Ten Beautiful Things by Molly Beth Griffin*
There’s something magical about this story and the lovely illustrations that captivated me from the first page. And I LOVE the wonderful relationship between Lily and her grandmother. Ages 4-7.

The Blue House by Phoebe Wahl*
The blue house has always been Leo’s home until he and his dad are forced to leave. Although they are sad and lost in their new place, they gradually find a way to make it too feel like home. Ages 4-7.

Other Helpful Books About Moving

All books that have an asterisk are available to read as an e-book on OverDrive.

Bad Bye, Good Bye by Deborah Underwood
A family begins their journey feeling sad to leave but slowly the mood of the story shifts from sadness to interest to hope and finally happiness in this story about moving. Ages 3-7.

Evelyn del Rey is Moving Away by Meg Medina*
What do you do when your best friend moves away? In this lovely story of friendship, Evelyn and Daniela promise to always be each other’s numero uno, despite the distance. Ages 5-9.

Ben Says Goodbye by Sarah Ellis
Ben’s best friend Peter has just moved away. Ben decides he will “move” too into a cave under his table. This story does a wonderful job of showing how one boy works through his many strong feelings after a major life event with help from his supportive family. Ages 3-6.

Birdsong by Julie Flett*
When Katherina moves to a new town, she feels very lonely. But she soon makes a wonderful new friend in her elderly neighbor Agnes who shares Katherina’s love of art and the outdoors. This is an important story of intergenerational friendship. Ages 6-9.

How I Learned to Fall Out of Trees by Vincent Kirsch
As a parting gift to her best friend Roger, Adelia teaches him how to climb a tree (her favorite tree) and makes sure that falling is the easy part. Ages 4-8.

Yard Sale by Eve Bunting
Callie and her parents are moving out of their house into an apartment and they are having a yard sale to get rid of things that will no longer fit in their new home. It is hard for Callie to see things go but she also realizes she still has what matters most – her family. Ages 4-8.

NEW STARS CLASS AVAILABLE - For all teachers of young children in Pierce County!

Flannel Board Fun: How to Make and Use Flannel Boards
- To view the seven videos in this class, go to the Library’s YouTube Channel - https://www.youtube.com/user/piercecountylibrary1
- Look for the title “Flannel Board Fun” toward the bottom of the page.
- Once you begin watching the videos, contact Alison Pascone – apascone@piercecountylibrary.org for a short quiz to fill out and send back for STARS credit.
**Songs of the Month**

Here is a House

Here is a house built up high (hands over head to make a roof)

With two chimneys reaching for the sky (raise arms up high)

Here is a window (draw a square)

Here is a door (pretend to open a door)

If we look inside (peek through fingers)

There’s a mouse on the floor! (scamper fingers away)

*Credit: Perry Public Library*

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**Fun Learning Activities**

**The Homes I See**

Bring a clipboard and paper with you on a neighborhood walk and talk about the different homes you see on your walk.

- How many homes are big?
- How many are small?
- How many homes are brown? Gray? White? Green? Other colors?
- What else do you notice about the homes?
- How many homes have lots of windows in front?
- What color are their doors?

Take notes on what the children say during your walk. Use their ideas later for more discussion. You can make a chart with some of the answers to the questions above too.

**Shape Homes**

**What you need:**

- Paper (any kind of paper will work)
- Scissors and glue
- Markers or crayons

Create a home out of paper shapes! It can be a large or small, they can use whatever shapes they like. The more creative, the better! Encourage children to make their own shapes for their homes but you can also have some pre-cut shapes for children to use too. Children can decorate their home with markers and crayons OR they can draw their shape home with markers and crayons instead of using paper shapes.

*Here is a fun rhyme to say before everyone creates their homes –*

Some houses are wood and some are stone,

But let’s build one with shapes alone.

Start with a square, but we won’t stop.

Add a triangle up on top.

Then a rectangle for the door.

Now square windows, 1, 2, 3, 4.

A little circle is just for fun,

Now our shape house is all done!

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**Make New Friends**

Make new friends,

But keep the old.

One is silver,

And the other gold.

A circle is round,

It has no end.

That’s how long,

I’m going to be your friend.