickens, the importance of family, and the joy of accepting who we are.



Did you know...

We have seven learning packs that can be checked out and taken home?

Each pack has a story, toys, and activities you can do with your child.

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