

Early Childhood Education Teacher Workshop

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Great Books from 2009 & 2010

The following bibliography includes some of the Oswego Public Library District staffs' favorite, recently published books. All books listed should be available at the library. They are listed alphabetically by author.

Presented By Sue Hartman

Picture Books

A Friend Like You by Tanja Askani. (EJ ASK) 2009. Simple text and photographs of unexpected animal pairs reveals different aspects of friendship. Beautiful, touching pictures.

Dancing Feet by Lindsey Craig. (EJ CRA) 2010. Easy-to-read, rhyming text depicts different animals dancing. Kids can guess which animal it is by looking at their feet.

Boom Bah! by Phil Cummings. (EJ CUM) 2010. This picture book begins in a small way, in a kitchen, as a mouse taps a cup with a spoon. Turn the page and readers see the mouse hand the spoon to a cat. From there, more and more animals join in and soon a marching band forms and moves outside.

If You're a Monster and You Know It by Rebecca Emberley. (EJ EMB) 2010. Monsters sing their own version of this popular song that encourages everyone to express their happiness through voice and movement.

Please Take Me for a Walk by Susan Gal. (EJ GAL) 2010. A dog gives many good reasons it likes to go for a walk—to chase away the neighbor's cat, to greet people on the street, to watch guys shooting hoops, and to feel the wind lifting its ears.

Who's Awake in the Springtime by Phillis Gershator. (EJ GER) 2010. Describes, in rhymed cumulative text and illustrations, how various young animals and one small human prepare for sleep at the end of a spring day.

Dogs by Emily Gravett. (EJ GRA) 2009. Big dogs, small dogs, stripy dogs, spotty dogs. There are so many different kinds of dogs. How can anyone pick one type of dog to love the most?

My Heart is Like a Zoo by Michael Hall. (EJ HAL) 2010. Depicts in rhyming text how love can be many different things, such as eager as a beaver, steady as a yak, or silly as a seal. Clear animal pictures made using heart shapes.

Wow! Said the Owl by Time Hopgood. (EJ HOP) 2009. A curious little owl decides to stay awake to find out how the things he sees at night look during the daytime.

Nothing But a Dog by Bobbi Katz. (EJ KAT) 1979/2010. A young girl imagines what it would be like to have a dog.

Bears on Chairs by Shirley Parenteau. (EJ PAR) 2009. Four chairs. Four adorable bears. All is well until Big Brown Bear shows up -- what a stare -- and wants a seat. Can these clever bears put their heads together (among other things) and make space for one more?

Big Cat, Small Cat by Ami Rubinger. (EJ RUB) 2009. Illustrations of cats along with rhyming couplets about them require the reader to fill in words demonstrating opposites, like tall and short, nice and mean, young and old.

Little Mouse and the Big Cupcake by Thomas Taylor. (EJ TAY) 2010. A very small mouse finds a very big chocolate chip, raspberry cream cupcake and must ask for help from his animal friends to get it home--all of whom agree in exchange for a little nibble.

Can You Make a Scary Face? by Jan Thomas. (EJ THO) 2009. A ladybug invites the reader to play a game of "let's pretend."

Doghouse by Jan Thomas. (EJ THO) 2008. Cow, Pig, Duck, and Mouse are afraid to retrieve their ball when it goes into the dog's house, but when they do go in they are pleasantly surprised.

Rhyming Dust Bunnies by Jan Thomas. (EJ THO) 2009. As three dust bunnies, Ed, Ned, and Ted, are demonstrating how much they love to rhyme, a fourth, Bob, is trying to warn them of approaching danger.

Here Comes the Big Mean Dust Bunny by Jan Thomas. (EJ THO) 2009. Dust bunnies who enjoy rhyming games and a boisterous cat who likes to chase and grab learn how to play together.

Lyle Walks the Dog by Bernard Waber. (EJ WAB) 2010. Count the dogs as Lyle the crocodile's dog walking business grows.

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Picture Books

LMNO Peas by Keith Baker. (EJ BAK) 2010. Busy little peas introduce their favorite occupations, from astronaut to zoologist. Large, clear capital letters.

Driving my Tractor by Jan Dobbins. (EJ DOB) 2009. The reader is invited to count the animal passengers riding in a tractor traveling on a bumpy road. (Includes audio)

I Don't Want a Cool Cat! by Emma Dodd. (EJ DOD) 2010. In her search to find the ultimate kitty companion, one little girl discovers that a perfect pet is hard to find. Along the way, she meets a zany mix of cats with a range of personalities, but none of them seem quite right for her. Will she ever find a feline friend to call her very own?

Sleepy, Oh so Sleepy by Denise Fleming. (EJ FLE) 2010. Depicts a number of animal babies sleeping as a mother puts her own baby to bed.

Dinosaurs Love Underpants by Claire Freedman. (EJ FRE) 2008. Illustrations and rhyming text reveal the Mighty Underpants War as the true reason dinosaurs are extinct.

Stormy Weather by Debi Gliori. (to be purchased) 2009. As a mama fox tucks her baby into bed, she soothes his nighttime fears of the storm outside his window with the promise of watching over him as he sleeps, just like all the other baby animals in the world.

Cupcake: A Journey to Special by Charise Mericle Harper. (EJ HAR) 2010. A plain vanilla cupcake is happy, until everyone else in his family is picked except him. He meets a plain candle that has the same problem. Then they come up with a silly plan to fix both their problems.

How Rocket Learned to Read by Tad Hills. (EJ HIL) 2010. A little yellow bird teaches Rocket the dog how to read by first introducing him to the "wondrous, mighty, gorgeous alphabet.". Perfect for encouraging kids to want to read and also for fall and the changing seasons.

Say Hello by Rachel Isadora. (EJ ISA) 2010. Emphasizing the diversity of American neighborhoods, we see how to say hello in many different languages.

Hibernation Station by Michelle Meadows. (EJ MEA) 2010. Rhyming text and pictures introduce the reader to a variety of animals as they try to snuggle in to sleep.

Bunny Days by Tao Nyeu. (EJ NYE) 2010. As a pair of busy goats inadvertently cause trouble for six bunnies, their neighbor Bear comes to the rescue.

Bickleby's Birdbath by Andrea Perry. (EJ PER) 2010. A cumulative rhyme in the style of "The House That Jack Built," describing the antics that occur when a girl with a long leaky hose squirts a flock of curious crows.

Swim! Swim! by James Proimos. (EJ PRO) 2010. Lurch the fish is lonely, and after trying to befriend some unreceptive--and inanimate--objects, he finally succeeds in finding a friend.

Felicity Floo Visits the Zoo by E.S. Redmond. (EJ MEA) 2009. Felicity goes to the zoo and gets all the animals sick because she doesn't use a tissue. Good book to teach about germs.

Furious George Goes Bananas by Michael Rex. (EJ REX) 2010. In this retelling of H.A. and Margret Rey's "Curious George," an ape tries to return to the jungle after being exploited by a man in a funny hat.

Creak! said the bed by Phyllis Root. (EJ ROO) 2010. In the middle of a dark, stormy night, one child, then another, then a third wake their mother and ask to climb into the bed, but when the last member of the family arrives Papa declares there is no more room.

That's Not Funny by Jeanne Willis. (EJ WIL) 2010. When Hyena puts a banana skin in Giraffe's path, causing a chain reaction of accidents that Hyena finds hilarious, he soon learns what it is like to be the butt of a joke.

One Red Apple by Harriet Ziefert. (EJ ZIE) 2009. Shows the stages of an apple tree in simple language.

Non-Fiction Books

Three Little Gators by Helen Ketteman. (EJ KET) 2009. In this adaptation of the traditional folktale, three little gators each build their house in an east Texas swamp, hoping for protection from the Big-bottomed Boar.

Board Books

How Do Lions Say I Love You? by Diane Muldrow. 2009. Show us how different animals express love and affection for one another.

Presented By Mary Stevens

Picture Books

Flora's Very Windy Day by Jeanne Birdsall. (EJ BIR) 2010. When a big wind blows her annoying little brother away, Flora decides to save him despite the many tempting offers she gets for him from, among others, a cloud, an eagle, the man in the moon, and the wind itself.

Don't Slam the Door by Dori Chaconas. (EJ CHA) 2010. A cumulative, rhyming tale of a slamming door which wakes a cat, setting into motion an absurd chain of events and resulting in chaos.

One Pup's Up by Marsha Wilson Chall. (EJ CHA) 2010. Rhyming text counts off ten puppies as they awaken one by one, chase and bounce around the house, eat kibble and get washed, then fall back to sleep.

The Terrible Plop by Ursula Dubosarsky. (EJ DUB) 2009. When a mysterious sound sends the whole forest running away in fear, only the littlest rabbit is courageous enough to discover what really happened.

The Clock Struck One: A Time Telling Tale by Trudy Harris. (EJ HAR) 2009. Rhyming text expands on the nursery rhyme, "Hickory Dickory Dock," as a cat chases the mouse up the clock, followed by other animals, until midnight arrives and the tired creatures fall asleep. Includes facts about clocks and basic information about telling time.

Barry: The fish with fingers by Sue Hendra. (EJ HEN) 2010. When Barry the fish shows off his new fingers, all the fish are eager to get their own.

Brontorina by James Howe. (EJ HOW) 2010. Despite her size and not having the proper footwear, a determined dinosaur pursues her dream of becoming a ballerina. Message that you can be anything even if people tell you that you can't.

Sloppy Joe by Dave Keane. (EJ KEA) 2009. Sloppy Joe determines to do everything he can to surprise his family by becoming Neat Joe.

Dogs Don't Do Ballet by Anna Kemp. (EJ KEM) 2010. Biff is not like ordinary dogs. He doesn't do dog stuff. He likes music and moonlight and walking on his tiptoes. You see, Biff dream is to be a ballerina. Show the importance of following dreams.

Elmer and Rose by David McKee. (EJ MCK) 2010. When Grandpa Eldo asks Elmer and Wilbur to help a young elephant find her way back to her herd, they are surprised to find that she is pink. Teaches kids that what is unusual or odd depends on your point of view.

Hugless Douglas by David Melling. (EJ MEL) 2010. A bear just wants a hug, but has to try hugging several different things before he gets it right.

Crocodaddy by Kim Norman. (EJ NOR) 2009. An imaginative boy goes on a hunt for his crocodile dad

What Really Happened to Humpty? by Jean Franz Ransom. (EJ PRO) 2009. Detective Joe Dumpty rushes to investigate the mysterious circumstances under which his older brother, Humpty, fell from a wall on his first day as captain of the new Neighborhood Watch program.

Are You a Horse? by Andy Rash. (EJ RASH) 2009. When Roy gets a saddle for his birthday, he goes in search of a horse.

Buying, Training & Caring for Your Dinosaur by Laura Rennert. (EJ REN) 2009. Includes instructions for choosing and caring for a pet dinosaur.

Pink! by Lynne Rickards. (EJ RIC) 2009. Teased in school for being pink, Patrick the Penguin leaves the South Pole to live with the flamingos in Africa.

Balancing Act by Ellen Stoll Walsh. (EJ WAL) 2010. Two mice have fun playing on a teeter-totter, but as more and larger friends join them, it becomes increasingly difficult to stay balanced.

The Cow Loves Cookies by Karma Wilson. (EJ WIL) 2010. While all the other animals on the farm enjoy eating their regular food, the cow chooses to eat the one thing that she loves best.

Sleep, Big Bear, Sleep! by Maureen Wright. (EJ WRI) 2009. As winter comes and Big Bear prepares to hibernate, he keeps thinking he hears Old Man Winter giving him exhausting orders that prevent him from sleeping.

Non-Fiction Books

ABC Animal Jamboree by Giles Andreae. (J 821.914 AND) 2009. Alphabet presented with different animals and a short poem about that animal.