Preschool Pages

Book Recommendations, Early Literacy Tips, and More from the Deerfield Public Library Youth Services Department

Book Recommendations

This story begins with a new rooster coming to town to start his new job crowing in the morning. But he doesn't speak English or any of the other languages that the animals speak; he speaks Pig Latin! This tale shows how even if we fail at first to communicate, we can learn how to create community and be connected to each other.

Caldecott medalist Michaela Goade is back with even more gorgeous illustrations! Take a walk with a young girl and her grandmother as they gather herring eggs, seaweed, and, of course, lots of berries! A perfect book to talk about being thankful for the land and the people in our lives.

Frank loves being a spider, making webs, scaring people, and having 8 legs. When he wakes up one day with only 7 legs, he has an identity crisis. Thanks to his kind, buggy friends, he realizes that he is still a spider. Speaking to issues of being differently abled, this book highlights acceptance and feeling sure of one's place in the world.

JaNay Brown-Wood's latest book is a wonderful addition (haha) to the great Storytelling Math series. Tyson might be younger and smaller than his brothers, but he can still think BIG. He's the only one to find a creative solution to the problem of how to rescue the family's trapped gerbil. Celebrating math, proportional thinking, and diversity, this book is a delight!

Did You Know?

We have a fantastic Early Reader collection that's just right for your preschooler! "Early Reader" doesn't mean that the child is reading on their own. It does mean great books of varying lengths, many of them shorter than picture books. Also, if you're looking for a favorite character, from Star Wars to superheroes, from Elephant & Piggie to Elsa, you'll find many options here. Each level gets progressively harder, with more complicated sentence structure, more advanced vocabulary, and longer chapters or stories. These books make great readalouds!
Author/Illustrator Spotlight

JULIE FLETT

Sometimes an author or illustrator has so many great titles, we wish we could name them all! This month, we want to highlight the work of Julie Flett! She is a Cree-Métis author and illustrator whose work centers Indigenous people. She has illustrated many wonderful works, but here are some of our favorites!

Early Literacy Tips

Names are special, so a child's first name makes a great starting point for learning letters! Help your child learn the letters in their name. Count how many letters are in their name. Play a game by thinking of other words that start with the same first letter (J is for JaNay and jump and jaguar and jelly). This builds letter knowledge, phonological awareness, and alliteration (paying attention to the smaller as well as the beginning sounds of words).