

What's New for Storytimes




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Agenda

- Goals
- Songs and Fingerplays
- New books that involve the audience
- New books that enhance preliteracy
- Inclusion of play activities and toys
- Rearranging picture books

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Handouts

Look for these two handouts that accompany this webinar:

- *Booklist of New Picture Books*
- *Websites and Other Resources for Storytime Planning*

Q&A

- We will have time for general questions at the conclusion of the webinar.
- If you prefer, you can also ask questions by typing in the dialogue box during the webinar.

Goals of Storytime

- Increase the use of the library
- Increase circulation
- Help young children become lifelong readers
- Assist parents
- To have fun!

What's New for Storytimes

Kindergarten Readiness

- Songs
- Arts and Crafts
- Preliteracy Skills
- Alphabet and other concepts
- Dialogic Reading
- powayusd.sdcoe.k12.ca.us/news/ebulletin/december03/kindergarten-readiness.htm

Songs and Fingerplays

- Repeat songs and fingerplays rather than use new ones each week.
- “Mother Goose on the Loose:”
www.mgol.net/

New Picture Books of Songs

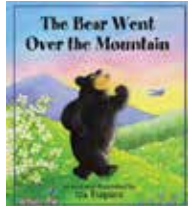
- Monster Mash by David Catrow
- Hush Little Monster by Denis Markell



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Other new "Song" books

- There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Clover! by Lucille Calandro
- The Bear Went Over the Mountain by Iza Trapani



Other Elements of Storytime

- Registration – is it necessary?



Books That Encourage Audience Participation

- Participation books – sometimes referred to as “Call and Response” stories, or “Pattern Stories”
- Similar to Bill Martin’s *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* or Ed Emberley’s *Go Away, Big Green Monster*

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New Participation Picture Books

- It's a Tiger! by David LaRochelle
- Faster! Faster! by Leslie Patricelli



More new call and response

- Don't Squish the Sasquatch! by Kent Redeker
- Good News, Bad News by Jeff Mack



Cumulative stories

- With a narrative which has reoccurring phrases that accumulate and are repeated
- Similar to Don and Audrey Wood's *The Napping House* or the old folktale *The House That Jack Built*

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New Cumulative picture books

- Robot Zombie Frankenstein by Annette Simon
- Baby Says "Moo!" by Joann Macken



More Cumulative books

- Oh, No! by Candace Fleming



Circular Stories

- A story that ends up where it started
- Great for encouraging listeners to predict "What happens next?"
- Similar to Laura Numeroff's *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* series

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New Circular picture books

- All the Water in the World by George Ella Lyon
- What to Do if an Elephant Stands on Your Foot by Michelle Robinson

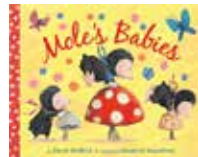


Creative Dramatics

- Stories that lend themselves to acting out the story
- Either with a select group of “actors,” or for the entire audience
- Similar to the folktale “The Enormous Turnip,” or Michael Rosen’s *We’re Going on a Bear Hunt*

New Creative Dramatic picture books

- Monkey See, Look at Me! by Lorena Siminovich
- Mole Babies by David Bedford



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Dialogic Reading

- Dialogic Reading is reading aloud, where you ask the listener some open-ended questions now and then during the story
- Model this for parents
- Try Dialogic Reading during your final book at storytime

New books for Dialogic Reading

- A Kiss Means I Love You by Kathryn Allen
- Tell Me the Day Backwards by Albert Lamb



Concept Books

- Alphabet, numbers and counting, shapes, colors, opposites
- Part of Kindergarten Readiness
- Allows for audience participation

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New Concept Books

- One, Two, That's My Shoe! by Alison Murray
- Augie to Zebra by Kate Endle



Other Suggestions?

- Other new books that encourage audience participation?
- Check handout, which has more titles than we mentioned due to time constraints

Preliteracy Skills



- Six skills which we will briefly define, and mention books that help with those skills
- For more information, check out *Early Literacy Storytimes @Your Library* by Saroj Ghoting and Pamela Martin-Diaz

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Print Motivation

- Print Motivation: earliest Preliteracy Skill
- Reading aloud
- Learning the parts of a book
- Learning how pages turn
- All books and reading aloud are a form of print motivation

Print Awareness

- Recognizing that words on the page mean something
- Run your finger under each word as you read
- Simple books with one or two words per page
- Books with print of varying size and typeface

New books that promote print awareness

- Chicken, Chicken, Duck by Nadia Krilanovich
- Backseat A-B-See by Maria Van Leishout



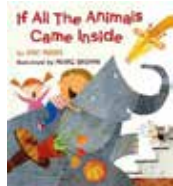
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Phonological Awareness

- Refers to the way words and syllables sound
- Phonemic awareness is how each letter sounds
- Rhyming and alliteration
- Similar to Eric Carle's *Slowly, Slowly, Slowly Said the Sloth*

New books to encourage phonological awareness

- Cock-a-doodle-doo, Creak, Pop-pop, Moo by Jim Aylesworth
- If All the Animals Came Inside by Eric Pinder



Vocabulary

- Picture books often use a more complex vocabulary than words we use in conversation
- Use nonfiction to bolster vocabulary
- Similar to Aesop's fables, folktales, fairy tales, Maurice Sendak's *Where the Wild Things Are* or Dianna Aston's *A Rock Is Lively*.

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New Books that build Vocabulary

- The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse by Helen Ward
- Bring on the Birds by Susan Stockdale



Narrative Skills

- Story structure
- Retelling a story
- Use puppets
- Circular stories and ask the child to predict what happens next
- Stories with a strong beginning, middle, and end

New books that help with Narrative Skills

- Rocket Writes a Story by Tad Hills
- Silly Goose's Big Story by Keiko Kasza



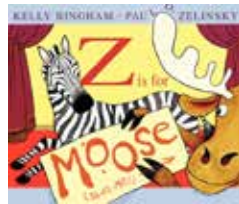
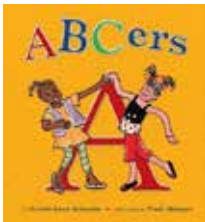
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Letter Knowledge

- Also called Alphabet Knowledge
- ABC books
- Books with simple one-word-per-page
- Alphabet stories

New Alphabet Books

- ABCers by Carole Lexa Schaefer
- Z Is for Moose by Kelly Bingham



Other Suggestions

- Other new picture books that promote preliteracy skills?
- Check the handout which contains more titles than we have time to mention here

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Use of Toys and Play Activities

- Play is the work of young children
- Add scarves and beanbag movement activities
- Very simple arts and crafts for preschoolers
- Simple toys in the picture book area

Toys at Storytime

- Put out a few toys at the end of storytime, and allow children and parents to play, talk, and interact
- Use volunteers to help maintain the area and to clean up after 25 minutes
- Puppets and Musical Instruments

Arts and Crafts

- For preschoolers, not babies or toddlers
- Very simple, with very little preparation
- Kindergarten Readiness skills
- Cutting with safety scissors an important skill
- Crayons (not markers)
- Use volunteers for setup and cleanup

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Sources for Toys

- www.lakeshorelearning.com
- www.melissaanddoug.com

Other Suggestions?



Arranging Picture Books by Subject

- Workshop at ALA "I Want a Truck Book!"
- Divide picture books into nine categories: Transportation, Animals and Nature, Celebrations, Folktales, Rhymes and Songs, All About Me, Concept Books, Favorites/Classics, Stories
- Subdivide within those categories

More on Dividing Picture Books

- Weeding
- Lots of Signage
- Presentations:



- www.slideshare.net/gcaserotti/
- www.slideshare.com/Landing.aspx?pi=zHxzeh3Tvz5XUxz0&intk=62627515
- www.slideshare.net/balaskaplan/i-want-a-truck-book-metis-presentation

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Parent Readers or Singers

- Parent volunteers to assist at storytime
- Play a musical instrument
- Read aloud to close the gender gap
- Read aloud in another language



Websites and Resources

- www.bayviews.org/storytime.html
- Request storytime themes
- Summer Reading Themes



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Thank You!

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