**We March**
by Shane W. Evans
This simple and beautifully illustrated book is a wonder-ful way to help explain protests to very young children. It is never too early to begin talking about racism and injustice. It is a lifelong journey. Preschool.

**Max and the Tag-Along Moon**
by Floyd Cooper
“That ol’ moon will always shine for you...on and on!” Max’s Granpa tells him as Max leaves for the long journey home. All the long car ride home, the moon tags along, helping Max to still feel connected to his Granpa. The large, muted illustrations are perfectly suited to this loving, gentle story. Preschool.

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**Other fun books about Journeys**

**Friends** by Eric Carle — When his best friend moves away, a young boy undertakes an arduous journey to find her. Preschool.

**Maisy Goes on a Plane** by Lucy Cousins — The little mouse takes a trip on a plane. This is a simple, straightforward introduction to plane travel. Preschool.

**Red Knit Cap Girl to the Rescue** by Naoko Stoop — The illustrations are the star in this imaginative book about a journey. Preschool and young school-age.

**Special Delivery** by Philip C. Stead — A young girl tries many ways to deliver an elephant to her Great Aunt in this amusing book. Preschool and young school-age.

**A Home Bird** by Philip C. Stead — A little frog befriends a quiet bird and heads out on a journey to find bird’s home. A funny book with a lot of chances for interaction. Preschool and young school-age.

**Pip’s Trip** by Janet Morgan Stoeke — Children will laugh at this chicken who takes a ‘trip’ in the Farmer’s Truck. Preschool.

**Penguin’s Big Adventure** by Salina Yoon — A little penguin sets off on a big adventure with the help of some of his friends. Preschool.

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**Rhyme of the Month**

**Green Means Go**
Green means “GO!” Go! Go! Go!
(march in place)
Yellow means “Slow.”
Slow... slow... slow.
(march in slow motion)
Red means “STOP!”
(stop suddenly)
Go! Go! Go!
(move fast!)
Slow... slow... slow.
(move slowly)
Stop!

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**Poem of the Month**

**Safe?**
I look to the left
I look to the right
Before I ever
Move my feet.
No cars to the left,
No cars to the right,
I guess it’s safe
To cross the street...

~Shel Silverstein

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Free STARS trainings are listed at www.piercecountylibrary.org
You may register for STARS classes by clicking on the date of the class on the Calendar of the Pierce County Library website: www.piercecountylibrary.org
Learning Ideas for July:

Take healing time for yourselves during these challenging times. You are all amazing and the work you are doing is extraordinary.

Watercolor Paper Towels

Supplies:
1. Paper Towels
2. Liquid watercolor
3. Jars
4. Brushes or eyedroppers

Spread the paper towels out and place jars of liquid watercolor paints, brushes, and/or eye droppers out for the children to create artwork.

Rock Art

Supplies:
Black (or dark) Construction Paper
Small dishes
Pebbles or buttons

Draw simple shapes, letters, numbers, patterns on the dark paper and set them out around a table. Place small dishes of pebbles out where the children can easily reach them and encourage them to trace the design on the paper with the pebbles.

Did You Know?

Mary Bridge Hospital in Tacoma has a Bridges Center for grieving children.

They also have a childlife specialist to help children “play through experiences” before, during, and after care.

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(in the parents/caregivers section of the Kids/Teens menu)