

Informational Books for Storytime

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Chat Archive

KimD:I recently used "A Seed Is Sleepy" in a read-aloud and the large-font lines stand on their own.

Amanda Young:I like Ann Morris' books for storytimes :)

Jeff T.:That's Patrick!!

Amy Barr:Non-fiction readers work well in S.T.

Michelle Callaghan:I love Jennifer Ward's books, as well as Juana Medina's!

Teresa Breach:I used Pete the Cat and the Missing Cupcakes in my February storytimes and the kids loved it. I didn't even know I was using a concept book. LOL

Kary H.:Adults and kids alike have enjoyed 1 Big Salad!

Sondra Presley:I dressed as Pete the Cat today for library appreciation week. The kidss all knew I needed four buttons and new all of the colors!

Kathryn:I just used Tana Hoban's Exactly the Opposite to introduce Opposites today.

nrussell:City shapes was even fun for 3-5 year olds

iris:rarely

marianne kindya:only did once

Emily:monthly

Suzy Card:yes very often

Edith Sutterlin:at least 3 tiimes a month

KimD:As often as I can, especially concept books

Kary H.:Yes! I try to use one almost every time I do a storytime

Marianne:Weekly.

Ann Wagner:Yes - often at least monthly

Maria Diaz-Slocum:Sometimes

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Mary W:monthly

Danea 2:rarely

Mynda:rarely

Tracy Clair 2:monthly

Sondra Presley:very often

Leslie Sterian:MOonthy

Joanna Zant:weekly

Evelyn:never have used them

Catherine 2:never

nrussell:Monthly

Ricardo Ramirez:during class vists 3rd graders

vivian rutherford:yes, weekly

Lana Winchester-Tucker:Rarely

Ann Kendall:twice a month

Lea Stone:Monthly

Suzanne Martin:yes, almost every time

Wendi West:often

Amanda Pittman:Sometimes

Tammy Henry:sometimes

Jesse:monthly

Dyan:monthly

Amanda Young:Yes

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Heather Runnels:About 2 or 3 times per week.

jolyn bullock:sometime

Jess Lamson:Not often enough!

armin:often

Heather Allen:monthly

Elizabeth Maggio 2:rarely but I will start more!

Evan Kendrick:Every time I do storytime!

Alan Bern:sometimes

Katie Kristoff:weekly

Kathryn:As much as possible

Jodi Laughlin 2:sometimes

Michelle Kiker:As often as I can get one in there!

Cathy:sometimes

Amy Barr:sometimes

Jen 2:Frequently, especially concept

Lauren Sugg:sometimes

Clara Sheffer:weekly

Karen Cagle:sometimes

Teresa Breach:I do outreach storytimes at daycares. See around 500 kids a month. I usually use a concept book.

Stacy Amith:Sometimes

Christy Schink:monthly

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Paula McCleery:monthly

Lois McAuliffe:I do a STEAM Story Time every Friday for Pre-K

Christi:Almost all the time

Sarah Mae:as often as i can

Jeff:Rarely. Hoping it will be more now...

Karen Boyer:sometimes

linda ackerman:almost always

APL:APL: All the time! :) It's a must.

iris:more often for mother goose

Kristin Schneider:I normally will use concept books, but I am trying to incorporate more informational books.

Jennifer Heston:Very frequently

Sue 3:yes as often as possible

armin:often

Sondra Presley:Always for outreach!

Andrea Heingarten 2:very often, mainly abcs, 123s, & colors

Evan Kendrick:Sometimes you can take elements of informational books you like and retrofit them for your storytime.

debra seufer:I love Julie Murray books for really young children

margo storozuk:monthly

Michelle Callaghan:Aiming for weekly inclusion of informational books! I feel like I've been using them more, as more books are coming in! :-)

Teresa Breach:This month I'm using "Things That Go Burp! In the Night"

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Maria Diaz-Slocum:They are great for call and response

Sondra Presley:I'm reading Trees next week!

Edith Sutterlin:Nature and animals are the ones i use most!

Evan Kendrick:I also think it's really good for children to see actual pictures of animals, because sometimes illustrations are too abstract and they can't tell what it is.

Saroj Ghoting:Factual books often in the non-fiction section are good to include, like National Geographic Kids because they are formatted/arranged differently from picture books. Pebble books and lots of others

Jodi Laughlin 2:I am using this book tomorrow at storytime!

Amy Barr:Non-fiction leveled beginning readers work well for S.T.

Edith Sutterlin:all 3 copies of Zoo day were checked out Immediately when we got them.

Amanda Young:I like using Food for Thought by Freymann for storytimes. The kids like browsing through the book, seeing all of the fruits and vegetables turned into concepts

Edith Sutterlin:cannot read fine print -- what is the "author"?

Edith Sutterlin:for Trees?

Stacy Amith:Just used How Are You Peeling by Freymann in storytime, kids and parents love the food faces and it's a great way to learn about Feelings!

Edith Sutterlin:oh, ok. thanks. i'll check booklist

Mary Augugliaro - Infopeople:The slides and handout for today's webinar are available here <https://infopeople.org/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=660>

Michelle Callaghan:Photographic picture books I love- and kids love at our library are Nancy Rose's The Secret Life of Squirrels!

margo storozuk:i can't wait to order these books! beautiful photos and illus.\

Stacy Amith:Wake Up reminds me of beautiful book I just bought, Shake A Leg, Egg, about geese waiting for an egg to hatch--GORGEOUS illustrations and poetic text. It is by Kurt Cyrus--paintings look real!

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Michelle Callaghan:Shake a Leg, Egg is great!

Edith Sutterlin:LOVE Bee - I've used that.

Tibby Wroten:Costco had Bee for sale a week or so ago for just under \$10.

Stacy Amith:LOL love the idea of stacking cats!

Liz Tarnove:The cats - cute overload!

Evan Kendrick:I know. Just the thought makes me giggle.

Teresa Breach:Now the kids I see would love this one. LOL

Kary H.:That cat book looks adorable!

Michelle Callaghan:Just placed a hold on Whose Poop is That? Kids will love it!

Evan Kendrick:Whistle pigs!

Kary H.:Best in Snow is just beautiful! I used it and got great response to it.

Stacy Amith:Haha Evan I haven't heard that name for them in a long time!

Michelle Callaghan:Best in Snow is beautiful- went over well in storytime!

Jennifer Heston:Now I have an excuse to get that prairie dog puppet!

Teresa Breach:O

Elizabeth Maggio 2:Do people shelve these informational picture books in the non-fiction area?

Teresa Breach:I've often used Byron Barton's books

Mynda:I LOVE Maybe Something Beautiful! I made a Flanel to go along with it.

Sarah Sellon - Ely Public Library:We have an easy non-fiction area where we put books like this. They are in the same area as the children's picture books. They get used a lot!

margo storozuk:love byron Barton's books. so simple...Just got Maybe Something Beautiful. Will use next month.

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Stacy Amith:Our are in both. I want to do a display to call more attention to them!

Alan Bern:We put some readers in a special nonfiction reader section

Elizabeth Maggio 2:Thanks!

Amanda Young:At the library where I work, picture book nonfiction books are shelved with nonfiction, but they have a large orange dot on the spine.

Mynda:Orange dot is Great idea

nrussell:Thanks for the dot idea although I do the opposite. Our nonfiction picture books are in with picture books. The dot will be great.

margo storozuk:Mynda, I would love to see your flannel board pieces for Maybe Something Beautiful!

Joanna Zant:Great to have a separate section for concept books or toddler-friendly info books as parents with toddlers in tow can't always easily browse nonfiction...

Kary H.:Dreaming Up is a fantastic book! We just used it in our STEM program on architecture.

Stacy Amith:Me too Mynda! Maybe on Pinterest?

Amanda Young:That's a neat idea too nrussell!

Mynda:I can post on Storytime Underground on Facebook.

Kary H.:Thanks, Mynda!

Evan Kendrick:Dreaming up would also be great for the summer theme of Build a Better World

margo storozuk:great, thanks, mynda.

Emily:LOVE Sally Sutton! Huge hit every time I read her books.

Edith Sutterlin:did NOT like This bridge will not be gray. Don't remember all reasons, but I reviewed it on goodReads

Teresa Breach:.

Sarah Mae:seasons

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Alan Bern:bears

Michelle Callaghan:Counting, nature!

Kathryn:Anything on Animals,

Jodi Laughlin 2:reptiles

Emily:animals, construction/transportation, seasons

Elizabeth Maggio 2:transportation

Ann Kendall:life cycle of plants

Amy Barr:Animals

Edith Sutterlin:neighborhood/neighbors

Michelle Coxford:Seasons

Michelle Callaghan:Animals!

Liz Tarnove:Earth Day/recycling

Teresa Breach:Food, construction

Kary H.:My outreach theme for this month is Clouds and Rainbows, so I used a National Geographic Kids book on clouds.

Emily:gardening

Suzanne Martin:I am doing birds and eggs for spring right now

Sondra Presley:food

Wendi West:animals, seeds

Teresa Breach:wild animals.

Evan Kendrick:Animals, plants, I have even done one about hats!

Michelle Coxford:Things That Go

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S. Marr:solids, liquids, gas

nrussell:Seasons, Snow

margo storozuk:Animal books. Magnets. planting.

Tara Roberts - PGCMLS:I've done animal themed storytimes incorporating ideas from Project Growing Up "Wild

jolyn bullock:animals, people

Jess Lamson:weather

Michelle Callaghan:Transportation is a big one! Community, gardening

Joanna Zant:gardening

Saroj Ghoting:It might be easier to ask when WOULDN'T you! LOL

margo storozuk:pond life.

Evelyn:health like brushing your teeth

Emily:opposites

Connie Flores:Shadows

Kary H.:Ha, Saroj!

Edith Sutterlin:all of above ;-) clothing

Jennifer Heston:I just read a book called Little Honeybee by Jan Ormes for a storytime about insects today.

Eric Dunncliff:I did some STEM Storytime Kits : Outer Space, Let's Build, Minerals, and At the Beach.

Amanda Young:Often food, or seasons, or just as a story stretcher, just to browse in the middle of storytimes

Stacy Amith:I agree Saroj! I was overwhelmed trying to decide on one or two to type!

Lea Stone:Bugs

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Teresa Breach: Usually do something with colors for my toddler classes

Lea Stone: Fossils

margo storozuk: great ideas on this chat. i can't read them fast enough. Hope we can get a copy of this chat!

Sally M: had a hard time explaining Womens History Month to 4 year olds..

Mary Augugliaro - Infopeople: A transcript of the chat will be included with the archive recording

Edith Sutterlin: New one we just go- Syrian child refugees - My beautiful birds," by Suzanne Del Rizzo - just received new picture book.

Sarah Sellon - Ely Public Library: We love these older topics as story time for school aged kids in the summer at outreach. They love to hear the true stories.

Stacy Amith: In November I did an election storytime and we elected our favorite book character for President. Fun!

Evan Kendrick: That's such a great idea, Stacy!

Jen 2: @Edith, two more great refugee books: The Journey by Francesca Sanna and Stepping Stones by Margriet Ruurs

Stacy Amith: Remind me to tell you a funny story about my election storytime later, Evan!

Emily: Seen Art is a good sorta-informational art museum book

Emily: LOVE One Family!

Ricardo Ramirez: thank you for sharing these

Evan Kendrick: Will do!!

Michelle Callaghan: Radiant Child is a great one- on the theme of art, etc.

Elizabeth Maggio 2: lots of great info here...signing off now...

Marianne: Carole Boston Weatherford is a wonderful author for historical topics. For example, Freedom on Congo Square - recently won a CSK honor.

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Michelle Callaghan:A Family is a Family is a Family is a gorgeous book about family diversity!

Jesse:LGBT

Edith Sutterlin:India

margo storozuk:Russian...Ukrainian

Stacy Amith:Just had a display on kindness and differences and it was super popular! Couldn't keep it refilled fast enough!

Jodi Laughlin 2:ecuador

Ricardo Ramirez:Hmong!

Heather Runnels:African refugees

Teresa Breach:interesting urban african american and hispanic

Ann Wagner:Ethiopia

margo storozuk:Stacy, great display for Build a Better World!

Alan Bern:middle east

Ricardo Ramirez:yES!

Jesse:American Indian / First Nation

Michelle Callaghan:There is one book just out called 'This Is How We Do It' that rep's seven families day to day around the world- it is great!

Stacy Amith:Asian Indian

debra seufer:LGBT - Red - A crayon's story by I think Hall. Trans without actually mentioning the topic specifically

Jennifer Heston:Red is a very popular book at our library

Jen 2:Salaam Reads -- imprint of Simon and Schuster (Muslim children's books)

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Alan Bern:from Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers Salaam Reads
<http://about.simonandschuster.biz/news/salaam-reads/> and <http://salaamreads.com/>

Jess Lamson:Introducing Teddy is my favorite new trans book. It's not an 'issue' book it's just a story about frinds!

Kathryn:I'm going to get these for my branch

Edith Sutterlin:My son in law got those baby loves science type books for our grandson at 6 months-- and still reading with him at 12 months

Edith Sutterlin:Dad likes to read them to the baby.

Stacy Amith:Another book about LGBT/Trans without being too specific is Worm Loves Worm!

Kristin Schneider:Worm Loves Worm just won a MN Book Award for Best Children's Book!

Emily:First the Egg

Stacy Amith:Yay!!

Ann Cox:Raindrops Roll

Ann Wagner:Lifesize Zoo

margo storozuk:Great!!

Emily:The Water Hole

Sarah Mae:Lois ehlert's books

Jennifer Heston:Step Gently Out

Michelle Callaghan:Do You Know Which Ones Will Grow? is a fun picture book with fold-outs!
Always popular!

Sondra Presley:we do them in our toddler storytime!\

Emily:LMNO Peas

Amanda Young:I like that one too, Michelle!

Michelle Callaghan:Yay! :-)

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margo storozuk:Looking down the list, I just ordered Hooray for birds! Beautiful illustrations ! I love it!

Kary H.:Oh, I love Do You Know Which Ones Will Grow? Thanks for reminding me!

Kathryn:How long do your storytimes usually last? My preschool and two year olds ones are only a half hour. Lapsit is an hour (includes play time)

Evan Kendrick:Preschool storytime is 30 minutes. Toddler storytime is 20.

Edith Sutterlin:I have Hooray for Birds at my desk. planing on.

Kary H.:I do outreach storytimes at preschools (30 minutes for 4 year olds; 20-25 for 3 year olds and 15-20 for 2 year olds)

Saroj Ghoting:Bullfrog books such as Machines at Work: Tractors

Michelle Callaghan:Will be trying out Hooray for Birds later today for a preschool visit!

jolyn bullock:our story time is 30 minutes

Lois McAuliffe:Lap Sit for infants & Toddlers is 1/2 hour, STEAM Story Time with lots of informational books is 45 minutes

Saroj Ghoting:Scholastic Discover More series

Edith Sutterlin:20-30 mins for infant/toddler, 30-40 for preschool storytime

Jess Lamson:Toddler/preschool storytime last 30 minutes with fingerplays, songs and shaker eggs built in.

Saroj Ghoting:Garth Stevens publisher has several good series including My Body Does Strange STuff: How Do Cuts and Bruises Heal?

margo storozuk:ours is 1/2 hour followed by craft. we break it up with songs and physical activity.

nrussell:I came on a bit late. Can you tell me where to find the handouts?

Michelle Callaghan:Usually half over; if we do a storytime with craft, then 45 to 60 minutes!

Eric Dunncliff:I do 20 -25 minutes plus 15-20 minute craft or STEM activity

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Liz Tarnove:Peanut Butter is also a problem for those with allergies.

Saroj Ghoting:Acorn books from Heineman such as Watch It Grow: A Chicken's Life

Chuck OShea - Infopeople:<https://infopeople.org/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=660>

Evan Kendrick:I just used that for my garden storytime. It was cute.

Michelle Callaghan:Sorry- usually half hour for our storytimes. Sometimes we do 20-25, depending on the audience's attention.

Saroj Ghoting:Mighty Machines: Diggers and others from Firefly Books

Evelyn:I just used Plant the Tiny Seed last week and the kids loved it.

Sally M:thinking about doing Plant the tiny seed as a fingerplay

Edith Sutterlin:Water is water -- used last year with Silicon Valley Reads-- it is gorgeous.

Teresa Breach:I either do multiple story times at a ministry daycare or go from place to place to several inhome daycares each morning I work. Mine are usually about 20 minutes. When I worked in a branch they were about 25-30 minutes with another 15-20 minute craft or activity.

Evelyn:I do bilingual will use that one great

Kathryn:I would like to include a craft, but I am usually fighting the half hour time limit. Maybe I can place the craft in the children's area after storytime

Evan Kendrick:Sally, I think that's a good idea. I didn't think it was as good as her first book.

Teresa Breach:Am using a bilingual one for food this month -- No More Por Favor

Jennifer Heston:Nest by Hurley pairs well with nonfiction books about birds.

margo storozuk:It's Book Order Time!! Great ideas! Great selections.

Ricardo Ramirez:This has been an exceptional presentation! Thank you.

Evelyn:Just put a few of these books on hold. Found that our main branch has just ordered and are in process for most of these which is great.

Alan Bern:Excellent, Penny!

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Kathryn:I know Margo! Our picture book selector just asked me for suggestions...I am sending her all of these!

Michelle Callaghan:Such a terrific presentation- thank you!!!

Liz Tarnove:Thank you, Penny!

Tracy Clair 2:Thank you!

Stacy Amith:So motivated to do this now! Thanks, Penny!

Michelle Kiker:Thanks so much for so many great ideas -- very worthwhile!

Kim Stanford:Wonderful! Thank you, Penny!

Saroj Ghoting:Great job, Penny!

Amanda Young:Thank you very much, Penny! Wonderful ideas,as usual, thank you! :)

APL:Thank you for another great webinar!

Jen 2:Thanks Penny -- this was fantastic!!

Jess Lamson:So many great ideas here. Thank you so much!

Kary H.:Thank you, Penny! Great titles shared.

Linda adams:I have been using a series of new Non-Fic by M.J. York. Easy readers with great pictures

Teresa Breach:Thank you. This was great!

Saroj Ghoting:So glad you did this!

Jodi Laughlin 2:great helpful information

S. Marr:thank you! :)

Jeff T.:As always, super informative! Thank you, Penny!

Jen:thank you Penny for a great webinar!

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Donna Holmen:Thank you, Penny!

Jennifer Heston:Lots of great ideas! Thank you!

Emily:Thank you, Penny!

Donna Holmen:Thank you all!

Christi:Thank you!

Kristin Schneider:Thaks you so much Penny!!

Marianne:Great info. Thanks!

Heather Allen:Thank you!

jolyn bullock:Thank you

Jesse:Thanks Penny, much appreciated!

Padma:Thank You!

Connie Flores:Thank you :)

Michelle Kiker:I'm excited to get planning, thanks Penny!

Dyan:Thank you!

Lana Winchester-Tucker:I'm new to storytime and my head is SWIMMING with all these great ides!!!!

Cathy:thanks

Lea Stone:Thank-you this was great!

nrussell:Such a truly helpful webinar. LOVE the presenter"s voice and excited tone!

Edith Sutterlin:Thank you Penny. I have NEVER been disappointed when I hear you speak.

vivian rutherford:thank you!

Sarah Sellon - Ely Public Library:thank you!

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Lois McAuliffe:Very useful - Thanks!

Mary Yee:Bravo!