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 kids 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 times 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
Mary W: monthly
Danea 2: rarely
Mynda: rarely
Tracy Clair 2: monthly
Sondra Presley: very often
Leslie Sterian: Monthly
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
Heather Runnels: About 2 or 3 times per week.

Jolyn Bullock: Sometime

Jess Lamson: Not often enough!

Armin: Often

Heather Allen: Monthly

Elizabeth Maggio: 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: 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
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 seuffer: 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"
Informational Books for Storytime
April 12, 2017
Chat Archive

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 Freyman 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 Freyman 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!
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.
Informational Books for Storytime
April 12, 2017
Chat Archive

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 nrussel!

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
Informational Books for Storytime
April 12, 2017
Chat Archive

Alan Bern: bears
Michelle Callaghan: Counting, nature!
Kathryn: Anything on Animals,
Jodi Laughlin: reptiles
Emily: animals, construction/transportation, seasons
Elizabeth Maggio: 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
S. Marr: solids, liquids, gas

nrussell: Seasons, Snow


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 Dunnicliff: 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
Informational Books for Storytime
April 12, 2017
Chat Archive

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 Women's History Month to 4 year olds.

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


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.
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 dud 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)
Informational Books for Storytime
April 12, 2017
Chat Archive

Alan Bern: from Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers Salaam Reads

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

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! :-}
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 Dunnicliff: I do 20 -25 minutes plus 15-20 minute craft or STEM activity
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 storytimes 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!
Informational Books for Storytime
April 12, 2017
Chat Archive

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!
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 ideas!!!!

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!
Informational Books for Storytime
April 12, 2017
Chat Archive

Lois McAuliffe: Very useful - Thanks!

Mary Yee: Bravo!