

Storytime Kits



Our Storytime Kits provide themed books, props, and suggested activities to support early literacy skills in a home or preschool setting.

Themed Kit Contents

- A bag with 4–5 picture books
- 1 oversized "Big Book edition" of a picture book
- Puppets
- Foam magnetic letters

- An activity card with suggested rhymes and strategies for using the contents

FAQ

- Are these kits available to reserve online? Yes, [storytime kits are available in our catalog](#).
- Who can check these out? Anyone, but they are designed for early-childhood educators, including caregivers.
- How long is the checkout period for each kit? Three weeks.
- Are they renewable? No. Due to high demand and a smaller collection size, there are no renewals.
- How many can you check out at once? Due to high demand and a smaller collection size, **only one may be checked out per library card.**
- Where are the kits located? Next to the toys in the Main Library's Children's Services space.

Kit Themes

Here is a sampling of themes available. You can find a [complete list in our catalog](#).

[Talking About Race](#)

Props

- Books that help build early literacy
- Song card
- ASL card
- Letter card
- Story sheet
- Tips for talking about race
- Uppercase "F" and lowercase "f" magnetic foam letters

Books

- *All the Colors We Are / Todos los Colores De Nuestra Piel* by Katie Kissinger
- *I Walk with Vanessa* by Kerascoët
- *Something Happened in Our Town* by Marianne Celano, Marietta Collins, Ann Hazzard
- *Strictly No Elephants* by Lisa Mantchev

The [Advancing Racial Equity Collection's](#) goal is to help Hoosier children think, read, and talk about racial injustice and systemic racism. It has been made possible through a grant from [Indiana Humanities](#) with funds from Lilly Endowment Inc.

Community Helpers

This storytime kit is community helpers themed and is suggested for ages 3-5 years old.

Props

- Discussion packet
- 12 picture and word flash cards
- Nurse, mail carrier, police, and firefighter finger puppets
- Uppercase H and lowercase h magnetic foam letters

Books

- *Big Book: Hooray for Our Heros!* by Sarah Albee
- *Delivering Your Mail* by Ann Owen
- *Let's Meet a Police Officer* by Gina Bellisario
- *Whose Hands Are These?* by Dee Ready
- *Duck on a Bike* by Miranda Paul
- *If I Were a Firefighter* by Thomas Kingsley Troupe
- *Nurses* by Christina Leaf

Transportation

This storytime kit is transporation themed and is suggested for ages 3-5 years old.

Props

- Discussion packet
- 12 picture and word flash cards
- Magnetic transportation vehicle pieces and town playboard
- Uppercase T and lowercase t magnetic foam letters

Books

- *Big Book: Freight Train* by Donald Crews
- *Away We Go!* by Rebecca Kai Dotlich
- *100 First Things That Go* by Dawn Sirett
- *Let's Go for a Drive* by Mo Willems
- *The Cars and Trucks Book* by Todd Parr
- *Go, Girls, Go!* by Frances Gilbert

Insects

This storytime kit is insect themed and is suggested for ages 3-5 years old.

Props

- Discussion packet
- Butterfly/caterpillar puppet
- 12 picture and word flash cards
- Uppercase I and lowercase i magnetic foam letters

Books

- *Big Book: In the Tall, Tall Grass* by Denise Fleming
- *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle
- *A Way with Wild Things* by Larissa Theule
- *Some Bugs* by Angela DiTerlizzi
- *100 Bugs* by Kate Narita

Story Bears

This storytime kit is bear themed and is suggested for ages 3-5 years old.

Props

- Activity card
- Goldilocks and the Three Bears puppet set
- Uppercase B and lowercase b foam letters

Books

- *Big Book: Bear Snores On* by Karma Wilson
- *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen
- *The Three Bears* by Byron Barton
- *The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry and the Big Hungry Bear* by Don and Aubrey Wood
- *Mama's Little Bears* by Nancy Tafuri

Tricky Foxes and Wolves

This storytime kit is fox and wolf themed and is suggested for ages 3-5 years old.

Props

- Activity card
- Story card
- Little Red Riding Hood puppet set
- Uppercase W and lowercase w foam letters

Books

- Big Book: n/a
- *Chicken Little* by Rebecca and Ed Emberley
- *Mushroom in the Rain* by Mirra Ginsburg
- *The Wolf's Chicken Stew* by Keiko Kasza
- *Dance Away* by George Shannon
- *Hattie and the Fox* by Mem Fox

This Little Piggy

This storytime kit is piggie themed and is suggested for ages 3-5 years old.

Props

- Activity card
- Three Little Pigs puppet set
- Uppercase P and lowercase p foam letters

Books

- *Big Book: Pig in the Pond* by Martin Waddell
- *Three Little Pigs* by Paul Galdone
- *Suddenly* by Colin McNaughten
- *Pigs in the Mud in the Middle of the Rud* by Lynn Plourde

It's In the Mail

This storytime kit is mail and postal service themed and is suggested for ages 3-5 years old.

Props

- Activity card
- Mail carrier puppet
- Uppercase M and lowercase m foam letters

Books

- *Big Book: Mail Monkeys* by Rhonda Gowler Greene
- *Dear Zoo* by Rod Campbell
- *Larabee* by Kevin Luthardt
- *Millie Waits for the Mail* by Alexander Steffensmeier
- *Mail Carriers* by Dee Ready
- *Bunny Mail* by Mary Wells

Imagine That!

This storytime kit is fairytale and imagination themed and is suggested for ages 3-5 years old.

Props

- Story card
- Jack and the Beanstalk puppet set
- Dragon puppet
- Uppercase J and lowercase j foam letters

Books

- *Big Book: Once Upon a Time* by John Praeter
- *The Kiss That Missed* by David Melling

- *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak
- *George and the Dragon* by Christopher Wormell
- *Puff the Magic Dragon* by Peter Yarrow

Halloween

This storytime kit is Halloween themed and is suggested for ages 3-5 years old.

Props

- Activity card
- Fuzzy mitt
- Witch & 5 Little Pumpkins fingerplay set
- Uppercase H and lowercase h foam letters

Books

- *Big Book: The Vanishing Pumpkin* by Tony Johnston
- *The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything* by Linda Williams
- *Big Pumpkin* by Erica Silverman
- *The Three Bears' Halloween* by Kathy Duval
- *Ghosts in the House* by Kazuno Kohara
- *The Little Green Witch* by Barbara Barbieri McGrath

Winter Wonderland

This storytime kit is winter and snow themed and is suggested for ages 3-5 years old.

Props

- Activity card
- Fuzzy mitt
- Uppercase S and lowercase s foam letters

Books

- *Big Book: The Mitten* by Jan Brett
- *Winter is the Warmest Season* by Lauren Stringer
- *Froggy Gets Dressed* by Jonathan London
- *Here Comes Jack Frost* by Kazuno Kohara
- *When it Starts to Snow* by Phillis Gershator
- *Snowmen at Night* by Caralyn Buehner

What themes would you like to see? [Suggest a purchase.](#)

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