

Families for Literacy Program Newsletter

October, 2018

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

Lakeport Library, 1425 N. High St. Lakeport, **Fridays, 10:15 am and 2:30 pm**
Middletown Library, 21256 Washington Street, Middletown, **Tuesdays, 11:30 am**
Redbud Library, 14785 Burns Valley Rd. Clearlake, **Thursday, 10:30 am and 3:30 pm**
Upper Lake Library, 310 2nd St, **Wednesdays**-except of first Wednesday of the month, **2:30 pm**

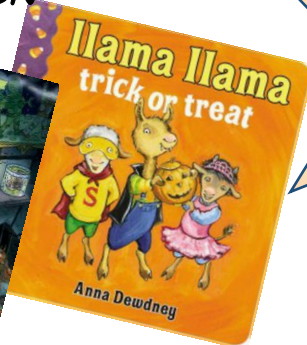
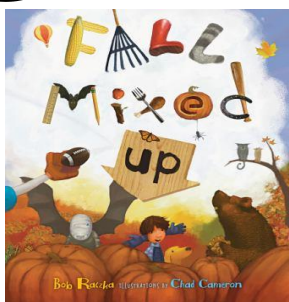


Storytime at the library! Join us for stories, songs, fingerplays and other fun activities, and watch your little ones' language skills blossom and grow - children are never too young to build pre-literacy skills! These free, popular programs introduce children of all ages to the world of books, rhymes and songs to develop their vocabulary. At the same time, the children learn to interact with other children in a group and follow the directions of the reader. Parents can extend the benefits from the Storytime: bring home a stack of books to continue reading to the child, or learn some fingerplays and use them often with their little ones. These help with manual dexterity and language development.

Story Time at Redbud library →



FALL into HALLOWEEN



READ
with us



Check out these Halloween books suited even for the youngest readers! Those and many, many more are available at your local library:

EK! Halloween! by Sandra Boynton:

"There's a big round moon in a dark, dark sky. The chickens are nervous. Witches, wizards, robots, and an alarmingly enormous mouse (eek!) are prowling around town tonight, and it's up to the chickens to get to the bottom of it -- that is, if they can uncover their eyes long enough!"-- Provided by publisher.

Llama llama trick or treat, by Anna Dewdney:

Llama Llama picks out the perfect Halloween costume and goes trick-or-treating with Mama and his friends.

Goodnight Goon: a petrifying parody, by Michael Rex

A young monster says goodnight to all of the other monsters in his bedroom. Ages 1-3

Fall mixup, by Bob Raczka is a fun book for slightly older kids, ages 4 and up: A witty, wacky take on familiar autumnal activities and elements, featuring a young boy and his canine companion.



Halloween songs and fingerplays

We're Not Afraid

tune: "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star"
Ghosts and goblins, cats and bats,
We're not afraid of this or that.
They are only make-believe,
Funny costumes on Halloween.
Ghosts and goblins, cats and bats,
We're not afraid of this or that.

Have you seen the Pumpkin Man *tune: "Muffin Man"*

Have you seen the pumpkin man, the pumpkin man, the pumpkin man?
Have you seen the pumpkin man, who lives in the pumpkin patch?

Have you seen the old black witch, the old, old witch, the old, old witch?

Have you seen the old, old witch, who lives in the haunted house?

Have you seen the scary ghost, the scary ghost, the scary ghost?

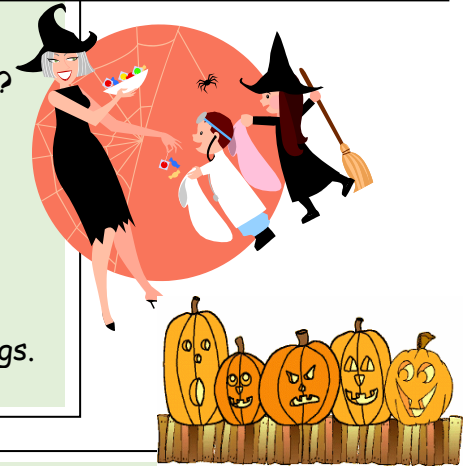
Have you seen the scary ghost, who lives in the old ghost town?

Have you seen the big black bat, the big black bat, the big black?

Have you seen the big black bat, who lives in the cold dark cave?

Yes, we have. We've seen these things, seen these things, seen these things.

Yes we have, we've seen these things, we saw them on Halloween!



Cut out pumpkin shapes and glue to popsicle sticks. Let the children use them as props when you singing: →

Ring around the Pumpkin

Sing and dance around a pumpkin, tune: "Ring around the Rosie"

Ring around the Pumpkin,

Pocket full of nuts,

Leaves, leaves,

They all fall down.



March around the pumpkin,

pocket full of nuts,

leaves, leaves,

they all fall down.

Stomp around the pumpkin,

pocket full of nuts,

leaves, leaves,

they all fall down.

Tip-toe around the pumpkin,

pocket full of nuts,

leaves, leaves,

they all fall down.

Jump around the pumpkin

pocket full of nuts,

leaves, leaves,

they all fall down.

Can you come up with more verses?



Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate (five fingers up)

The first one said "Oh my it's getting late" (hands on cheeks)

The second one said "There's a chill in the air" (arms around self)

The third one said "But we don't care" (swing pointer finger)

The fourth one said "We're ready for some fun!" (hand in air)

The fifth one said "Let's run, run, run!" (running motion)

So woooo went the wind, and out went the lights,

And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight!

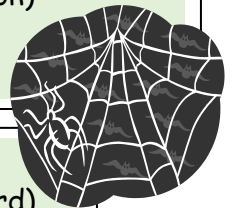
Spider

Spider crawling on the wall (fingers moving upward)

Tiny body, legs and all! (show "tiny")

Now I see the web you've spun (draw circle, both hands)

Was it work, or was it fun? (wipe brow)



A word - or in this case a song - of caution

tune: "Are you sleeping" (Frere Jackes)

Never eat your treats

Never eat your treats

Till they're checked

Till they're checked

Show them to Mommy

Show them to Daddy

Make sure they're safe

Make sure they're safe

