

# Families for Literacy Program Newsletter

## April, 2019

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!

**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, 11:00 am**



### Easter and Spring! Time to Sing!

SING  
with us

**I'm an Easter Bunny** tune: *I'm a little teapot*

I'm an Easter Bunny, watch me hop (**hop around**)

Here are my two ears, see how they flop (**hold hands at sides of head and flop them**)

Here is my cotton tail, here is my nose (**wiggle hips, then point to nose**)

I'm all furry from my head to my toes. (**point to head, then to toes**)

**Five Little Bunnies Went Out to Play** tune: 5 little Monkeys

Hippety hop and hippety hay,

**Five** little bunnies went out to play.

Hippety hop and hippety hay,

One little bunny hopped away.

Hippety hop and hippety hay, **four** little bunnies went out...

Hippety hop and hippety hay, **three** little bunnies went...

Hippety hop and hippety hay, **two** little bunnies...

Hippety hop and hippety hay, **one** little bunny...

Hippety hop and hippety hay,

**No more** bunnies are playing today.

Hippety hop and hippety hay,

I hope they come back another day.



**Egg Poem**

Eggs come in many sizes,

Eggs hold some big surprises,

Speckled, brown, white, or blue,

Eggs hold babies that are new.

Chicks from eggs are fluffy yellow,

Chicks from eggs are funny fellows!

**The Bunny Fingerplay**

Here is a bunny (**make a bunny with hand**)

With ears so funny (**wiggle ears**)

And this is his/her hole in the ground.

(**make a hole with other hand**)

When a noise she hears (**listen intently**)

She pricks up her ears (**straighten ears**)

And jumps in her hole in the ground.

(**make bunny jump into hole**)

READ  
with us

### Don't sit still - the fun of reading aloud

We all tend to participate in activities we find enjoyable.

Reading aloud to your little one can be such an activity, even if reading does not come easy to you. Much more important is to make it **fun** by:

- Bringing the characters to life with your **voice, your facial expression and movement.**
- Letting your children move around also increases the enjoyment of the story.

This is a perfect time to include once again rhymes and songs to expose your child to the sounds of language and the joy of story time with you, for example:

- **If you're happy and you know it** clap your hands (stomp your feet, nod your head, turn round, say AH-HA!)
- **Five little Monkeys** (or bunnies - see above): Jumping and acting out the song
- **The Hokey-Pokey.**



- Change your voice to represent a character: Papa Bear can have a deep, loud voice, and Baby Bear a high, squeaky one. Encourage your child to imitate these characters with her voice as well.
- Select books about animals and have fun imitating their sounds. Books with realistic pictures and those made from your own photos are also good choices.
- Keep some books on a low shelf or in a basket so your child can make his own selections.
- Offer your child books as often as you would a toy, building a literacy rich environment early on.
- Read whenever you can. Look for opportunities such as when a baby is sitting in the high chair or while you are waiting in line or at the doctor's office.

**It is also critical that your child observes the adults in your home reading and learns why reading is so important in our lives.**

## YOU ARE INVITED:



**...It Changes Everything!**

*Parents, grandparents, any family members and caregivers, story-time readers and not-yet readers of any age...*

**Come join us with your children for a fun-filled hour of reading, singing, playing and more!**

**Free Books! Snacks Too!**

	April 10	April 17	April 24
10:30 AM	Lakeport Library	Middletown Senior Center	Lucerne Alpine Senior Center
2:30 PM	Upper Lake Library	Redbud Library, Clearlake	Moose Lodge, Clearlake Oaks
	May 8	May 29	June 5
10:30 AM	Lakeport Library	Middletown Senior Center	Lucerne Alpine Senior Center
2:30 PM	Upper Lake Library	Redbud Library, Clearlake	Moose Lodge, Clearlake Oaks
	June 12	June 19	June 26
10:30 AM	Middletown Library	Lakeport Library	Lucerne Alpine Senior Center
2:30 PM	Redbud Library, Clearlake	Upper Lake Library	Moose Lodge, Clearlake Oaks



**Free of charge!**

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