This alphabet book follows the traditional format of A is for __. However, a story unfolds as a family loses their dog at a Pride parade. March along with the festivities as they're reunited! The story also doubles as a look & find book with alphabetical suggestions of what to look for at the end!

Explore a plethora of animals in this ABC photo collection. Each spread has beautiful photographs of animals, from ones your kid will know to ones they might see for the first time! Also, the poems come to life with colorful words filling the pages. You can act out the animals or compare and contrast how big they are!

This book begins with an ordinary trip to the grocery store and ends in the title feast. The books' rhymes add a layer of phonological awareness to the mathematical content. Discuss your family's food traditions when you finish reading or ask your child how many plates you'd need for a family feast in your home.

This book is deceptively simple...while your child is counting the cats, they're also being exposed to concepts of multiples of three as well as subtraction. Three cats stack, but nine cats? How many stacks will they need? You can act out this story with blocks or stuffed animals to bring the book to life.

Did You Know?

The Picture Book Collection at DPL has gotten a makeover! We have moved our popular Categories to the front row. Now when you walk in, you'll first see topics such as Alphabet, Disney, Seasons, Things that Go, and more! We based these categories on what the community asked us the most for, and we hope it helps encourage even more reading. This project started over a year ago when we got new bin shelving, and we started our relabeling project to encourage kids to browse and choose books that appeal to them. Come take a look soon!
Author/Illustrator Spotlight

SUZY LEE

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 Suzy Lee. Her inventive and beautiful illustrations are paired with wonderful books, but she also writes and illustrates her own books. Be sure to check them all out!

Early Literacy Tips

While reading a story with your child, talk to them and ask the questions about the story. You two can talk about what the characters are feeling, what they think will happen next, or even if the book reminds them about anything in their own life. And of course, ask your child what they liked about the story and if they want to read more like it! All of this will encourage your kid to want to read more.

As an early literacy skill, talking with your child is a great way to increase their vocabulary. When your child points out a nearby truck, you can respond with, "Yes, that's a backhoe." When walking in the backyard, and your child sees a bird or a flower, you can name it for them and then talk about the characteristics specific to it. ("Male cardinals are bright red." or "Daisies have a lot of petals, don't they?")