

New Books for Storytime - 2016

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Useful Websites and Resources

[BayViews Storytime Themes](#)

www.bayviews.org/storytime.html

From the Association of Children's Librarians of Northern California. This blog features read-alike lists of tween novels, programming ideas, and at least two new storytime themes every month. More than 100 storytime themes are listed.

[West Bloomfield Township Public Library](#)

www.growupreading.org/

This library's "Growing Up Reading" site is a great place to start, to learn why we need to offer storytimes, advice for parents, booklists, information on child development, phonemic and print awareness, and other factors important for emergent readers.

[Colorado Libraries for Early Literacy](#)

www.clel.org/fiveearlyliteracypractices

A concise and clear definition of the Five Parent Practices and how to promote these to parents during storytime, as well as definitions of the Six Preliteracy Skills.

[Saroj Ghoting's Resources](#)

www.earlylit.net/

Ghoting's website offers resources for children's librarians on early literacy skills and how storytime can foster those skills.

[Everything Preschool](#)

www.everythingpreschool.com/

Arranged by themes, these lesson plans include books! In fact, the book jackets are shown so you can see which picture books you might have and which may carry well to a group. Under each theme there are also songs, coloring pages, art ideas, recipes, games, and science ideas.

[Preschool Express](#)

www.preschoolexpress.com/theme_station.shtml

Thousands of ideas to enliven your storytime, but no books listed. Go to the "Theme Station" for crafts and activities by theme, the "Story Station" for rhymes and stories to tell, the "Toddler Station" for active movement ideas, the "Pattern Station" for craft printables, and more!

[Best Kids Book Site](#)

www.thebestkidsbooksite.com/storytimes.htm

Hundreds of themes, listing picture books, songs and fingerplays, crafts, and games. This seems very well suited to library preschool storytimes.

[Beyond the Book Storytimes](#)

<http://btbstorytimes.blogspot.com/>

From librarian Steven Englefried, this blog has a wealth of ideas for using puppets in library programs.

[Storytime Katie](#)

<http://storytimekatie.com/>

Katie has been blogging about her storytimes for over five years, and her site has resources for flannelboards, songs and fingerplays, arts and crafts, and much more.

[First School](#)

<http://www.first-school.ws/themes.html>

This site offers many themed outlines that include a craft project; look for those labeled “SP” for Spanish language content.

[Sunflower Storytime](#)

<https://sunflowerstorytime.com/>

Storytime plans, themes, songs, crafts, and many other resources are gathered on this attractive website, created by two children’s librarians.

[Spanish Playground](#)

www.spanishplayground.net

A wealth of items celebrating Spanish are featured on this site, including songs, crafts, and books, which you can use in your bilingual storytimes.

[Family Education Kindergarten Readiness Checklist](#)

www.familyeducation.com/school/kindergarten-readiness/kindergarten-readiness-checklist

This handy checklist can help you describe Kindergarten Readiness skills to parents, so you can point them out during storytimes.

[DLTK Crafts for Kids](#)

www.dltk-kids.com/

Need very simple arts and crafts projects and coloring sheets for preschoolers? Check out this website with crafts that fit every theme and topic.

[Busy Bee Kids Crafts](#)

www.busybeekidscrafts.com/

Like DLTK, the Busy Bee site also has a wealth of very simple kids arts and crafts projects.

[School Library Journal Webinars](#): www.slj.com/category/webcasts/

[Booklist magazine Webinars](#): www.booklistonline.com/webinars

[Infopeople Webinars](#): <https://infopeople.org/training/view/webinar>

Check these sites for other free webinars on children’s books and library programming ideas.

Songs and Fingerplays

[Kididdles](#)

www.kididdles.com/lyrics/allsongs.html

A great resource for song lyrics to popular preschool songs; some of the lyric pages let you hear the music, too.

[Bussongs](#)

<http://bussongs.com/>

Hundreds of songs and fingerplays are listed on this useful site; many of them have video and audio to help you learn a new song.

[Jbrary](#)

<http://jbrary.com/>

For someone who is not musically inclined the Jbrary YouTube channel is very helpful, but it is much more than that. When you need a “pick me up” and refresher course in how to run a storytime, turn to these two ladies.

[Songs for Teaching Fingerplays](#)

www.songsforteaching.com/fingerplays/index.htm

[Songs for Teaching Action Songs](#)

www.songsforteaching.com/movement.htm

The Fingerplays area has a great list of commonly used fingerplays; many come with an audio clip so you can learn the melody. There are also photos of a person doing the fingerplay, so you can copy the movement. There is also an area for action songs; many of these also include an audio clip.

[CanTeach](#)

www.canteach.ca/elementary/songspoems.html

Poems and songs listed by theme, this is intended for teachers but does list links for school librarians that can be helpful.