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# Storytime Monthly

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## Storytime: Parent Perspective

This summer Scarlett and I had the joy of visiting many different storytimes throughout the system. We have an amazing group of storytime providers! Now that I have witnessed storytime from the provider, observer and parent perspective. I wanted to share a few things with all of you.

As a provider, we often worry that caregivers are judging us. I am here to say that I was so focused on my own child throughout storytime that I rarely noticed mistakes or faux pas. I just wanted someone who gave good intros to each activity so that I knew what to do. I was more worried that the "regulars" would notice that I didn't know what I was doing during an unfamiliar song. It was nice to have instructions before that activity.

I also really liked the early literacy reminders. Several places I went put the reminder on the whiteboard before storytime. That was really nice because I could read it and then get a little more information from the storytime provider when they said it.

Finally, I found my favorite way to enjoy the books was when the provider read the books and we followed along or choral read along with the provider.

I am really glad I now can experience storytime from all perspectives. I think it will give me more insight into what really works for storytime. Don't be surprised when Scarlett and I show up. We aren't judging you! We are enjoying mommy/daughter time.



## ZERO TO THREE State Baby Facts

The [2015 ZERO TO THREE State Baby Facts](#) were just published. Colorado ranks 22 for overall well-being for children 0-18 in the US. We aren't doing awful, but we could be doing better. The information is very interesting and gives a great snapshot of information related to children growing up in Colorado.

Below are some other interesting facts related to Colorado:

- 48% of a single mother's income goes to infant child care compared to 37% nationally
- 57% of parents read to their children compared to 48% nationally
- 63% of parents sing and tell stories to their children compared to 59% nationally

The percentage of parents who read, sing and tell stories with their children has not increased since the last time Zero to Three compiled these statistics in 2012. That means we still have work to do!



# Parent Reminders



"There are many little ways to enlarge your world.

Love of books is the best of all."

~ Jacqueline Kennedy

### Shake Your Sillies Out

Songs like this help kids learn how to follow directions, an important skill when it's time to go to school.

### Sleeping Bunnies

This song helps kids develop self regulation as they learn when to jump and when to sleep.

### Down On Grandpa's Farm

Making animal sounds is a great way for kids to learn the sounds of letters and syllables.

### May There Always

This song is a great vocabulary builder. Simply switch out words you want to introduce.

These reminders were all included in the ukulele share session from August. If you have some great reminders that you would like to share, send them to: [Idengerink@denverlibrary.org](mailto:Idengerink@denverlibrary.org)



## New Storyblocks Videos!

### **Recently, the new Storyblocks videos were published!**

This year, CLEL expanded the language selection to French and Arabic. Five languages are now represented on the site!

Several staff members from DPL participated in the videos including, Lauren Dennis, Alberto Pellicer, Rinh Pham and Cecilia Hem Lee.

In addition, Mary Pearl set-up everything and helped with the videoing at PBS. CLEL is always looking for new people to participate each year. Let Mary know if you might be interested, especially if you speak another language.

Check out [Cecilia's fun video](#):



## New Books

### **Daylight Starlight Wildlife**

by Wendell Minor



A great introduction to diurnal (daytime) and nocturnal (night-time) animals.

By day a red-tailed hawk soars through sky, and by night a barn owl silently swoops through it. Great book to introduce many Colorado animals that are active throughout the day.

### **One Word from Sophia**

by Jim Averbeck and Yasmeen Ismail



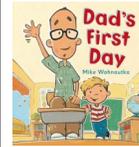
Sophia has one true desire for her birthday — a

giraffe. But she has Four Big Problems in the way: Mom, Dad, Uncle Conrad and Grand-mama.

She tries varied ways to convince each family member. In the end all it takes is one word.

### **Dad's First Day**

by Mike Wohnoutka



All summer Oliver and his dad played together. Now it's time for Oliver to start school!

On the first day, Oliver's dad isn't quite ready. Suddenly he feels nervous. His tummy hurts, and he would rather stay home.

But Oliver isn't convinced. Hopefully, he can convince his dad how great school is.

# Upcoming Early Literacy Share Sessions

## September Early Literacy Share Session: Using Puppets in Storytime

Tues, Sept 8, 8:30-9:30  
Eugene Field

Gina Wencel and Mary Schadler will share with you multiple ways to incorporate puppets into your storytime.

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## October Early Literacy Share Session: Engaging Parents in Storytime

Wed, Oct 14, 8:30-9:30  
Children's Pavilion

Jeniece Trueman will share ideas, tips and tricks to keeping parents engaged in storytime.

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## Intro Every Child Ready to Read and Caregiver Reminders

Tues, Oct 6, 8:30-10:00  
Central; 4th Floor Rockwell

What is ECRR? Learn ways to make connections with our customers so they see early literacy everywhere and support young children in their development. |

**This class is required for all people who present storytime.**

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## Storytime Structures and Objectives

Tues, Oct 13, 8:00-10:30  
Central; ?

How do we design storytimes to deliver the biggest Every Child Ready to Read (ECRR)

impact and most fun? Learn the critical components of developmentally appropriate Book Babies, Tales for Twos, Preschool, All Ages & Bilingual storytimes.

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### What do you want to see in the storytime monthly?

Email me resources you use and would like to see highlighted: Articles, Activities, Tips, New books...