BOOKS to Promote our Summer Reading Theme, Libraries Rock!

**I Got the Rhythm by Connie Schofield-Morrison** – In this story, a little girl notices the musicality of the sounds in her neighborhood as she goes for a walk with her mom. By the end, children and adults have created a parade of music and fun. Ages 3-6.

**This is It by Daria Peoples-Riley** – A young dancer is on the verge of her first ballet audition. The focus of the book is her pep talk to herself. Ages 4-7.

**Alphabet Family Band by Sarah Jones** – Fantastic incorporation of the Alphabet, different musical instruments, and family member’s names in one board book for babies!

**Every Little Thing adapted by Cedella Marley** – Based on the song made popular and sung by Bob Marley, this is a darling singable book that families can sing altogether. Fun! Ages birth-5.

**Jazz Baby by Lisa Wheeler** – Yet another story about a large musical family. The entire family shares a wonderful musical experience with each other and the baby is right in the center of it all – of course! Ages birth-5.

**Music Is… by Brandon Stosuy** – A perfect description of what music is and it’s many styles and expressions. Ages 0-3.

**Punk Farm by Jarrett Krosoczka** – As things wind down after a long day on the farm, you would think the animals are getting ready for bed. No! They are setting up for their nightly band practice – punk rock to be exact. This is one rockin’ farm! Ages 4-7.

**Row, Row, Row Your Boat by Jane Cabrera** – Jane Cabrera has written and illustrated numerous spinoffs of famous children’s songs and this is one of the best books to sing aloud with a group. Lots of fun and opportunities to interact with the pictures. Ages 1-5.

**Sing by Joe Raposo** – Based on the classic song from Sesame Street, it is a celebration of “the power of music to help each of us find our voice.” Ages 1-5.

**The Neighborhood Sing-Along by Nina Crews** – This is a collection of 34 favorite children’s songs with fantastic pictures of children having fun on the playground and all around town. Ages 3-7.

**What a Wonderful World by Bob Thiele** – Lovely song, wonderful pictures, nothing more needs to be said. Makes the best bedtime book! Ages 0-6.

**Wiggle by Doreen Cronin** – Great get up and stretch book. Ages 2-6.
Reach for the Sky
Clap your hands, touch your toes,
Turn around and put a finger on your nose
Flap your arms, jump up high
Wiggle your fingers and reach for the sky!

Doctor Knickerbocker by The Wiggles
This song can be found on their Nursery Rhymes CD
Doctor Knickerbocker, Knickerbocker, number nine
He likes to dance and he keeps in time
So let's get the rhythm of the feet
(STOMP, STOMP)
Now we've got the rhythm of the feet
(STOMP, STOMP)
Now let's get the rhythm of the number nine
One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine

Repeat song with “now let’s get the rhythm of the hips – SHAKE, SHAKE, hands – CLAP, CLAP, head – NOD, NOD,” and any other body parts/movements you wish to include! Have fun!

Pierce County Library’s Summer Reading Program
The Library’s Summer Reading program officially kicks off on Saturday, June 23rd! The theme this year is “Libraries Rock!”
Children of all ages from birth to 18 AND ADULTS TOO can participate. We have a large variety of programs scheduled at our 19 locations. If you have a very young child – a Wee Reader – we have a reading log just for them (and you) to track the times you read together or visit the library. You can earn a fun prize when you complete the reading log!

For both young school-age children and teens, there are also reading logs available to track their hours of reading this summer. Not only does reading quietly on your own count but also – READING ALOUD TO SOMEONE, LISTENING TO AN AUDIO BOOK, AND LISTENING TO SOMEONE READ A BOOK ALOUD TO YOU COUNTS. Anything you read also counts – reading books, magazines, the newspaper, comic books, online reading, even reading the labels on food containers counts!! And, of course, there are some awesome prizes children can earn as they read throughout the summer. Check out our web site beginning June 1st (www.piercecountylibrary.org) to find out more about Summer Reading fun.

Learning Ideas for JUNE

Household Items Become Musical Instruments!
What items in your home or backyard can also be used as music makers for children of all ages?
- Tupperware or plastic food storage containers
- Plastic silverware
- Wooden spoons or spatulas
- Metal pots and pans of various shapes and sizes and their lids
- Straws
- Glasses filled with water at different levels
- Empty glass bottle (blow air over the top of it to make a sound)
- Old plastic debit or credit card scraped on a rough surface
- Sand paper
- Strumming a comb
- Empty tin cans turned upside down (children can paint or decorate them too)
- Sticks from outside – run them along a fence to make music...

Have fun experimenting with different sounds. What makes the loudest sound? The quietest? Echo sounds where one person will play a rhythm and then everyone must copy the rhythm.