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The staff at the McMinnville Public Library's Children's Services will be more than happy to assist you with ideas and information about early literacy or to recommend age appropriate titles for your children.

Please contact us at the library, in person, at our new blog, www.growingreaders2.blogspot.com and at our website, www.maclibrary.org.

If you want to email us, please send your emails to Diana Anderson, Children's Librarian
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Growing Readers

Every Child Ready to Read @ your Library Summer Listening Program for Little Ones

Your little one need not miss out on all the fun of Summer Reading. Like his or her older siblings enrolled in the Summer Reading program, kids 5 and under who are not reading yet can enjoy programs, books and prizes by listening to a parent, sibling or other caregiver read picture books. The prizes include a rubber duckie, a book and a book bag, depending on the amount of picture

books read to the child.

The Summer Listening program is all about having fun with books and language with the added benefit of having a good time together. As I have stressed over and over; *reading aloud to your child is one of the best ways to help him/her with learning to read once they enter school.*

6 Early Literacy Skills

Print Motivation
Vocabulary
Print Awareness
Narrative Skills
Phonological Awareness
Letter Knowledge



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What is Early Literacy?

Early Literacy is what a child knows about reading and writing before they can actually read or write.



Summer Story Times



Emergent Reader Story Times

1/2 hour of fun for 4 & 5 year olds that includes lively stories, silly songs, finger plays, crafts and lots of smiles!
10:00 Tuesdays, June 29— July 27

Infant - Toddler Story Times

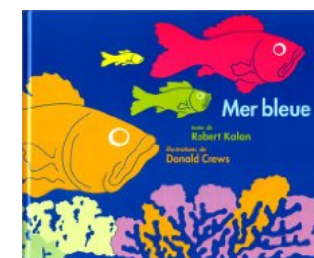
30 minute sessions with stories, songs, finger plays, storyboards & LOTS OF FUN! The emphasis is on smaller children (infants & toddlers) but older siblings are welcome to tag along.
10 and 10:45 Wednesdays, June 30—July 28

Busy Hands and Feet

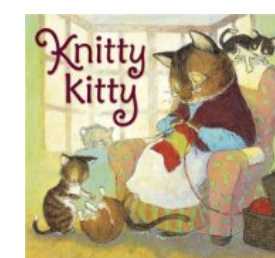
Children 6 and younger will enjoy a super high energy half hour of stories, music, movement and sign language.
10:30 Thursdays, June 24, July 8 and 22.

While away some reading time at the park with your child.

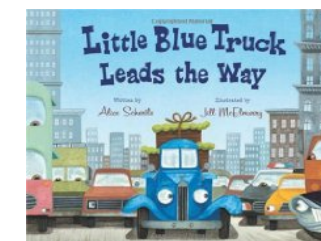
New Books for Preschoolers



Blue Ocean by Robert Kalan



Knitty Kitty by David Elliott



Little Blue Truck Leads the Way by Alice Schertle

Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.

Emilie Buchwald

Curious George® Reading Program Tips on Pre-Reading Skills



In every issue of our newsletter, Growing Readers, we provide special tips about one or more of the important Early Literacy skills that will give your child the building blocks to be a successful reader once they enter school. Excerpts are from the Curious? Read! Program.

Vocabulary is knowing the names of things. It helps children understand what they read. It helps children recognize words when they try to sound them out.
You help by:
 Talking with your child
 Repeating words over and over again
 Explaining words your child does not know.

Activities by Age

BABIES
 Your baby learns words by hearing them. Babbling is the first step of talking. When you name parts of the body, be both specific and general. As you talk with your baby throughout the day, think of new words to add to what you already say.

TODDLERS
 Language spoken directly to a child is most effective in building strong language skills. Play and talk with your child. While your child is playing, describe what he is doing, "You're pushing the car up the ramp."

TWO- AND THREE-YEAR OLDS
 Language spoken directly to a child is most effective in building strong language skills. Use the time your child would normally be watching a TV program to play and talk with your child.

FOUR- AND FIVE-YEAR-OLDS
 Help your child learn new words by describing his play. If he is playing with blocks, say, "You're stacking them higher and higher. It looks like a skyscraper." Have your child draw a picture using different color crayons. Talk about the colors, not just blue, but sky blue, teal, navy blue.

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Web Resources

Websites Information about brain development, early literacy and recommended book titles for those children 0-5 years old are plentiful. In this section, we will give you suggestions on topics focused on dealing with literacy.

Zero to Three website:
[http://www.zerotothree.org/early-care-education/early-language-literacy/tips-and-](http://www.zerotothree.org/early-care-education/early-language-literacy/tips-and-tools.html)

[tools.html](http://www.getreadytorread.org/content/view/95/104/)
 Has a handy tips and tools page on literacy and language.

Get Ready to Read website:
<http://www.getreadytorread.org/content/view/95/104/>

This website from Georgia State Library system has plenty of information including games for kids.

~A book is like a garden carried in the pocket.~

Chinese proverb



MAKE A SPLASH © YOUR LIBRARY

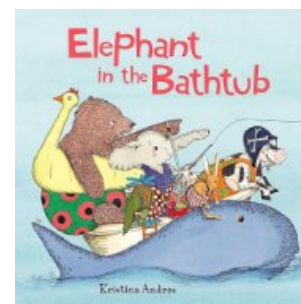
Here are some great picture books following this summer's theme of water. Bathtubs, oceans, rivers, frogs, fish and other assorted creatures populate the new books for summer. Many new picture books are available and here is a small sampling:



Four friends find adventure at the beach. A great read-aloud.

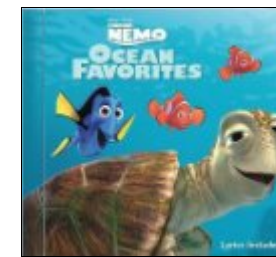


Lulu, who likes to wear a ladybug costume, goes to the beach for the first time and makes sand castles, flies kites, and deals with her fear of the ocean.

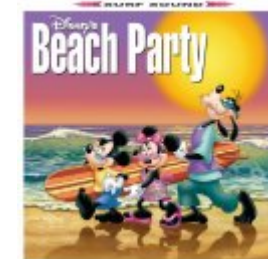


One day Elephant filled the bathtub with water and got in. There was still plenty of room, so Cat climbed in too. Then Baby Giraffe dropped in. Then Bear . . . and Alligator . . . and Cow . . . and . . . This is a bathtub bound for adventure! (from amazon.com)

New Music CDs in the Children's Room



Finding Nemo Ocean Favorites



Disney's Beach Party



Catch a Wave : Beach songs for Kids

Young children love music and it is beneficial for developing young minds.



Splish-Splash!
 Summer Fun!

Summer Art Activities

Summer is a great time to explore art activities. Just set up a picnic table with a drop cloth and a few art supplies and off they go. Having the activities outside make for very little worry about spills and messes. Here are a few craft sites with activities for preschoolers.

First-School Preschool Activities and Crafts
<http://www.first-school.ws/theme/crafts.htm>
 First-School features free fun preschool lesson plans, educational early childhood activities, printable crafts, worksheets, calendar of events and other resources for children of

preschool age.
 How about crafts using recycled materials?
 The Best Kids Book Site Ever website.
<http://thebestkidsbooksite.com/crafts-materials.cfm>