

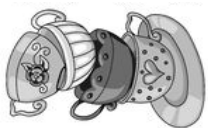
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Preschool Pages



Welcome!

Each year brand new books are published for all ages and here at the Orland Park Public Library we strive to provide as many of these new books for you as possible. I take special interest in those published for preschoolers because I work so closely with that age group. I love finding great new books that are unique and interesting or ones that are very reminiscent of the classics. This year there have been some absolutely amazing books published and I would like to share some of those with you that are perfect for your preschooler. You can see all of these (and more!) at OPPL, so come on in and check out some of these new stories to share!

- Lora Van Marel

Check It Out!

Blue Chameleon by Emily Gravett (E GRAVETT, EMILY)

A lonely chameleon tries to change his color and shape to fit in with other animals, including the swirly snail, the pink cockatoo, and the green grasshopper, but he cannot find anyone that is just like him.

Happy Pig Day! By Mo Willems (ER WILLEMS, MO NEW)

Piggie celebrates her favorite day of the year, but Gerald the elephant is sad, thinking that he cannot join the fun.

I Want My Hat Back by Jon Lassen (E LASSEN, JON NEW)

A bear almost gives up his search for his missing hat until he remembers something important, in a cumulative tale with a mischievous twist.

I'm a Shark by Bob Shea (E SHEA, BOB)

A boastful shark is not afraid of anything, which impresses his underwater friends until they ask about spiders.

Little White Rabbit by Kevin Henkes (E HENKES, KEVIN)

As he hops along a little rabbit wonders what it would be like to be green as grass, tall as fir trees, hard as rocks, and flutter like butterflies.

Mitchell's License by Hallie Durand (E DURAND, HALLIE)

Mitchell never wants to go to bed until, at the age of three years, nine months, and five days he gets his license so that he can drive there--at least until he and the car have a disagreement about what fuel goes in the tank.

PRESS HERE **Press Here** by Herve Tullet (E TULLET, HERVE)

Press the yellow dot on the cover of this book, follow the instructions within, and embark upon a magical journey! Each page of this surprising book instructs the reader to press the dots, shake the pages, tilt the book, and who knows what will happen next! Children and adults alike will giggle with delight as the dots multiply, change direction, and grow in size! Especially remarkable because the adventure occurs on the flat surface of the simple, printed page, this unique picture book about the power of imagination and interactivity will provide read-aloud fun for all ages!

Rah, Rah, Radishes! A Vegetable Chant by April Pulley Sayre (J 641.3 SAY NEW)

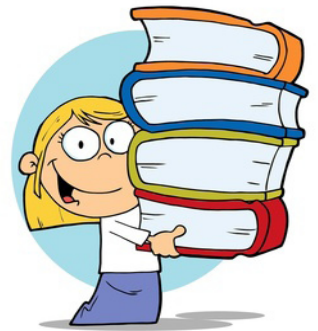
Know any kids who don't like veggies? Here is a book that's sure to change their hungry minds! With a raucous rhyming text, *Rah, Rah Radishes* celebrates fresh vegetables, nature's bright colors, and the joy of healthy eating. The book's interactive spirit encourages kids to join in on the read-aloud fun, and little ones won't be able to resist the book's vibrant photographs--they're a feast for the eyes!

Red Sled by Rita Judge (E JUDGE, LITA NEW)

In this almost wordless picture book, a host of woodland creatures take a child's sled for a nighttime joy ride. Their whimsical ride is gorgeously depicted in bold watercolor, complemented by humorous expressions and pitch-perfect sound effects. With a timeless tone and classic characters, *Red Sled* will become a wintertime favorite.

You Will Be My Friend! by Peter Brown (E BROWN, PETER NEW)

Lucy, a young bear, starts her day determined to make a new friend but her enthusiasm leads to all sorts of problems until, just as she is about to give up, an unexpected friend finds her.



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Mark Your Calendar...

Night Owl Story Time

Thursdays, January 5-May 24, 6:30 p.m.

Little ones, ages birth-47 months with a parent or adult caregiver, are invited to join us for some soothing tales and songs. 🌟

Cozy Corner Bedtime Story Time

Fridays, January 6-May 25, 7:00 p.m.

Children ages 4 and up. Don't forget to wear your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal. 🌟

Winter Wonderland Cozy Corner

Friday, January 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Children ages 4 and up. Enjoy the wonders of winter by listening to tales sure to warm you up! This Very Special Cozy Corner will be led by members of Teen Inc., the library's teen advisory council. 🌟



Bright Starts Family Storytime

Saturdays, January 7-May 26, at 10:00 a.m.

Children of all ages and their families. Start your weekend off right with stories, finger plays and songs that the whole family can enjoy! 🌟

Some Very Special Bright Starts!

Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.

Children of all ages and their families. Embrace the beautiful languages of our world at these special story times. 🌟

Saturday, January 7.....Chinese

Saturday, February 4.....Polish

Love is in the Air...A Very Special Bright Starts

Saturday, February 11 at 10:00 a.m.

Children of all ages and their families. Enjoy this special Bright Starts that celebrates Valentine's Day! 🌟

Special Programs

LEGO Club!



Sundays, January 15 & February 19

Drop in between 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Children of all ages with parent or caregiver. Be a part of our LEGO club! Bring your imagination and use our LEGOs and DUPLOs to create outstanding structures and more! Parents of children 5 and younger must stay with their child. 🌟

Sunday Family Classics Matinee

Sundays, January 22 & February 26 at 2:00 p.m.

Children of all ages and their parents. Come in from the cold and enjoy a classic movie the whole family will love! 🌟

January 20th: Cinderella

February 26th: Lassie Come Home

Mother and Daughter Yoga

Sundays, January 8 & February 5 at 2:00 p.m.

Mothers and daughters ages 3 & up.

Explore tradition yoga poses, partner poses, and creative movement at this first time mother/daughter program! Registration is now available online or in-person in the Youth Services Department.

The following programs require registration. Registration now available either online or in-person in the Youth Services Department. This seven week session begins the week of January 16.

Toddler Time

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.

OR Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

Children ages 24-35 months with a parent or caregiver. Toddlers will shout with joy with stories, music, and more!

Storybook Fun

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. OR 1:00 p.m.

OR Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. OR 1:00 p.m.

Children ages 3-5. Enter the world of children's books through stories, activities, and more!

Painterly Me

Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16, & 23

4:30 p.m.-5:15 p.m.

Children ages 4-6.

This one-on-one program partners preschool children with high school students to participate in hands on painting activities. Each class will explore a different artist and painting styles. Registration begins Saturday, January 7 at 9:00 a.m. either online or in the Youth Services Department.



Mark your calendars for the Spring story time/program registration! Saturday, March 3rd at 9:00 a.m. either online or in the Youth Services Department.

🌟=No registration is necessary, but space is limited.

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