

Kaleidcope Sensory Storytimes Resources: Books and Props

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Tried and True Books for Sensory Storytimes

Read Sing, Read to a Beat, Repeating Phrases

The Ants Go Marching by Dan Crisp

The ants are marching through the rain, but there is always something to distract Little Ant.

***Baby Ways** by Nola Allen/Margaret Robson Kett

www.better-beginnings.com.au/books-more/baby-ways

Features photographs of babies between six and 12 months old, accompanied by simple text. Everyday activities are reflected, including holding and walking.

Brown bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin Jr.

Children see a variety of animals, each one a different color, and a teacher looking at them.

Freight Train by Donald Crews

Brief text and illustrations trace the journey of a colorful train as it goes through tunnels, by cities and over trestles.

From Head to Toe by Eric Carle

Encourages the reader to exercise by following the movements of various animals; presented in a question and answer format.

Hands Can by Cheryl Willis Hudson

Photographs and simple, rhyming text present different things that hands can do, such as hold things, mix things and wave goodbye.

Here are My Hands by Bill Martin

The owner of a human body celebrates it by pointing out various parts and mentioning their functions, from "hands for catching and throwing" to the "skin that bundles me in."

I Went Walking by Sue Williams

Catchy stanzas frolic through Williams's simple, funny read-aloud picture book that tracks a crazy-haired boy's stroll through the countryside.

In the Small, Small Pond by Denise Fleming

Illustrations and rhyming text describe the activities of animals living in and near a small pond as spring progresses to autumn.

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In the Tall, Tall Grass by Denise Fleming

Rhymed text (crunch, munch, caterpillars lunch) presents a toddler's view of creatures found in the grass from lunchtime till nightfall, such as bees, ants and moles.

It Looked Like Spilt Milk by Charles Shaw

The white shape silhouetted against a blue background changes on every page. This beloved classic picture book teaches that, with a little imagination, something ordinary could become something extraordinary.

Little Blue Truck by Alice Schertle

A country truck feels out of place in the speedy, noisy city until he comes to the rescue during a giant traffic jam.

The Wheels on the Bus by Annie Kubler

In this version of the classic song, the wheels go round, the wipers go swish, the driver says "Tickets Please!" and so on, all around the town.

Books to Boogie

Dance with Me by Charles R. Smith

Illustrations and simple, rhyming text encourage the reader to wiggle, shake and twirl to the beat.

Flip, Flap, Fly by Phyllis Root

Baby animals fly, swim, wiggle and slide all with the help of their mamas.

How to Be a Cat by Nikki McClure

Cut-paper illustrations and single words of text show a kitten's attempts to imitate an adult cat's mastery of such skills as stretching and stalking.

Lines That Wiggle by Candace Whitman

A variety of monsters and other creatures demonstrate some of the different things that lines can do, from curve and curl to zig-zag.

Move! by Steve Jenkins

Swing, walk, dive, swim, leap, slide, waddle—animals move in different ways.

Tip Tip Dig Dig by Emma Garcia

A parade of colorful construction vehicles doing their work means plenty of joyful noise.

Rhyming, Read Sing, Interactive, Felt Board, Repeating Phrases

Dogs Colorful Day by Emma Dodd

In this colorful story of a sloppy dog, you can count on a happy ending.

Down by the Station by Jennifer Vetter

This illustrated version of the traditional song expands and describes more vehicles, different locations and their unique sounds, from puffer-billies to racecars and rockets.

I Love My White Shoes by Eric Litwin

Pete the Cat gets into colorful adventures while out walking in his new white shoes.

I Spy in the Sea by Edward Gibbs

Illustrations and die-cut holes will absorb readers as they learn about numbers and marine animal names.

I Spy on the Farm by Edward Gibbs

Illustrations and die-cut holes will absorb readers as they learn about colors, the alphabet and farm animals.

I Spy Pets by Edward Gibbs

Invites young readers to guess which animal will be revealed using the given clues and a spy hole.

Jazz Baby by Lisa Wheeler

Baby and his family make some jazzy music.

Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons by Eric Litwin

Pete the cat loves the buttons on his shirt so much that he makes up a song about them, and even as the buttons pop off, one by one, he still finds a reason to sing.

Press Here by Herv Tullet

Allows the reader to interact with the illustrations to create imaginative images.

Rocking in My School Shoes by Eric Litwin

Pete the Cat wears his school shoes when visiting the library, the lunchroom, the playground and more while singing his special song.

Board Books: Read Sing, Act Out or Finger Play

Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes by Annie Kubler

An illustrated board book with words and music to a children's song.

If You're Happy and You Know It by Annie Kubler

The words to a familiar nursery song encourage babies and their parents to have fun together.

Ten Little Fingers by Annie Kubler

An illustrated board book with words and music to a song celebrating all the things a child can make ten fingers do, including shutting them up tight and opening them wide.

Row, Row, Row Your Boat by Annie Kubler

Illustrated version of the song.

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star by Annie Kubler

Presents the familiar nursery rhyme.

Online Storytime Resources

ALA Connect – Sensory Storytimes

connect.ala.org/node/150986

PowerPoint handouts from the “Sensory Storytime” session offered at ALA Annual in 2011.

ALSC Sensory Storytimes: Blogs (This is just a sampling – there are more!)

- Selecting Books for Special Needs Storytimes: www.alsc.ala.org/blog/2011/08/selecting-stories-for-special-storytimes
- Sensory Storytime Tips: www.alsc.ala.org/blog/2014/11/sensory-storytime-tips
- Disability Awareness Training: Essential Tools For Your Toolbox: www.alsc.ala.org/blog/2013/05/disability-awareness-training-essential-tools-for-your-toolbox

Sensory Storytime – Pinterest

www.pinterest.com/alsclibraries/sensory-storytime

This board is dedicated to the topic of Sensory Storytime – from program examples to related research to favorite book recommendations. This board is curated by members of ALSC, including representatives from the Library Services to Special Population Children and their Caregivers committee.

Jbrary

www.Jbrary.com

Jbrary is a library of storytime resources provided by two children’s librarians. This site includes songs, rhymes, fingerplays, and more. Some links that may be of interest:

- Building Your Storytime Confidence: jbrary.com/building-storytime-confidence
- Engaging Caregivers in Storytime: jbrary.com/engaging-caregivers
- Storytime transition: jbrary.com/transitions
- Toddler Storytime: Songs to Get the Wiggles Out: jbrary.com/toddler-storytime-songs-get-wiggles

Storytime Underground

storytimeunderground.org

Great resource for storytime information. If you have a storytime questions, use their *Ask a Ninja* feature and get advice from other librarians. Their *Storytime University* encourages professional development by awarding badges when you complete various storytime tasks.

The Library as Incubator Project

www.libraryasincubatorproject.org/?tag=book-to-boogie

Book to Boogie is a monthly series that pairs picture books with dance and movement activities for preschool storytimes.

Resource Books for Sensory Storytimes

Farmer, Lesley S. J., *Library Services for Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorders* (American Library Association, 2013).

Feinberg, Sandra, Barbara Jordan, Kathleen Deerr, and Michelle Langa; revised by Carrie Scott Banks, *Including Families of Children with Special Needs: A How-To-Do-It Manual for Librarians* (American Library Association, 2014).

Klipper, Barbara, *Programming for Children and Teens with Autism Spectrum Disorder* (American Library Association, 2014).

McFarland, Sonnie, *Honoring the Light of the Child: Activities to Nurture Peaceful Living Skills in Young Children* (Shining Mountains Press, 2004).

Notbohm, Ellen, *Ten Things Every Child with Autism Wishes You Knew* (Future Horizons, 2012).

Ott, Pamela, *Music for Special Kids: Musical Activities, Songs, Instruments and Resources* (Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2011).

Stefanski, Daniel, *How to Talk to an Autistic Kid* (Free Spirit Publishing, Inc., 2011). (by Daniel Stefanski an autistic kid)

Purchasing Big Books: Online Resources

Amazon

www.amazon.com

Search “classroom big books.”

The Book Farm

www.thebookfarminc.com/BIG-Books-Paperbacks

Booksource

www.booksource.com

Type “big books” in search engine to view big books.

Bibz (Brodart)

www.bibz2.com

Bibz has over 300 big books.

Children’s Plus, Inc.

www.childrensplusinc.com/customers/Login.aspx

Search their website to view big books.

Discount School Supply

www.discountschoolsupply.com

Type “big books” in search engine to view big books.

Scholastic

shop.scholastic.com

To search for big books, click on “Advanced Search,” limit to “Big Books” under “Format” and click on “Search.”

Purchasing Possibilities for Sensory Storytimes
For Ideas, Amazon search: Sensory Toys

Carpet Kits ABC Phonic Block Kids Rugs: 1' x 1'
 byCarpets for Kids
 sold on Amazon \$121



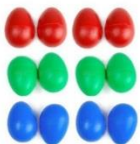
Merrymakers Pete the Cat Plush Doll 28"
 by Eric Litwin and James Dean
 sold on Amazon \$31.50 / \$60



West Music 27" Hemmed Square Movement Scarves by
 West Music
 sold on Amazon \$25 / \$49.95



Foxnovo 12 pcs Plastic Percussion Musical
 Egg Shakers for kids
 sold on Amazon \$10.99



Champion Sports Multi-colored Parachute
 by Champion Sports
 sold on Amazon \$29.99 / \$43.59



Gymboree Bubble Ooodles with Wand and Tray
 by Gymboree
 sold on Amazon \$12.89



Edushape 4" Sensory Balls Set of 4, Solid
 by Edushape
 sold on Amazon \$14.64



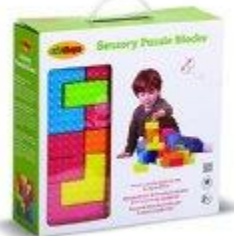
The Mozart Effect Music for Children
 by Mozart Effect several different volumes
 sold on Amazon \$ 6.19 audio CD



Educational Insights Colors Bean Bags
 By Educational Insights
 Sold on Amazon \$17.46 / ~~21.99~~



Puzzles
 Edushape Ltd Sensory Puzzle Blocks
 by Edushape
 sold on Amazon \$17.96



Wooden Puzzles
 Geometric Shape Puzzles for Kids
 Alphabet Puzzles
 Transportation Puzzles
 Farm Animal Puzzles
 Soft Stuffed Animals or Puppets

Winsor Newton Deep Edge Cotton Artists' Canvas
 36 inch x 48 inch sold on Amazon \$36.37
 other sizes available



Vendors

There are a number of companies that sell materials that would be helpful for library programs, here are a few:

- Abilitations: www.schoolspecialty.com
- Achievement Products for Special Needs: www.achievement-products.com
- Beyond Play: www.beyondplay.com
- Pocket Full of Therapy: www.pfot.com

Some educational and toy supply catalogs have products that would be useful for library programs, here are a few:

- ABC Educational Supply: www.abconlinecatalog.com
- Constructive Playthings: www.constructiveplaythings.com
- Lakeshore: www.lakeshorelearning.com