



Stories from the Sandbox

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Meet the New Staff



Hi! My name is Renee, and I started working in the Youth Services department in April. Some of you may recognize me from when I worked behind the main circulation desk at the Defiance Public Library. My job now involves working with the DPL youth department 20 hours per

week and also planning and implementing Early Literacy programs for children ages 0-5 years for the main library and its branches, Johnson Memorial and Sherwood. I am planning some hands-on, literacy focused activities that you and your child will enjoy.

I hope to see you at some of them!!!

What is Early Literacy?

“Current research on early literacy and brain development indicates that it is never too early to prepare children for success as readers. Parents of newborns, toddlers and preschoolers must be informed of their critical role as their children's first teacher.” (ALA) As part of this initiative, the Defiance Public Library and the Johnson Memorial and Sherwood branches have adopted the standards of the ALA and are promoting the 6 early literacy skills by incorporating them into Storytimes for young children of various ages. The skills include print awareness, print motivation, phonological awareness, vocabulary, narrative skills, and letter knowledge. These six skills are the foundations that children need to help build their cognitive development necessary for success in

school during the first six years of life.

These literacy skills will be incorporated into fall programming at all DPL locations. Examples of books, rhymes, activities, and games will be given for parents to use to continue building these skills at home. Just look for this symbol →



on fliers to find out when these sessions will be held. Check back in August for our fall schedule.

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The Defiance Public Library
 320 Fort St.
 Defiance, Ohio 43512
 419-782-1456

The Sherwood Branch Library
 117 N. Harrison St
 Sherwood, OH 43556
 419-899-4343

The Johnson Memorial Library
 116 W. High St.
 Hicksville, OH 43526
 419-542-6200

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Rhymes and Activities

Ode to Bugs

June bug, stink bug,
Ladybug, chinch bug,
Water bug, pink bug,
Please-don't-pinch bug!



Horsefly, housefly,
Dragonfly, deer fly,
Firefly, fruit fly,
Buzzing-in-your-ear fly!

Honeybee, bumblebee,
Queen bee, drone bee,
Worker bee, nurse bee,
Leave-me-alone bee!

Gypsy moth, Luna moth,
Beetle and mosquito,
Bugs and insects
Really are neat-o!



Cockroach, katydid,
Cricket and cicada,
Grasshopper, mantis,
Catch you all later!



Five Busy Honey Bees



Five busy honey bees were resting in the sun.
The first one said, "Let us have some fun."
The second one said, "Where shall it be?"
The third one said, "In the honey tree."
The fourth one said, "Let's
make some honey sweet."
The fifth one said, "With pollen on our feet."
The five little busy bees sang their buzzing tune.
As they worked in the beehive
all that afternoon.
Bzzzz! Bzzzz! Bzzzz! Bzzzz! Bzzzz!



A tisket- A tasket

A-tisket, A-tasket,
Let's pack a picnic basket.
We'll fill it up with food to
munch.
What's in our picnic lunch?
(name some picnic items)

Beginning to sing songs

While singing in the car together, you can:

- Move to the beat together when stopped or sitting in the back seat
- Make gestures that go with the song (e.g. Row, Row, Row Your Boat)
- Encourage your child to sing along
- Sing the rhyming words louder or softer

Great CDs to listen to in the car...

Singable Songs by Raffi

The Sneezing Song and Other Contagious Tunes by Jim Gill

