

Webliography for Storytime Fundamentals

Picture Book Resources

Book Adventure

www.bookadventure.org

A free, easy-to-use site sponsored by Sylvan Learning. Kids check off the grade level, and genre or subject, and lists are generated of books fitting the criteria.

Storyhour Planning Resources

BayViews/BayNews

www.bayviews.org

From the Association of Children's Librarians of Northern California. A monthly newsletter that also contains a column on storytime, with a new theme every month.

West Bloomfield Township Public Library

www.growupreading.org/

A great place to learn why we need to have storytimes, advice for parents, booklists, information on child development, phonemic and print awareness, and other factors important for emergent readers and how we help them.

Everything Preschool

www.everythingpreschool.com

Also arranged by themes, these lesson plans include books! In fact, the book jackets are shown, so you can see which picture books you might have and which may carry well to a group. Under each theme there are also songs, coloring pages, art ideas, recipes, games, and science ideas.

Hummingbird Educational Resources

www.hummingbirded.com/index.html

A site run by teacher Peggy Drake, this offers songs, snacks, crafts, math games, and other activities for preschoolers arranged by theme. She doesn't list books to read out loud, however.

Preschool Express

www.preschooexpress.com/theme_station.shtml

Thousands of ideas to enliven your storytime, but no books listed. Go to the "Theme Station" for crafts and activities by theme, the "Story Station" for rhymes and stories to tell, the "Toddler Station" for active movement ideas, the "Pattern Station" for craft printables, and more!

Step by Step Theme Pages

stepbystepcc.com/themes2.html

Run by a daycare provider named Jana, this is very similar to how most libraries compile their storytime themes. Under each theme she lists picture books first (yeah!), then songs and fingerplays, then craft ideas. It appears that she regularly updates this site.

Best Kids Book Site

www.thebestkidsbooksite.com/storytimes.htm

Hundreds of themes, listing picture books, songs and fingerplays, crafts, and games. Like Step by Step above, this seems very well suited to library preschool storytimes.

Texas State Library - "Go Wild, Read! 2005"

www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/projects/trc/2005/manual/preface.html

Compiled for the 2005 Texas Reading Club, this site lists themes for both preschoolers and for toddlers. They list books, snack ideas, songs and fingerplays, crafts including printables, and other ideas. Only about 20 themes but very practical.

Utah Library Association Storytime

www.ula.org/organization/rt/csrt/scrt-storytm.htm

A list of storytime themes complete with suggestions for books, fingerplays, songs, flannelboards, and craft ideas.

Arts and Crafts Resources

Enchanted Learning

www.enchantedlearning.com

You don't have to be a member to use this site, which contains lots of homework helpful pages, especially for elementary graders, and great craft ideas for storytimes and programs.

The Activity Idea Place: An Early Childhood Educator's Resource www.123child.com/

Hundreds of themes, with ideas for crafts, games, recipes, songs, and fingerplays (but not books!), this is a great secondary source for ideas.

Kindergarten Readiness

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www.kindergartenreadiness.net/

Founded by a teacher, this site gives very practical advice to parents on preparing their children for Kindergarten, as well as listing books and articles on the subject.

Polk School Readiness List

www.pcsb.k12.fl.us/prek/readiness.htm

Polk School in Florida offers a printable checklist for parents on Kindergarten Readiness.

Poway School District Kindergarten Readiness

powayusd.sdcoe.k12.ca.us/news/ebulletin/december03/kindergarten-readiness.htm

From the Poway School District in California, their website lists 26 topics, one for each letter of the alphabet, on Kindergarten Readiness.

Songs and Fingerplays

Kididdles

www.kididdles.com/lyrics/allsongs.html

A great resource for song lyrics to popular preschool schools; some of the lyric pages let you hear the music, too.

Songs for Teaching

www.songsforteaching.com/fingerplays/index.htm

www.songsforteaching.com/movement.htm

The Fingerplays area has a great list of commonly-used fingerplays, many that come with an audio clip so you can learn the melody. There are also photos of a person doing the fingerplay, so you can copy the movement. There is also an area for action songs; many of these also include an audio clip.

CanTeach

www.canteach.ca/elementary/songspoems.html

Poems and songs listed by theme, this site is intended for teachers but does list links for school librarians that can be helpful.

Fingerplays Index

falcon.jmu.edu/~ramseyil/fingerplayindex.htm

The lyrics and movements to over 20 of the most popular fingerplays.

Multicultural Resources

Multicultural Preschool Ideas

www.first-school.ws/theme/places.htm

Lots of easy craft ideas, with printable pages, for preschool storytimes.

Bibliotecas Para La Gente

www.bibliotecasparalagente.org

Features a list of performers who do Latino programs at libraries (mainly in Northern California). Also, this has lots of great ideas for bilingual storytimes.

Flannelboards and Puppetry Resources

Lakeshore Teachers Story

www.lakeshorelearning.com

A resource for a wide variety of storytime props, including puppets, Big Books, flannelboards, storytelling aprons and figures, musical instruments and shakers, and more.

Folkmanis Puppets

www.folkmanis.com

This Berkeley company makes realistic animal puppets of very high quality.

Sisters in Stiches

www.sisters-in-stiches.com/

Felt boards and sets, storytelling mitts, and other props for storytime are available at low prices.

Mid-Hudson Library System Resource Page

midhudson.org/program/support/Flannel_kits.htm

A comprehensive listing by a public library in New York, describing sources for purchasing flannel boards and other storytelling props.