

# Preschool Pages

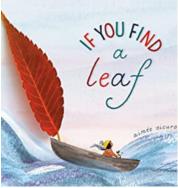


Book Recommendations, Early Literacy Tips, and More from the Deerfield Public Library Youth Services Department

#### **Book Recommendations**



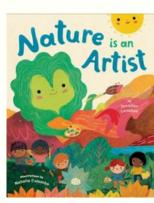
This book by Nina Crews begins with a boy going out into his backyard on his own for the first time. He feels grown-up and big, before comparing himself to the great world around him, which once again makes him feel small. Through simple text and an every day setting, Crews shows the contrast between small and large.



These illustrations are the perfection inspiration for fall crafts and adventures! Read as a girl finds leaves in different shapes and colors. She then imagines all the ways they could be used, like a hat, or a parachute, or even a hammock! You can also use the end pages as a guide for what types of trees live near you based on their leaves' shapes.



When Ayaan's friends make fun of him and say he doesn't LOOK like a superhero, he doesn't feel so super, despite his cape and kind ways. After a pep talk with his dad, Ayaan is reminded that anyone can be a superhero, no matter what they look like. This book is a great lesson in how we can ALL be heroes in our own ways.



This book is a perfect accompaniment to our Early Literacy Tip of playing with leaves! This beautifully illustrated book shares rhymes about how nature creates, and the author shares ideas for how to create your own masterpieces based on nature's beauty.

### News You Can Use

Have you seen? We have a revamped website, starting 10/18! Check out our newly designed Kids page to see all the great resources we have. You can find information about programs, see early childhood organizations in our area, get recommendations (like read-a-louds if you're a mystery reader!), and other helpful online resources. You'll find some old favorites, like our Storytimes-to-Go, or you might find something new to use. We even have a 3D virtual tour of the library! Check it out today.



## Author/Illustrator Spotlight

#### HENA KHAN

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 Hena Khan! Khan writes wonderful picture books that center family, culture, and faith. Many of her books are stories in rhyme and make for wonderful read-alouds.













# **Early Literacy Tips**

Pretend play is a great way to prepare your child for new experiences! The two of you can role play what your child could do in a new experience, like meeting a new person or doing something new. You can also prepare for the winter and ask your child what they remember doing in the snow and act it out with fallen leaves!





Fallen leaves make for great playthings! Glue a leaf onto a piece of paper, add arms and legs, and write a shared story about your leaf's adventures! You can do rubbings (lay a piece of paper over the top of a leave and rub with the side of a crayon) or make prints (paint a leaf, then press it onto a piece of paper, and lift up). Count how many leaves of one kind you find versus another kind. Which is more? Which is less? Have a leaf "fight" instead of snowball fight! Or have fun the traditional way: rake a pile of leaves and jump right in!