

# **New Books for Storytime Webinar 2019**

## **Useful Websites and Resources**

### [BayViews Storytime Themes](#)

[www.bayviews.org/storytime.html](http://www.bayviews.org/storytime.html)

From the Association of Children's Librarians of Northern California. This blog features read-alike lists of tween novels, programming ideas, and at least two new storytime themes every month. Hundreds of storytime themes are listed, including those related to summer reading. You can also see extensive book lists on Participatory, Cumulative, etc.

### [West Bloomfield Township Public Library](#)

[www.growupreading.org/](http://www.growupreading.org/)

This library's "Growing Up Reading" site is a great place to start, to learn why we need to offer storytimes, advice for parents, booklists, information on child development, phonemic and print awareness, and other factors important for emergent readers.

### [Colorado Libraries for Early Literacy](#)

[www.clel.org/fiveearlyliteracypractices](http://www.clel.org/fiveearlyliteracypractices)

A concise and clear definition of the of the Six Preliteracy Skills.

### [Saroj Ghoting's Resources](#)

[www.earlylit.net/](http://www.earlylit.net/)

Ghoting's website offers resources for children's librarians on early literacy skills and how storytime can foster those skills.

### [Storytime Katie](#)

<http://storytimekatie.com/>

Katie has been blogging about her storytimes for over five years, and her site has resources for flannelboards, songs and fingerplays, arts and crafts, and much more.

### [First School](#)

<http://www.first-school.ws/themes.html>

This site offers many themed outlines that include a craft project; look for those labeled "SP" for Spanish language content.

### [Sunflower Storytime](#)

<https://sunflowerstorytime.com/>

Storytime plans, themes, songs, crafts, and many other resources are gathered on this attractive website, created by two children's librarians.

### [Family Education Kindergarten Readiness Checklist](#)

[www.familyeducation.com/school/kindergarten-readiness/kindergarten-readiness-checklist](http://www.familyeducation.com/school/kindergarten-readiness/kindergarten-readiness-checklist)

This handy checklist can help you describe Kindergarten Readiness skills to parents, so you can point them out during storytimes.

### [DLTK Crafts for Kids](#)

[www.dltk-kids.com/](http://www.dltk-kids.com/)

Need very simple arts and crafts projects and coloring sheets for preschoolers? Check out this website with crafts that fit every theme and topic.

### [Busy Bee Kids Crafts](#)

[www.busybeekidscrafts.com/](http://www.busybeekidscrafts.com/)

Like DLTK, the Busy Bee site also has a wealth of very simple children's arts and crafts projects.

## **Diversity Resources**

### [Books for Littles](#)

[www.booksforlittles.com/](http://www.booksforlittles.com/)

This blog promotes books for young children that celebrate diversity, feminism, and special needs communities. They offer several booklists that challenge stereotypes.

### [We Are Kid Lit Collective](#)

<https://wtpsite.wordpress.com/2019/03/24/2019-summer-reading-list/>

Several librarians contribute to this collection of lists by and about Indigenous People and People of Color, people with disabilities, and people representing the LGBTQ community.

### [Embrace Race: Where to find “diverse” children’s books](#)

<https://medium.com/embrace-race/where-to-find-diverse-childrens-books-5bc8c8bc971b#.knz156fia>

Not just for storytime, this site offers a wealth of links to booklists and other resources on multicultural children's books.

### [Spanish Playground](#)

[www.spanishplayground.net](http://www.spanishplayground.net)

An abundant selection of items celebrating Spanish are featured on this site, including songs, crafts, and books, which you can use in your bilingual storytimes.

### [Lee & Low](#)

[www.leeandlow.com/](http://www.leeandlow.com/)

Lee & Low is an independent publisher that focuses on diverse children's books. The website includes booklists by grade and other resources for teachers and librarians.

### [Salaam Reads](#)

[www.salaamreads.com/](http://www.salaamreads.com/)

A division of Simon and Schuster, this imprint offers books for children and families representing Muslim characters and stories.

### [Storytime Underground](#)

<http://storytimeunderground.org/>

This blog's mission is to encourage storytimes that embrace all types of diversity, including ethnic representation, LGBTQ stories, and strong female characters in the books we share.

### [Drag Queen Story Hour](#)

[www.dragqueenstoryhour.org/](http://www.dragqueenstoryhour.org/)

A great way to discover resources on holding storytimes featuring Drag Performers, including partners that may be in your community.

### [Sensory Storytimes](#)

[www.alsc.ala.org/blog/2018/08/sensory-storytime-tips-and-tricks-for-a-successful-program/](http://www.alsc.ala.org/blog/2018/08/sensory-storytime-tips-and-tricks-for-a-successful-program/)

This blog post on the Association of Library Service to Children (ALSC) website offers advice on setting up sensory storytimes that will appeal to children with special needs.

## **Songs and Fingerplays**

### [Kididdles](#)

[www.kididdles.com/lyrics/allsongs.html](http://www.kididdles.com/lyrics/allsongs.html)

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

### [Bussongs](#)

<http://bussongs.com/>

Hundreds of songs and fingerplays are listed on this useful site; many of them have video and audio to help you learn a new song.

### [Jbrary](#)

<http://jbrary.com/>

For someone who is not musically inclined the Jbrary YouTube channel is very helpful, but it is much more than that. When you need a “pick me up” and refresher course in how to run a storytime, turn to these two librarians.

### [Songs for Teaching Fingerplays](#)

[www.songsforteaching.com/fingerplays/index.htm](http://www.songsforteaching.com/fingerplays/index.htm)

### [Songs for Teaching Action Songs](#)

[www.songsforteaching.com/movement.htm](http://www.songsforteaching.com/movement.htm)

The Fingerplays area has a great list of commonly used fingerplays; many 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](http://www.canteach.ca/elementary/songspoems.html)

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

**Resources for free webinars on children's materials:**

Check these sites for free webinars on children's books and library programming ideas.

[School Library Journal Webinars: www.slj.com/?subpage=Events&eventtype=webcasts](http://www.slj.com/?subpage=Events&eventtype=webcasts)

[Booklist magazine Webinars: www.booklistonline.com/webinars](http://www.booklistonline.com/webinars)

[Infopeople Webinars: https://infopeople.org/training/view/webinar](https://infopeople.org/training/view/webinar)

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