Preschool Pages

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

Book Recommendations

Kiwi is having some trouble reaching a rope at the top of the book. He needs your help! This silly, laugh-out-loud book is full of fun interactions. Shake the book, push a button, and follow Kiwi's other instructions to help this flightless bird reach new heights!

Wanda is a superstar! Or so she says. Wanda wants to be alone in the spotlight. But what happens when it's her dog, Wilbur, who goes viral and gains fame? Will she be happy for him? This fun story on internet celebrity shows what friendship is really all about.

Cornbread and Poppy are best friends AND are very different from each other. Cornbread loves to plan and prepare; Poppy is more free-spirited. When winter rolls around, as it always does, Poppy finds herself without any food. Can the two friends find a solution together? This sweet early reader is full of adventure and friendship.

Mo is back in his beloved early reader series, but this time he's on skates! He's a bit wobbly on the ice, but Mo keeps practicing. Advice from his dad and his friend helps him, and Mo is motivated to then help his hockey team. But will he get off the bench in time? Perfect for sports fans or anyone who likes cheering for the underdog!

Did You Know?

The Early Reader collection isn't the only place to find "early reader" titles! You can also discover them in the nonfiction section. Is there a particular topic your child loves, like an animal or trucks? Chances are we have an early reader on that topic! We organize our nonfiction section by topic, so come take a look at our shelves, search for that topic, or ask us for help! Also, we even have some early readers in our Read Along collection. Kids can listen and follow along as they learn about topics that interest them the most.
Author/Illustrator Spotlight

ANGELA JOHNSON

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 Angela Johnson! Her picture books and non-fiction picture book celebrate everything from imagination to the power of girls to the joys of the everyday.

Early Literacy Tips

Many childhood favorite songs are actually stories! Songs such as "The Itsy Bitsy Spider" have a beginning, middle, and an end, helping introduce kids to narrative structure. You can have fun by rewriting these stories together with new characters and actions while keeping the tune the same. Making silly suggestions but keeping the overall structure can help your child become a storyteller!

Singing songs together is fun, it improves your vocabulary, AND it helps your memory! When we sing, a different part of our brains is activated. That's the reason you can remember the phone number from a commercial jingle for a company you've never used before! Music helps us retrieve memories and creates new ones, so be sure to sing together with your little one!