

Preschool Pages

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

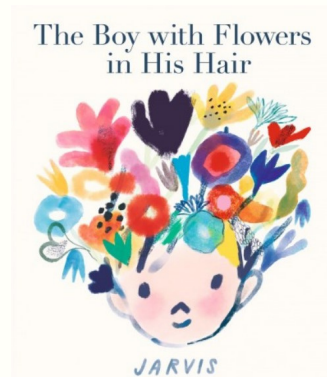
Book Recommendations



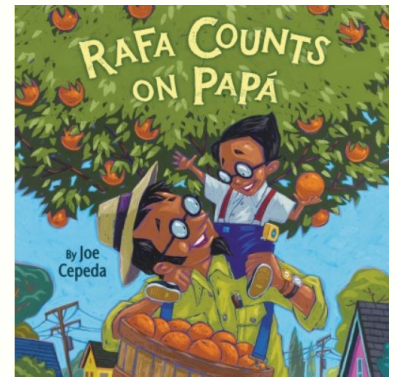
Rafael is tired of his little sister, Essie, always playing with his toys. So Rafael decides to build a wall to keep Essie out, through trial and error, before realizing what Essie really wants. This is a book in the Storytelling Math series and has lots of great activities and questions at the end for further learning and experimenting!



This picture book follows a dachshund that is just too hot! Summer in the city becomes too much, so this pup and his owner escape to the sea. While the simple sentences make this book an easy read, these illustrations are lush and full of detail, encouraging readers to make an escape of their own into these pages.



Everyone likes David, the boy with flowers in his hair. However, when his petals fall off, he's left with scratchy branches that make the other children afraid of him. The solution David's best friend comes up with is kind and beautiful. A gentle introduction to how to face difficult times, this is an important story.



Rafa loves to count and measure. Papá loves that too! Together they count and measure everything from races to the length of Rafa's train. One measurement is tricky: how much do they love each other? Is love deep? Wide? Tall? The answer they discover is just right!

News You Can Use

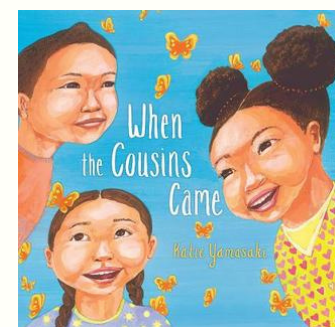
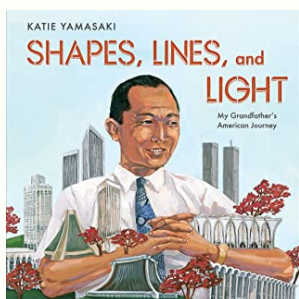
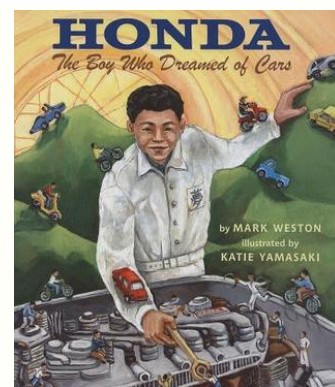
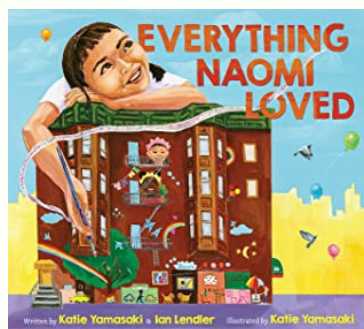
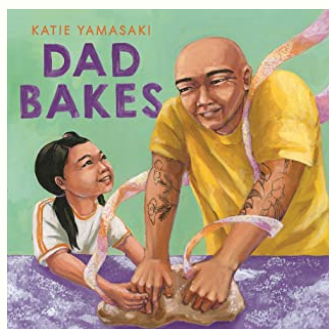
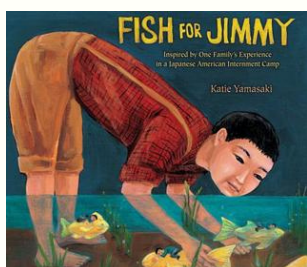
Did you know the Deerfield Public Library has fun virtual activities available? We've created a Choose Your Own Story series, based on the Choose Your Own Adventure stories. You can [Travel the World with Paddington](#) or help [Pete the Cat solve a mystery](#). Choose Your Own Adventure stories are fun because they allow us to create a unique reading experience. They're also a great way to create predictions and discuss what happened based on our choices.



Author/Illustrator Spotlight

KATIE YAMASAKI

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 Katie Yamasaki! Yamasaki writes and illustrates her picture books. She creates tales of friendship and community, showing the ways we are connected to one another. Yamasaki also has free, printable coloring pages and activities for some of her books on [her website!](#)



Early Literacy Tips

Two of our picture book recommendations this month feature math. Sharing this type of picture book with your preschooler helps them be more comfortable with math concepts, from counting to shapes (geometry) and more! Since children learn their shapes before they learn letters, you can use that knowledge to make connections to letters: an A is like a triangle; C is curved, and an O is a circle!



Picture books are amazing sources of new vocabulary for your child. "Rare" words, or words beyond the 10,000 typically used, are almost twice as prevalent in picture books as in everyday conversation...**even** if that conversation is between adults! When a child hears a word in a story, they will have an easier time decoding that word when they're ready to start reading!

