

Storytime Basics

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Favorite Storytime Themes

Animals: *Animal Antics*

Babies: *Beautiful Babies*

Baths: *Bubbly Bathtime*

Birds: *Fine Feathered Friends*

Cats: *Hello Kitty*

Colors: *Catch a Rainbow*

Creatures/Monsters: *Creature Feature*

Dance/Movement: *Move, Dance and Groove*

Dinosaurs: *Dinosaur Days*

Dogs: *Dog Gone*

Food: *Yummy Yummy in My Tummy,*
Tasty Tidbits

Friends: *Friends Forever*

Frogs: *It's Not Easy Being Green*

Insects: *Creepy Crawlers*

Mice: *Nice Mice*

Monkeys: *Monkeys, Our Curious Friends*

Music : *Music to My Ears*

Nighttime: *Sleep Tight*

Ocean: *Deep, Blue Sea*

Plants: *Green Grows the Garden*

Pretend: *Imagination Station*

Rain: *Rain Rain Go Away*

Silly Things: *Tickle Your Funny Bone*

Space: (moon, stars...) *Ride a Moonbeam, Catch a Falling Star*

Transportation (cars, trucks, trains): *Things That Go*

Wind: *Windy Weather, Let's Go Fly a Kite*

Favorite Storytime Books

A Boy and His Bunny by Sean Bryan

A Good Day by Kevin Henkes

Ain't Gonna Paint No More by Karen Beaumont

Baby Beebee Bird by Diane Massie

Bark, George! by Jules Feiffer

Barnyard Banter by Denise Fleming

Bear & Hare Go Fishing by Emily Gravett

Betty Goes Bananas by Steve Antony

Blocks by Irene Dickson

Bob and Otto by Robert Bruel

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Bot = Bot by Ame Dyckman

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Eric
Carle

Bubble Bath Pirates by Jarrett J. Krosoczka

Bully by Laura Seeger

Busy Little Squirrel by Nancy Tafuri

Can You Make a Scary Face by Jan Thomas

Cat Nap by Toni Yuly

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin

Chicken Big by Keith Graves

Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell

Digger Dog by William Bee

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus by Mo Willems

Duck on a Bike by David Shannon

Gaston by Kelly DiPucchio

Get Out of My Bath by Britta Teckentrup

Gobble Gobble Moo Tractor Book by Jez Alborough

Grumpy Bird by Jeremy Tankard

Higher, Higher by Leslie Patricelli

Hooray for Fish by Lucy Cousins - Singing the story:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U6bwlo5Ahl8>

Hooray for Hat by Brian Won

Hoot Owl Master of Disguise by Sean Taylor

I Dream of an Elephant by Ami Rubinger

I Saw an Ant on the Railroad Track by Joshua Prince
and Macky Pamintuan

I Stink, I'm Dirty by Kate McMullan

I Went Walking by Sue Williams

I'm a Dirty Dinosaur by Janeen Brian

I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean by Kevin Sherry

Interrupting Chicken by David Ezra Stein

Leonardo the Terrible Monster by Mo Willems

Let's Get a Pup, Said Kate by Bob Graham

Let's Sing a Lullaby with the Brave Cowboy by Jan
Thomas

Little Owl Lost by Chris Haughton

Little Red Hot by Eric Kimmel

Llama Llama Red Pajama by Anna Dewdney

Magic Hat by Mem Fox

Monkey and Me by Emily Gravett

Mouse Mess by Linnea Riley

Mouse Paint by Ellen Stoll Walsh

Move Over Rover by Karen Beaumont

Mr. Gumpy's Outing by John Burningham

Mrs. Muffly's Monster by Sarah Dyer

Napping House by Audrey Wood

Nose to Toes, You Are Yummy by Tim Harrington

Not a Box by Antoinette Portis
Not a Stick by Antoinette Portis
Number One Sam by Greg Pizzoli
Oh No, George! by Chris Haughton
Owl Babies by Martin Waddell
Papa, Please Get the Moon for Me by Eric Carle
Peck Peck Peck by Lucy Cousins
Peek a Boo Zoo by Jane Cabrera
Pelle's New Suit by Elsa Maartman Beskow
Penguin by Polly Dunbar
Pete the Cat & His Four Groovy Buttons by Eric Litwin and James Dean
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HMyGjrr5lrA>
Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes by Eric Litwin
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nUubMSfIs-U>
I'd Really Like to Eat a Child by Sylviane Donnio
Piggies by Audrey Wood
Polar Bear's Underwear by Tupera Tupera
This is Not My Hat by Jon Klassen
Duck Rabbit by Amy Krouse Rosenthal
Pout Pout Fish by Deborah Diesen
Punk Farm by Jarret Krosoczka
Rattletrap Car by Phyllis Root
Read to Tiger by S.J. Fore
Rodeo Red by Maripat Perkins
Say Hello! by Rachel Isadora
Sheep in a Jeep by Nancy E. Shaw
Shhhhh! Everybody's Sleeping by Julie Markes
Silly Tilly by Eileen Spinelli
Small Brown Dog with a Wet Pink Nose by Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen
Something from Nothing by Phoebe Gilman
Tanka Skunk by Steve Webb
Tap Tap Boom Boom by Elizabeth Bluemle
That is Not a Good Idea by Mo Willems
The Big Storm by Nancy Tafuri
The Cow Loves Cookies by Karma Wilson
The Doghouse by Jan Thomas
The Happy Hockey Family by Lane Smith

The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry and the
Big Hungry Bear by Don and Audrey Wood
The Little Rabbit Who Liked to Say Moo by Jonathan
Allen
The Seals on the Bus by Lenny Hort
The Story of Fish and Snail by Deborah Freedman
Trashy Town by Andrea Zimmerman
Vegetables in Underwear by Jared Chapman
Walter's Wonderful Web by Tim Hopgood
Watermelon Seed by Greg Pizzoli
We Have a Plan by Chris Haughton
What Will Fat Cat Sit On? by Jan Thomas
What! Cried Granny : an almost bedtime story by
Kate Lum
Where is the Green Sheep by Mem Fox
Where is Tippy Toes by Betsy Lewin
Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
Who's Next Door by Kishira Mayuko
Whose Hat is That by Anita Bijsterbosch
Wolf's Chicken Stew by Keiko Kasza

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Sample Storytime: Gardens

Preschool Storytime

(Include 3 or 4 songs and fingerplays that you do weekly.)

Opening Song

Fingerplay - Dig a Little Hole

Dig a little hole, plant a little seed.
Pour a little water, pull a little weed.
Up, up, up, green stems climb.
Open wide...it's blossom time!

Book - *Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!* by Candace Fleming

Flannel Activity

Flower sorting by colors, flower match, or parts of a plant

Movement Song

What Shall We Do In Our Garden? (tune: Bear Went Over the Mountain)

What shall we do in our garden?

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On such a lovely day.

We'll dig with spades in our garden...on such a lovely day.

We'll plant some seeds in our garden...

We'll water the seeds in our garden...

We'll grow some flowers in our garden...

We'll pick some flowers in our garden...on such a lovely day

Book - *Lola Plants a Garden* by Anna McQuinn

Fingerplay with prop - Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary

Mary, Mary quite contrary,
How does your garden grow?
With silver bells and cockle shells
And pretty maids all in a row

Song - Rain is Falling Down

Rain is falling down. Splash!
Rain is falling down. Splash!
Pitter patter, pitter patter
Rain is falling down. Splash
Sun is peeking out. Peek!
Sun is peeking out. Peek!
Peeking here, peeking there,
Sun is peeking out. Peek!

Snow is floating down. Brrrr!
Snow is floating down. Brrrr!
Falling here, falling there,
Snow is floating down.

A gentle tickle tune for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers. Variations can include weather puppets. Listen at www.youtube.com/user/Jbrary.

Book - *Tap the Magic Tree* by Christie Matheson

Closing Song

Craft - Parts of a plant or Garden in a bag

Toddler Storytime

(Include 3 or 4 songs and fingerplays that you do weekly.)

Opening Song

Song – Rain is Falling Down

Book - *Up, Down and Around* by Katherine Ayres, 2008

Flannel Activity - Flower sorting by colors

Book - *Dig In!* by Lindy Jenson-Elliott

Movement Song - What Shall We Do In Our Garden? (tune: Bear Went Over the Mountain)

Craft – Glue seeds and bean onto a paper plate.

Storytime Resources

These blogs and websites, many by working youth librarians, are especially helpful for storytime planning and development.

Everything Preschool

Over 30,000 preschool education activities separated into over 100 themes. Even though this resource is geared for child care teachers, many of the ideas can be incorporated into storytimes. Each lesson has books, songs, art ideas, science, recipes and more.

<http://www.everythingpreschool.com>

Flannel Fridays

A community of children's librarians shares flannelboard ideas.

www.pinterest.com/flannelfriday

www.flannelfridaystorytime.blogspot.com

Jbrary

Dana and Lindsey share favorite storytime books, storytime plans, songs, flannels, puppet and prop ideas. www.jbrary.com

Mel's Desk

Melissa has many flannels and downloadable clip art. There are tons of ideas for interactive play spaces.

www.Melissa.depperfamily.net/blog

Mother Goose on the Loose

Videos of fingerplays and songs to use in storytimes.

<http://www.mgol.net/resources/nursery-rhymes/full-list/>

Pierce County Library System

This Washington library has a number of resources. Literacy adventures -

<https://www.piercecountylibrary.org/kids-teens/parents-caregivers/early-learning/literacy-adventures.htm>

Downloadable booklet of fingerplays and songs -

<https://www.piercecountylibrary.org/kids-teens/parents-caregivers/wiggles-tickles-rhymes.htm>

So Tomorrow

Many valuable ideas and resources for storytimes.

www.sotomorrowblog.com/

Storybook Patterns at Kizclub

These colored patterns (or black and white) can be used to make flannel boards or props for many, classic picture books.

www.kizclub.com/stories2.htm

Storytime Katie

This site has a very extensive list of storytimes by themes. She has complete ideas for compiling book bundles for patrons to check out including expenses.

www.storytimekatie.com

Storytime Support Resources

American Sign Language Dictionary

Online videos in ASL of over a 7,000 words.

<http://www.aslpro.com/cgi-bin/aslpro/aslpro.cgi>

Early Literacy Skill

Pierce County Library created quick access cards for early literacy skills.

<https://www.piercecountylibrary.org/files/library/el-flipcards.pdf>

Every Child Ready to Read® @ your library®

A comprehensive program focused on educating parents about early literacy in a child's life.

<http://everychildreadytoread.org/>

Get Ready to Read

Extensive resources on early literacy skills.

<http://www.getreadytoread.org/early-learning-childhood-basics/early-literacy>

National Association of the Education of the Young Child

Essentials of Early Literacy Instruction

<http://www.naeyc.org/files/yc/file/200303/Essentials.pdf>

Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines

Everything you want to know about the Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines for school readiness.

<http://tea.texas.gov/index2.aspx?id=2147495508>

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