

Families for Literacy Program Newsletter

June, 2018

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, and so important!



- **Middletown Library:** 21256 Washington Street, Middletown, Tuesdays, 11:30 am
- **Redbud Library,** 14785 Burns Valley Rd. Clearlake, Thursday, 11:00 am
- **Upper Lake Library,** 310 2nd St, Upper Lake, every Thursday (during June/July), 2 pm
- **Lakeport Library,** 1425 N. High St. Lakeport, Fridays, 10:15 am and 2:30 pm;
(moves to Library Park, starting June 1st.)

What is the single most important activity a parent can do with their children to ensure their success in school later on?



Reading to them from day one! No special tools or a lot of money needed, you do not even have to be a good reader - it's just you, your child, and a book for quality time together; books are such a great way to bond with your children while also building their vocabulary!

This magical moment however can quickly fall apart when your little angel squirms out of your lap onto the floor, tries to eat the book, or even grabs and throws the book down. But here are several ways to still make this story-time a fun learning experience for both you and your child:



- **Lie or sit on the floor with your little one.**
- **Let them pick their own books and turn the pages.**
- **Read aloud while they crawl around,** no need to sit perfectly still, or even to listen to every word.
- **Read when they are happy and content.** Pick a quiet time of day - after meal time or a bath? Or cuddle in bed together in the morning or at bedtime to look at a book together.
- **Make it fun.** The goal is to keep it pleasant, light, and enjoyable for both of you - not a chore that has to be checked off the to-do list.



- **Visit the library (and attend storytime).** Seeing other kids of all ages enjoying books and listening to someone else read (especially someone who knows a lot about children and reading) can be hugely influential.
- **Read a combination of favorite books and new books.**
- **Make books accessible.** If your baby is a page-ripper, keep board books accessible and put the paper ones higher up until they are a bit older.



- **Audiobooks.** Check out audiobooks from the library or download them onto your phone and play them in the car.
- **Take your books somewhere new.** Bring some books along to the park and read during snack time: it's suddenly new and exciting again.
- **Use the power of music.** Make the book a song activity, or even better yet combine music and movement. If there are animals in the book, you can use "Old McDonald" to talk about and mimic the animals, their sounds and movements. Even if they are not farm animals, your child will not care. Or make up your own song!
- **Don't worry about finishing the book.** It is also not important to read each line on each page. What is more important is the time looking and talking about the pictures together.

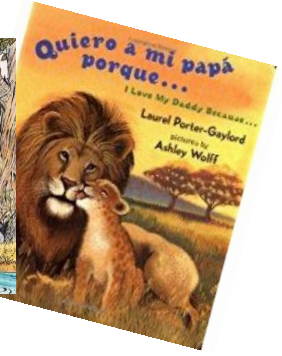
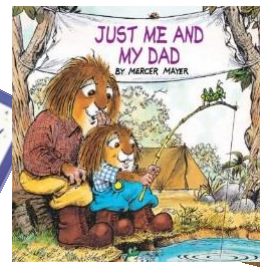
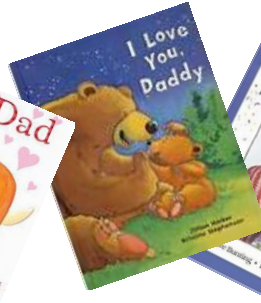


Any book time with your child will teach them to love books and reading.

READ and WIN! Summer Reading Program at the library: programs for babies, toddlers, children, teens, and adults. Even if your child is too young to read by themselves you can sign up and read with them!



Check out these books (and many, many more) available at your library:



I love dad, by Joanna Walsh

A dinosaur father and child share their day, from morning yawns to fantastic bedtime stories, in a celebration of the many wonderful things about fathers.

I love you, daddy, by Jilian Harker

This heartwarming picture book will help show little ones that it's okay to be afraid - and that sometimes, love is all you need to be brave.

A perfect Father's Day, by Eve Bunting

When four-year-old Susie treats her father to a series of special activities for Father's Day, they just happen to be all of her own favorite things.

Just me and my dad, by Mercer Mayer

Little Critter is going on a camping trip with his dad in this classic, funny, and heartwarming book. Whether he and his dad are canoeing, fishing, or building a campfire, parents and children alike will relate to this beloved story. A perfect gift for Father's Day . . . or any day!

Quiero a mi papá porque... = I love my daddy because... by Laurel Porter (English, or bilingual)

Children will love reading about how baby animals spend time with their dads, and daddies everywhere will love celebrating Father's Day.



Two songs, one tune: "Twinkle, Twinkle, little star":

Daddy, daddy let me say
I love you in every way
I love you for all you do
I love you for being you
Daddy, Daddy let me say
Have a happy Father's Day!

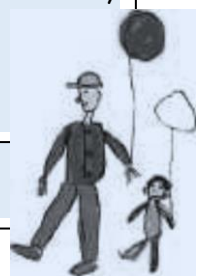
Daddy, it's your special day.
You're the best in every way.
Thank you for the things you do.
You love me, and I love you.
Daddy, it's your special day.
You're the best in every way.



It's Your Special Day (tune: "The Muffin Man")
Daddy, it's your special day,
And it's time for me to say,
I'm glad for all the things you do.
Thank you, Daddy. I love you!

Chant
Daddy, daddy, he's the man!
If he can't do it, no-one can!
A super guy in every way -
That's why we give him a special day! FATHER'S DAY!!!

Rhyme time!
When Daddy puts me on his back,
I seem so very high,
I can see so far away,
And I can touch the sky.



Happy FATHER'S DAY!

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