

# Families for Literacy Program Newsletter

## September, 2017

**Tutors: please go over this newsletter (whatever is appropriate) with your adult student and encourage him/her to visit the Story Times with their children, it's a lot of fun!**



**At Redbud Library**, 14785 Burns Valley Rd. Clearlake, **Thursday, 11:00 am.**

**At Middletown Library**: 21256 Washington Street, Middletown, **Tuesdays, 11:30 am.**

**At Lakeport Library**, 1425 N. High St. Lakeport, **Fridays, 10:15 am and 2:30 pm**

*(Moved back from Library Park into the library)*

*A special "Thank you" to all of our wonderful weekly Story time readers (and tutors): Shirley, who is (since 10 years now!) reading every Thursday at Redbud Library in Clearlake; Barbara, reading twice on Fridays at Lakeport Library to a huge crowd, and our "Newbies" going strong now into their 4<sup>th</sup> year: Colleen, Erin, Nyla, Laura and last but not least Davis. Come and check it out on Tuesdays at the Middletown Library. We love you all!*



### Raising a bookworm - II

#### Toddler

☺ Read the same stories over and over again so your child can start making connections between words and pictures. Let your child choose the book that he wants you to read, and read it as often as possible, their favorites are their favorites for a reason.



- ☺ Encourage your child to turn the book's pages.
- ☺ Change your voice to match different characters or the actions taking place.
- ☺ Ask your child to name what is in the picture or what will happen next.

#### Preschooler

- ☺ Have your child follow along by moving your finger under the words as you read.
- ☺ Encourage her to sound out simple words and phrases with you.
- ☺ Ask your kids which character they like best or what they think is going to happen next in the story.
- ☺ Make up a different ending to the story.
- ☺ Do related activities together, like drawing a picture that describes the story.

#### Books

Big books, little books (hold hands out wide, bring together)  
Short books, tall (hold I hand above other, spread apart)  
Thin books, fat books (hold thumb and pointer close together, spread apart)  
I love them all. (place hand over heart)

#### Read a Book

*(tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat)*  
Read, read, read a book,  
Travel anywhere,  
World-wide, you decide:  
A book will take you there.

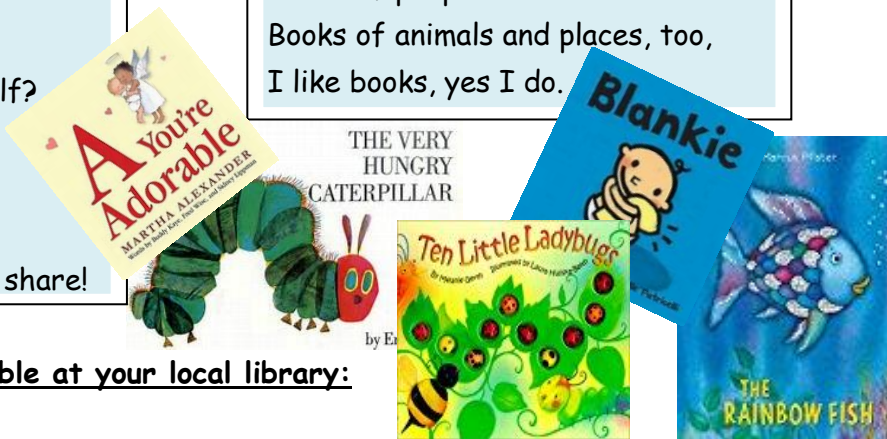
**Toddlers and preschoolers** appreciate books with more elaborate pictures, rhymes, funny words, and interesting stories. Children may be enthralled with books about animals, trucks, princesses, baseball players, or children like themselves. Try out different books with your child to see what he enjoys. There are the time-honored favorites like Dr. Seuss's Cat in the Hat series as well as many new books. Check out bookstores, friends' bookshelves, and of course **your local library!**

### Five Little Books (tune: Five Little Monkeys)

Five little books, sitting on a shelf.  
Look inside, and see a little elf.  
Four little books, all in a row.  
Look inside, see it start to snow.  
Three little books, sitting on the shelf.  
Can you take one and read it for yourself?  
Two little books left on the pile.  
Find one now and read it with a smile!  
One little book, all that is there.  
Found itself a reader who was happy to share!

### I Like Books

I like books, I really do!  
Books with stories and pictures too.  
Books of birds and things that grow.  
Books of people we should know.  
Books of animals and places, too,  
I like books, yes I do.



These all-time favorites are all available at your local library:

#### ● Blankie by Leslie Patricelli

Babies can safely sleep with a blanket **after their first birthday**, and the attachment to them can be fierce. This diaper clad kid who takes a blanket everywhere and talks about it as a friend ("I'm afraid of the dark. But Blankie isn't.") is reassuring to toddlers.

#### ● Ten Little Ladybugs by Melanie Gerth

Touchable, three-dimensional ladybugs and bright, bold illustrations make this a wonderful book for infants. Toddlers can practice their numbers and colors, and identify familiar creatures in the illustrations. Ten Little Ladybugs provides hands-on learning and fun for babies of all ages.

#### ● The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister

A beautiful book, in terms of story and illustrations! Parents will love the message this book teaches about sharing. Also an excellent bed-time story book, thanks to the restful colors and soothing text; the sparkling scales look great by night-light.

#### ● The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

The story of a caterpillar's journey to becoming a butterfly, and his many meals in between, is a favorite for babies and parents. Younger babies will like the bright colors and simple pictures. Toddlers can sharpen their new-found counting skills by counting their way through the caterpillar's snacks. This classic book has been translated into 20 languages!

#### ● A you're adorable

A delicious trip through the alphabet. With charming illustrations this popular song of the 1940s has become a captivating picture book for all ages. Sing along as a lively company of children and assorted pets scamper across the bright pages and through the letters from A to Z. Need any more inspiration? Check out this absolutely adorable short episode with the song from Sesame street.

<http://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=a+you+are+adorable&&view=detail&mid=3D8C9BFF395ACB0BFAC23D8C9BFF395ACB0BFAC2&FORM=VRDGAR>



### Back to School activity: Adorable Bookworm Pencil Toppers

Twist a pipe cleaner around a pencil and glue on "googly" eyes! So easy and cheap!



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