



STORYTIME SUCCESSES

Fill in the boxes below with your Favorites!

Book(s) (of ALL time)	'The Cow Loves Cookies' by Karma Wilson 'Not a Box' by Antonette Portis Anything by Jan Thomas 'Duck! Rabbit!' by Amy Krouse Rosenthal
Song	'I Know a chicken' by Laurie Berkner → good shaker song 'Five Green + Speckled Frogs'
Finger Play	Pat-a-cake, Peanut Butter + Jelly Rhyme (more full body than fingerplay)
Opening Rhyme/Song	Hands Go Up (Tune: Twinkle, Twinkle) we wave Hello Like this, clap Hello Like This
Closing Rhyme/Song	Tickle the clouds - good stretching song we wave Goodbye Like This
Flannel Board	Five Hungry Ants (Miss Mary Liberry blog) Five Dirty Elephants / Five Elephants in the Bathtub!
Other Activity	Anything with shakers, puppets, props

Share what you love to do during your storytimes:

I love very active + interactive storytimes. I use whatever props I can, especially puppets, and am always open to new + nontraditional ideas.

Name: Emily Hudak

Library: Bloomfield Township
Public Library



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2-5
(want)

Book(s) (of ALL time)	Jump! by Scott Fischer Princess Super Kitty by Antonette Paris My Truck is Stuck by Kern Lewis Bear's Big Bottom by Steve Smallman
Song	"Zoom zoom zoom" worked w/ mom/tots as well.
Finger Play	"Monsters Galore" "Five Branley Candles"
Opening Rhyme/Song	"Superhero, Superhero" for SLP 2015 weekly opener
Closing Rhyme/Song	"Noly poly"
Flannel Board	"Go Away Big Green Monster" matching mode of transportation to where you use them
Other Activity	"Shake shake the mango tree" w/ scarves or shakers Highly recommended

Share what you love to do during your storytimes:

I never thought I would, but I love doing action songs the most. I've found that books where you can do some kind of action at least every couple pages work best.

Name: Sara Field

Library: Wilson PL

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Spin themes
off of each book
(very varied)

Book(s) (of ALL time)	Eric Carle-From Head to Toe Taeun Yoo-You Are a Lion i.e. flannel board	← Same book but in different forms for each series (4 or 5 wks)
Song	"I'm a Mess" and "Walk Along the River" from The Ultimate Laurie Berkner Band Collection	
Finger Play	Sung. (Poke child's back with fingers.) "The leopard has lots of spots. What a of spots he's got. The tiger's stripes are very nice. (Run fingers down child's back.) but the leopard has lots of spots."	
Opening Rhyme/ Song	"Hello Song" from CD-H.U.M.: Highly Usable Music by Carole Peterson	
Closing Rhyme/Song	To the tune of Frere Jacques "We are leaving, we are leaving. Time to go, time to go. It was nice to see you, it was nice to see you. Good-bye, good-bye."	
Flannel Board		
Other Activity	Riverstones.	

Share what you love to do during your storytimes:

For each storytime series, we have one book that we repeat each week throughout the series. The themes for each storytime, we spin off of that book. From the book, Going On a Bear Hunt, we got the themes Bears, Lion Hunt, Adventure, Going for a Walk, and Mud.

In addition to our traditional storytimes, we have:

Hop, Skip & Jump-Ages 2-5 with grownups. Physical activities in addition to stories and songs. i.e. Jump Frog Jump

~~Silly Sensory-For independent walkers up to 35 months and a caregiver. Sensory play session with books and songs.~~

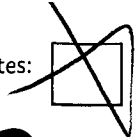
Little Scientists-3-5 year olds without grownups. Science-themed session with books and exploration.

Babies Play-For infants not yet walking with grownup. Play-based session with books, songs, action rhymes, & toys.

~~Storytimes are 45 mins. long with 15 mins. of play.~~

Name: Jan Purdy

Library: Rochester Hills



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Book(s) (of ALL time)	<i>Stick & Stone, Snappy little Pop-up book series Family + Preschool S.T. for lap-sits</i>
Song	<i>Head, Shoulders, Knees & Toes</i>
Finger Play	<i>My Hat It Has 3 Corners</i>
Opening Rhyme/Song	<i>Open Shut Them & My hands Can Go Clap, Clap, Clap,</i>
Closing Rhyme/Song	<i>Old MacDonald Had A Farm with instruments.</i>
Flannel Board	
Other Activity	

Share what you love to do during your storytimes:

Open the storytime with a craft/coloring activity and social time for families attending.

Name: Tonja Brice

Library: Brandon



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Book(s) (of ALL time)	BARK GEORGE by Jules Feiffer THE WATERMELON SEED Greg Pizzoli PORCUPINNING: A PRICKLY LOVE STORY Lisa Wheeler
Song	Currently - "Dance, Freeze, Melt" by Learning Groove. This changes all the time, though.
Finger Play	Two Little Blackbirds - with lots and lots of opposite verses (high/low, fast/slow, wobbly/straight, early/late, etc.)
Opening Rhyme/Song	For my infant storytime I do a song that says hello to each baby with their names. It draws their attention to the song, and they all usually smile when they hear their name.
Closing Rhyme/Song	"The More We Get Together" with sign language
Flannel Board	Make a Pig - Kids help me build a pig with all of its body parts (ears, feet, tail, etc) and I trick them by putting other animal parts on the pig. It gets a LOT of laughs when you put human feet or bunny ears on instead of pig parts!
Other Activity	I like to settle down the crowd after doing a dance or active play by doing some yoga style deep breaths. It works REALLY well to calm them enough to listen to a story.

Share what you love to do during your storytimes: *no craft*

I keep a consistent program each week where I plug in each item. I have a few standbys that I do almost every week, like a specific shaker song or rhyme, but other than that I rotate out. For my infant storytime, I have at least five songs and rhymes that I do EVERY single time. It works well when the parents know the songs and can really engage with their children without worrying about what the tune is.

I don't do crafts unless its a special family/ all ages storytime. I simply put out LEGOS and DUPLOS, depending on the age group, and let them have free, but creative, play.

Name: Ashley Lehman

Library: FERN



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Book(s) (of ALL time)	The Family Book - Todd Parr King Jack and the Draym - Peter Bentley Brown Bear, Brown Bear - Eric Carle
Song	Shake your sillies - Wiggles Icky Sticky Bubblegum If you're happy & you know it (and variations)
Finger Play	5 Little Monkeys
Opening Rhyme/Song	Welcome Welcome Everyone
Closing Rhyme/Song	Tickle the Clouds
Flannel Board	Go Away Big Green Monster
Other Activity	Going on a Bear Hunt

Share what you love to do during your storytimes:

Play with scarves & puppet shows

Name: Erin Look

Library: Garden City



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Book(s) (of ALL time)	Chicka Chicka Boom Boom;
Song	Apples + Bananas; Get your wiggles out
Finger Play	itsy-bitsy spider
Opening Rhyme/Song	
Closing Rhyme/Song	clean up song
Flannel Board	
Other Activity	craft time

Share what you love to do during your storytimes:

- Family S.T. - read/do craft
- Toddler S.T. (Ready to Read) - play time, stories, craft, + snack (music playing in the background) - some-times scarves + other props are used.

Name: Jessica Wilhoite

Library: Romulus



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Book(s) (of ALL time)	"Planting a Rainbow"
Song	"Head, Shoulders, Knees, Toes"
Finger Play	"Five Little Peas"
Opening Rhyme/Song	"The More We Get Together"
Closing Rhyme/Song	
Flannel Board	"Five Little..." anything. Count forward & backward
Other Activity	Cut-paper stories

Share what you love to do during your storytimes:

Use shakers during "Old McDonald." If it's a small group, I let kids take shakers for themselves and their parents, and choose the animals on the farm.

Name: Jessica Schmidt

Library: Chelsea



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Book(s) (of ALL time)	Muncha, Muncha, Muncha by Candace Fleming, Monster at the end of this book (app), & Fall is not easy
Song	*Baby Shark*
Lap Bounce Finger Play	This is the way the Ladies Ride.
Opening Rhyme/ Song	So Happy You're Here by Hap Palmer
Closing Rhyme/Song	It's time to wave goodbye to our friends
Flannel Board	Little Mouse
Other Activity	Chocolate chip ghost folder story

Share what you love to do during your storytimes:

One of the things I love most is being able to use a quality interactive book to get the kids fully involved with the story.

Name: Trista Reno

Library: Commerce Twp.



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Book(s) (of ALL time)	Wide-mouthed Frog, a pop-up book Keith Faulkner Pete's a Pizza Mr Merlin & the Turtle Seymour Chwast Pout Pout Fish Deborah Diesen
Song	Goldfish Laurie Berkner CD "Victor Vito" Bumble Bee on My Nose
Finger Play	Here is the Beehive (hold up fist) Where are the bees (search hand over eyebrows) Hiding inside where nobody sees Cook here they come buzzing out of the hive 1 2 3 4 5 (bring fingers out of fist one at a time)
Opening Rhyme/ Song	Raymond, Raymond are you here? Yes, yes Raymond is here sung while passing out name tags & story time object at the start of storytime
Closing Rhyme/Song	we end with a craft so there is no closing song
Flannel Board	Where Are the Bees Jump Frog Jump
Other Activity	Stretchy band

Share what you love to do during your storytimes:

We always start with the bean bag song then the name tag song for 3 1/2 yr & younger. They each pick a bee (for example) from a basket when they come up to get their name tags. Then we do an activity with that prop. I alternate fingerplay, song or movement between each book. ("movement" with scarves, musical instruments, bells, sticks etc)

End with a craft & then put out age appropriate toys while they are doing the craft. They can remain in the story room as long as they like using toys & repeating activities we did during storytimes. There is a "song" sheet for them to take home

Name: Frances Bauer

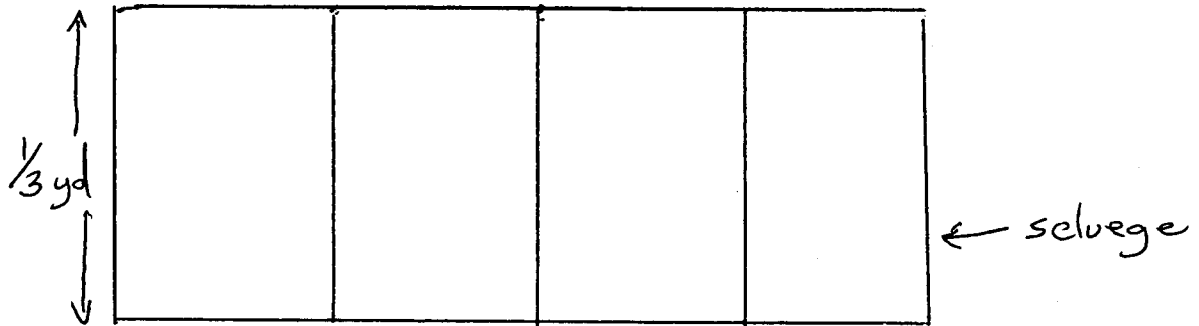
Library: Springfield Township Library

Jim Gill's Giant Rubber Band

To make stretchy loop of fabric about 5 yards in circumference:

Purchase $\frac{1}{3}$ yd. of 4 different colors of 45"+ wide swim suit lycra.

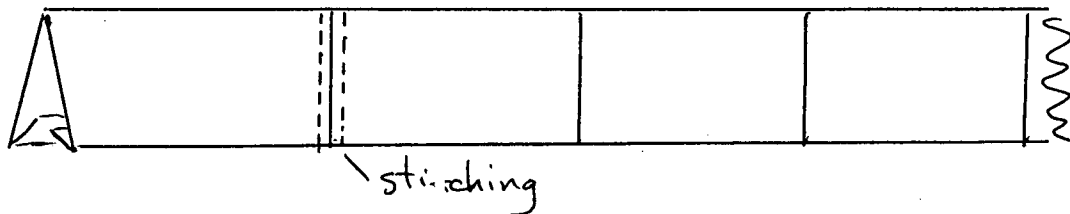
Even up the cut edges of each piece and cut into 4 equal pieces.



Alternate colors and sew all 16 pieces together end to end, using a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam. Sew the ends of the strip together to form the large loop.

Turn under both edges of the loop about 1 inch.

With wrong sides together, fold the entire length in half and pin at the seams of each section. (see diagram)



Top stitch across the loop about $\frac{1}{8}$ inch on both sides of the seam.

Do Not Stitch lengthwise because it has to stretch in that direction.