



The Lily Pad

Early Literacy Newsletter



Salem Public Library
Fall 2019



Mooooovin' Right Along!

There's all kinds of moving going on. The Discovery Room has a new theme this fall, "Go! Go! Go!" all about transportation and the vehicles that help us get around.

As Autumn rolls around, and the weather becomes cooler, this is also a great time to step outside and move our bodies some more as well. Movement is very good for our brains as well as our bodies.

Go on a nature hike in the park, woods, or a nature trail together, and talk about the changing of the seasons from summer to fall. Ask open-ended questions that encourage your child to notice what is happening as the seasons change (for example, the colors of the

leaves, changes in temperature, the animals preparing for winter). Encourage little ones to hop, skip, and dance through the falling leaves. What kinds of sounds do the leaves make as you move through them? Are the sounds

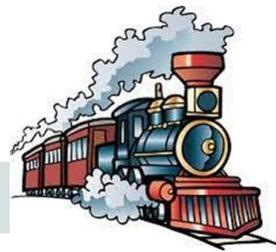


different on a sunny day than on a rainy one? Perhaps collect fallen leaves, and try to identify them in a book or create a leaf collage.

Special Note:

Library staff are also getting ready to move. Main library services will be moving to a new temporary location in 2020 in preparation for the voter-approved seismic upgrade of the downtown building, which is forecasted to be completed in Summer 2021. Library services will continue in the temporary location and at the West Salem branch during the interim.

Storytimes will pause after November 23rd. The new storytime schedule will be determined once the library is in its temporary location at 1400 Broadway St NE.



Fall 2019 Storytime Schedule

Lapsit-Toddler Storytime
11:00 a.m.—Tues & Fri
For parents with babies and toddlers up to 2 1/2 years

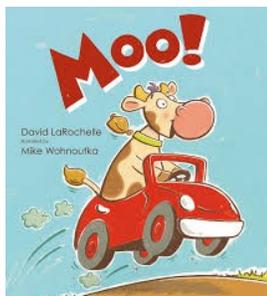
Tiny Tots Playtime
11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Following Lapsit Storytime on Tues & Fri
For parents with babies and toddlers up to 2 1/2 years

Preschool Storytime
10:15 a.m. Tues & Fri
Interactive stories, songs, and movement for children ages 2 1/2 to 6.

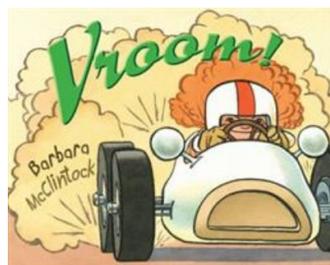
Family Storytime
10:15 a.m.—Saturdays
Interactive stories, songs, and movement for children ages 0—6.

Go! Go! Go! Transportation Fun

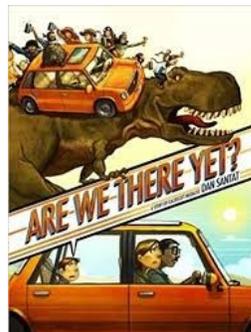
Moo!
by David LaRochelle



Vroom!
by Barbara McClintock



Are We There Yet?
by Dan Santat



Lapsit/Bounce

Down by the Station
Down by the station,
Early in the morning,
See the little puffer bellies,
All in a row.
See the station master
turn the little handle.
Puff! Puff! Toot! Toot!
Off we go!

Social and Emotional Learning for Preschoolers
 For additional titles, check out our "Building Empathy" booklist available at the Children's "Ask Here" desk.

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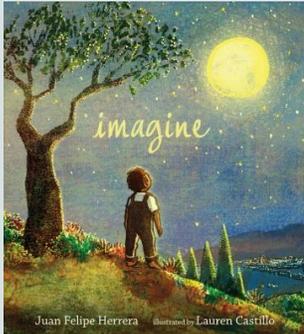
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"The Empathy Effect"

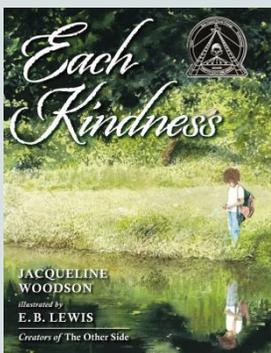
Imagine

by Juan Felipe Herrera
 JP Herrera



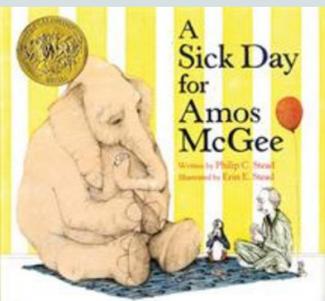
Each Kindness

by Jacqueline Woodson
 JP Woodson



A Sick Day for Amos McGee

by Philip Stead
 JP Stead



Children's social and emotional health affects their overall development and learning. Research shows that the development of a child's social and emotional health is just as important as their physical health. More dramatically speaking, it can directly affect a child's capacity to develop and lead a fulfilling life.

The Committee for Children defines social-emotional learning (SEL) as the process of developing the self-awareness, self-control, and interpersonal skills that will help children succeed in school, work, and life. The development of strong social-emotional skills will help children to better cope

with everyday challenges. Conversely, children who exhibit social and emotional difficulties tend to have trouble following directions and participating in learning activities.

Helping children build empathy skills is a key factor in helping them develop social and emotional skills. Empathy is the ability to imagine how someone else is feeling in a particular situation and respond with care. This is a very complex skill to develop.

Here are some tips for helping your child develop empathy:

1. Empathize with your child.

2. Model empathetic behavior.
3. Talk about others' feelings with your child.
4. Share stories about feelings.
5. Validate your child's difficult emotions.
6. Be patient.

Find more information at <https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/5-how-to-help-your-child-develop-empathy>



Featured Parenting Books

How to Be a Happier Parent: Raising a Family, Having a Life, and Loving (Almost Every Minute)

by Kj Dell'antonia
 306.876 Dellantonia 2018

Activity Kit for Babies and Toddlers at Risk: How to Use Everyday Routines to Build Social and Communication Skills

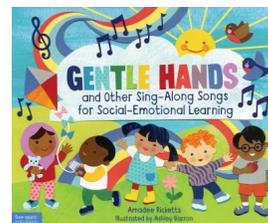
by Deborah Fein
 641.151 Fein 2016

Creating Compassionate Kids: Essential Conversations to Have with Young Children

by Shauna Tominey
 177.7 Tominey 2019

Gentle Hands and Other Sing-Along Songs for Social-Emotional Learning

by Amadee Ricketts
 J 782.4208 Ricketts



Fall Fingerplay

One Little Owl (fingerplay [adapted] from Deschutes Public Library)

One little owl, sitting in a tree.
 Two came to join him, and then there were three.

Three little owls, saying "Whooo Whooo Whooo!"
 One flew away, and then there were two.

Four little owls, played a game for fun.
 Three went to hide, and then there was one.

There was one little owl, and four more arrived.

Now take a look, there are 1...2...3...4...5!

