



Stories from the Sandbox

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Tech Savvy Kids

Have you noticed how many educational internet games are available? Or, that many sites offer books you can download? The Defiance Public Library System has and wants to suggest a few sites that you and your child may enjoy.

www.wordworld.com

*This site allows your child to store vocabulary words from the games in a "My Word Space" (funded by the Ready to Learn Initiative) .

**You do have to create a profile on the site to access your "Word Space"

[Tumblebooks](http://www.tumblebooks.com) (www.defiancepubliclibrary.org)

*With Tumblebooks, children's e-books and activities are available to use at home, school or your local library. The link is on the home page of our website. Look for the tumbling book!

www.mrsp.com

*Do you remember Mimi from the *Drew Carey Show*? Well, she is now reading fairytales and other stories to your children. It is quite the experience, so we recommend this very cool site!



Letter Pretzels

Ingredients:

- 1 package dry yeast
- 3/4 cup warm water
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- Pinch of kosher salt
- 2 cups flour (use unbleached) white, whole wheat or a combination of the 2
- 1 egg

Directions:

- 1) 5 minutes before you're ready to begin, mix the yeast and water together.
- 2) Preheat oven to 425°F Pour flour and sugar into a bowl and mix with fingers.
- 3) Add a pinch of kosher salt and mix.
- 4) Add water and yeast mixture, mix and form into a ball.
- 5) Generously sprinkle flour on table or cutting board.
- 6) Place dough on it and roll with a rolling pin for about 5 minutes.
- 7) Roll dough into long pencil-like coils, then shape into various alphabet letters.
- 8) Brush the dough with the beaten egg.
- 9) Sprinkle with salt, sugar or cinnamon.
- 10) Bake for 12-15 minutes, or until golden brown.

Sharing rhymes with your child will help improve his/her learning skills!

If You're Happy that it Snowed...

If you're happy that it snowed,
[clap your hands]

If you're happy that it snowed,
[clap your hands]

Oh, it's fluffy and it's white—
Such a lovely sight

If you're happy that it snowed,
[clap your hands]

(continue w/ stomp feet, snap fingers, turn around, etc.)

***You can also use it rained or it's sunny instead of it snowed.*



The six early literacy skills include: print awareness, print motivation, phonological awareness, vocabulary, narrative skills, and letter knowledge



Defiance—February 2 begins our winter session of Read, Rhyme, & Romp (ages 0-3yrs.) and Storytime (ages 3-K)! Our theme is "Chill Out!"; it features stories, rhymes, and activities about snow and snow animals. To

register, please call Defiance Public Library @ 419-782-1456 or e-mail tiptonre@oplin.org.

All ages are invited to join us as we celebrate Dr. Seuss on March 10 @ 4:30! We will be reading stories, making crafts, and having a special guest!

Two authors are visiting our library. Sally Snyder is here February 14, and Lisa Wheeler will visit April 17. Both are giving brief presentations and signing books. Books will be available to buy at the presentations. Both programs are free & open to the public.

February

2, 9, 16, & 23—Read, Rhyme, & Romp (RRR) @ 6:00 pm & Storytime @ 6:45 pm
 5, 12, 19, & 26— Storytime @ 9:30 am & RRR @ 10:30 am
 14—Local children's author Sally Snyder book signing from 12:30-2:30

March

2—RRR @ 6:00 pm & Storytime @ 6:45 pm
 5—Storytime @ 9:30 am & RRR @ 10:30 am
 9-22—Registration for Session 2 of Storytime & RRR
 10—Celebrate Dr. Seuss @ 4:30 pm
 23 & 30—RRR @ 6:00 pm & Storytime @ 6:45 pm
 26—Storytime @ 9:30 am & RRR @ 10:30 am

April

6, 20, & 27—RRR @ 6:00 pm & Storytime @ 6:45 pm
 17—Children's author Lisa Wheeler @ 7pm @ DPL
 2, 9, 23, & 30—Storytime @ 9:30 am & RRR @ 10:30 am



Hicksville—Shake off the winter blues and get ready to welcome back spring at the Johnson Memorial Library with Valentine's, Spring, and Easter Story Times. Also, join us for Dr. Seuss' Read Across America Day and National Library Week.

All of the story times are free and are open to children three and over. The programs will include stories, activities movies, sing-alongs & crafts.

Beginning February 3 and running every Tuesday at 11 a.m., Early Literacy Specialist Renee Tipton from the Defiance Public Library will be offering, for the first time ever, Read, Rhyme & Romp programs in Hicksville. Read, Rhyme & Romp includes short literacy activities including nursery rhymes, finger plays, board books, and circle time for children (Age-0-3) accompanied by an adult.

For more information on any of the programs, please call the Johnson Memorial Library at 419-542-6200 or email murphyam@oplin.org.

February

3, 10, 17, & 24—NEW-Read, Rhyme, & Romp (RRR) @ 11 am
 10—Valentine's Story Time @ 6:30 pm
 17—Valentine's Story Time @ 10:00 am

March

2—Dr. Seuss' Read Across America Day @ 6:30 pm
 3—NEW—RRR @ 11 am
 16—Nat. Wild Bird Feeding Month Make & Take Craft.
 17, 24 & 31—Spring Story Times @ 6:30 pm
 18 & 25—Spring Story Times @ 10:00 am

April

1—Spring Story Time @ 10:00 am
 7—Easter Story Time @ 6:30 pm
 8—Easter Story Time @ 10:00 am
 14—National Library Week Story Time @ 6:30 pm
 15—National Library Week Story Time @ 10:00 am

Sherwood—The Sherwood Library has planned a five week story time, filled with fun and interactive ways to help your little one discover the world of books. Your child may already have a favorite story! However, when you visit the library, please ask about some of the different kinds of books we have that you can borrow. Here are just a few:

- Rhyme and song books
- Books that ask questions
- Books showing feeling
- Number, color, and concept books

Every book you and your child share helps to instill a life long love of reading and learning.

Our winter storytime sessions will take place as follows:

February

10—"Delightful Dinosaurs" story time @ 10 am
 17—"Alphabet Soup" story time @ 10 am
 24—"Down on the Farm" story time @ 10 am

March

3—"Whoosh! Whoosh!" story time @ 10 am
 10—"Shamrock Surprise!" story time @ 10 am

Please contact Sherwood Branch Library at 419-899-4343 or e-mail hullca@oplin.org for information on upcoming programming.

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