

What's New for Storytimes

An Infopeople webinar presented by Penny Peck

Wednesday, October 3, 2012

<http://infopeople.org/training/whats-new-storytimes>

Websites and Other Resources for Storytime Planning

Websites

Mother Goose on the Loose

<http://www.mgol.net/>

Developed by Dr. Betsy Diamant-Cohen, this innovative storytime training stresses the fact that toddlers need repetition, music, and books to develop preliteracy skills. Her training reinforces the concept that repeating songs from storytime to storytime is a plus.

Read Build Play

<http://readbuildplay.com/>

A partnership with ALSC (Association of Library Service to Children) and Lego Toys, this offers a grant to libraries to purchase toys and materials, and encourages the inclusion of play at storytime. Check out their Parent Activity Guide for helpful information.

BayViews Storytime Plans

<http://www.bayviews.org/storytime.html>

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

<http://www.growupreading.org/>

A great place to start, 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.

Everything Preschool

<http://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.

Perry Public Library, OH

http://www.perrypubliclibrary.org/storytime_themes

Looking for more Storytime ideas, especially ideas for Toddler Time? Check out this website from the Perry Public Library in Ohio. They have several theme pages, with lots of book choices and song lyrics. Many include literacy tips to emphasize, too.

Lakeshore Learning

<http://www.lakeshorelearning.com/home/home.jsp>

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

Melissa and Doug Toys

<http://www.melissaanddoug.com/>

Sturdy wooden toys, perfect for use in storytime or in the library, are manufactured and sold by this award-winning retailer.

Poway School District Kindergarten Readiness

<http://powayusd.sdcoe.k12.ca.us/news/ebulletin/december03/kindergarten-readiness.htm>

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

Folkmanis Puppets

<http://www.folkmanis.com>

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

Songs and Fingerplays

Kididdles

<http://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

<http://www.songsforteaching.com/fingerplays/index.htm>

<http://www.songsforteaching.com/movement.htm>

The Fingerplays area has a great list of commonly used fingerplays, many which 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.

Bussongs

<http://bussongs.com/>

Both popular songs that kids like, as well as standard nursery and preschool songs, are listed here.

Information on rearranging picture books by subject:

Check out the slides from the “I Want a Truck Book” presentation:

<http://www.slideshare.net/gcaserotti/> prepared by Gretchen Caserotti from the Darien Library. If we really want to organize the library for the benefit of our patrons, this could be very beneficial.

The slides from fellow speakers Kathy Jarombek are also very helpful:
<http://www.slideshark.com/Landing.aspx?pi=zHxzeh3Tvz5XUxz0&intk=62627515>

as are the slides from Tali Kaplan, who transformed a school library:
<http://www.slideshare.net/balaskaplan/i-want-a-truck-book-metis-presentation>

Journal Articles

Arnold, Renea and Colburn, Nell. "The Neglected Ones: Children of Undocumented Immigrants Seldom Receive the Services They Need." *School Library Journal*, July 2012, v. no. , p. 15.

Diament-Cohen, Betsy, et al. "We Play Here! Bringing the Power of Play into Children's Libraries." *Children and Libraries*, Spring 2012, v. 10, no. 1, p. 3-10, 52.

Dickerson, Constance. "The Preschool Literacy and You (PLAY) Room: Creating an Early Literacy Play Area in Your Library." *Children and Libraries*, Spring 2012, v. 10, no. 1, p. 11-15.

Irwin, Julia R., et al. "Expanding on Early Literacy: Promoting Emerging Language and Literacy During Storytime." *Children and Libraries*, Summer/Fall 2012, v. 10, no. 2, p. 20-23, 28.

Books

Cousins, Lucy. *Create with Maisy: a Maisy First Arts-and-Crafts Book*. Candlewick, 2012.

Diamant-Cohen, Betsy. *Crash Course in Library Services to Preschool Children*. Libraries Unlimited, 2010.

Ghoting, Saroj Nadkarni, and Martin-Diaz, Pamela. *Early Literacy Storytimes @ Your Library: Partnering with Caregivers for Success*. American Library Association, 2006.

Naidoo, Jamie Campbell. *Celebrating Cuentos: Promoting Latino Children's Literature and Literacy in Classrooms and Libraries*. Libraries Unlimited, 2010.

Pavon, Ana-Elba and Diana Borrego. *25 Latino Craft Projects*. American Library Association, 2002.

Peck, Penny. *Crash Course in Storytime Fundamentals*. Libraries Unlimited, 2009.