

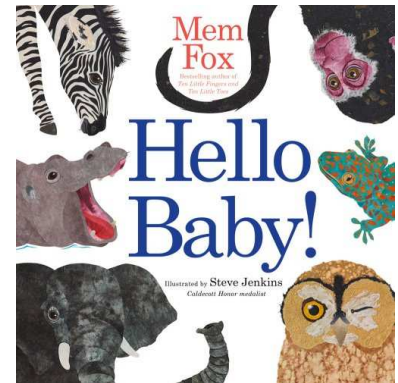
May

Early Learning Newsletter

Books of the Month

Hello Baby by Mem Fox – All kinds of baby animals are pictured in this sweet story of love between parents and their little ones. Ages 1-5.

Baby! Baby! by Vicky Ceelen – If nothing else, check this book out for the ridiculously similar facial expressions between babies and baby animals! Babies and toddlers.



Other Books about BABY ANIMALS...

Some Babies are Wild by Marion Dane Bauer – Local northwest wild animal babies are photographed in this book. Ages 3-6.

Hurry! Hurry! by Eve Bunting – In this story with very few words, all the animals on the farm are hurrying towards an anticipated special event. See if your children can guess what is going to happen...Ages 3-6.

Perfect Puppy by Stephanie Calmenson – Lovely little story about how one puppy can be loved without being perfect. Preschool.

Who are They? by Tana Hoban – Simple board book showing shapes of animal babies with their parent. Babies.

Over in the Meadow by Ezra Jack Keats – Beloved song with wonderful drawings! Great for sharing in spring when new little animals are arriving. Preschool.

Posy by Linda Newberry – Posy is a mischievous but very lovable kitten. Ages 3-6.

Panda Kindergarten by Joanne Ryder – The pictures speak for themselves – adorable! Preschool – 1st Grade.

Owl Babies by Martin Waddell – In this story, three little owls – Sarah, Percy, and Bill – await the return of their mother from a hunting trip. Although Bill is especially concerned that she won't return, she does and he exclaims, "I love my mommy!" Ages 2-5.

May's **Free STARS Training:**
"Multicultural Literacy"
Saturday, May 15 – 10-noon
2 STARS credits



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in the Child Care section of the Parents'/Caregivers' menu

Literacy Connections

CLAPPING SYLLABLES

Being able to hear and break down the different sounds in words is an important skill in preparing children to read. Begin with children's names. See if children can listen and then clap out the syllables in their name (O-liv-i-a). A fun chant to do is below...



Hicky Picky Bumblebee by JoAnn Nally

Hicky Picky Bumblebee

Won't you say your name to me?

(child says name)

Let's clap it...

Let's tap it...

Let's snap it...

(Repeat the chant using another child's name.)

TELL FAMILY STORIES

We are all storytellers. Children love to hear about what their parents or grandparents were like when they were young. Encourage parents to tell stories with their children. You can also take a favorite book and retell it in your own words or encourage the children to tell you the story. This greatly develops children's understanding of story.

Rhymes of the Month

Cuddly Koalas

Sing to the tune of "Are you sleeping?"

Cuddly koalas, cuddly koalas,

(cradle and swing arms)

Possums too, possums too,

(make circles over eyes)

Wallabies and wombats, wallabies and wombats,

(hands in front)

Kangaroos, Kangaroos

(big jump)

Five Little Piggies

"It's time for my piggies to go to bed."

The great big mother piggy said.

So I will count them first to see

If all my piggies come back to me.

(count on baby's fingers)

One little piggy, two little piggies,

Three little piggies dear,

Four little piggies, five little piggies,

Yes, they're all here!"

If you have questions about this newsletter or if you would like to register for STARS trainings, Call 253-536-6500 ext 189 or email susana@pierCeCountyLibrary.org for details.