

Preschool Tidings

From Bethlehem Public Library

News and Information for Parents, Grandparents, and Caregivers

Hello Laura, and welcome to our new quarterly newsletter just for preschool parents (and those who love preschoolers).

We hope you find this information useful. Each quarter will bring new articles, information and book reviews. If we have sent this to you in error, you may unsubscribe at any time at the bottom of this letter. If you know of others who would like this, please forward it to them.

Enjoy, and we'll see you soon at the library!

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Where to Start

What can you do to get your child off to a good start as a reader?

1. Talk to them. About anything! Talk, listen, answer questions. Having day-to-day conversations with children increases the words they hear, the vocabulary they come to understand.
2. Read to them. Introduce your child to pre-reading skills: the correct orientation of letters, books are read from left to right, top to bottom. Use your finger to track the words. Teach them that words on the page convey a message or relate to the pictures.
3. Play with them. Use play-based activities to increase vocabulary and oral language. Use word games to teach them about rhyming, letter-sounds, and the alphabet.

4. Enjoy #1-3. If you are enthusiastic and enjoy these activities, you create excitement for your child.

Phonological Awareness Hearing and understanding that words are made up of smaller sounds.

To create this awareness:

- Sing songs and rhymes
- Count syllables
- Break words down into individual sounds
- Substitute one letter sound for another one to make a new word



Children's academic successes at ages 9 and 10 can be attributed to the amount of talk they hear from birth through age 3.



At certain points your child gets:

- a book store gift certificate
- t-shirt
- book bag
- photo in the paper!

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program

Goal: read 1000 Books before your child reaches age 6 or starts school, whichever comes first.

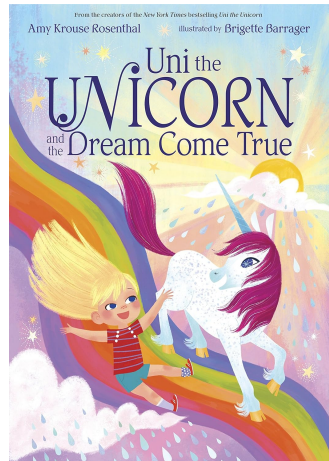
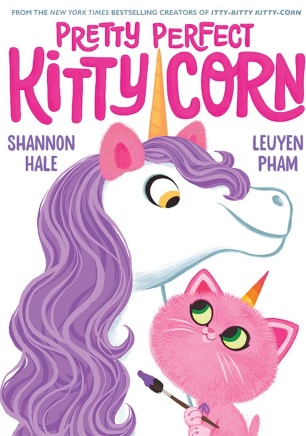
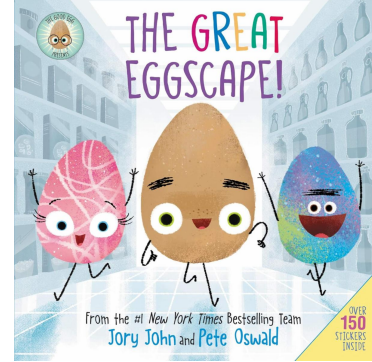
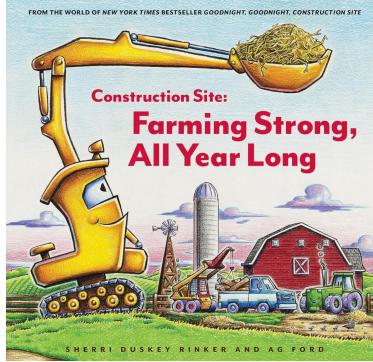
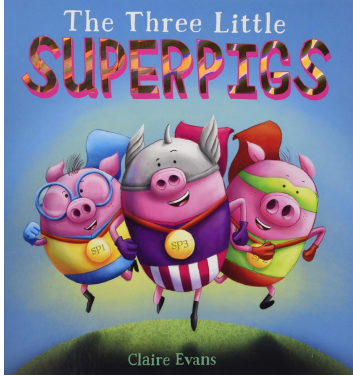
It's Easy!

- Read ANY book
- Read the same book over and over
- Read one book a night
= 365 books in a year
= 730 books in two years = 1,095 books in three years.

[Click here for more information!](#)

Favorite Picture Books at BPL this Year

Click on the book cover to learn more and to reserve for pick up



Preschool Story Time

Tuesdays 10:30am

Stories and activities for ages 2-5 and their caregivers

Upcoming themes:

10/24 Trains,
plus Stay & Play 11am-3pm
with the Thomas Train Set

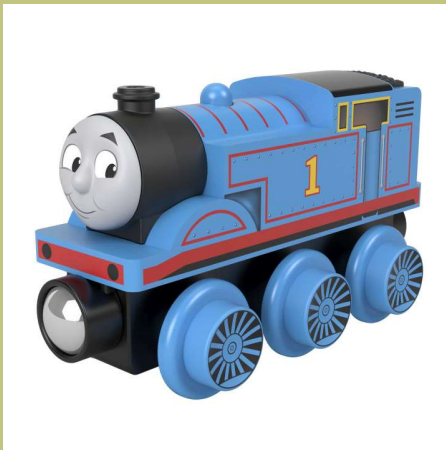
10/31 Halloween

11/7 Colors

11/14 Mail Time!

11/21 Thanksgiving

For future themes, see our website.



Did you know...



We have over 100 board books?

These books are perfect for our littlest patrons, with sturdy pages, and simple words.

This information comes courtesy of:
1000 Books Before Kindergarten
Five from Five
ABCs of Literacy
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