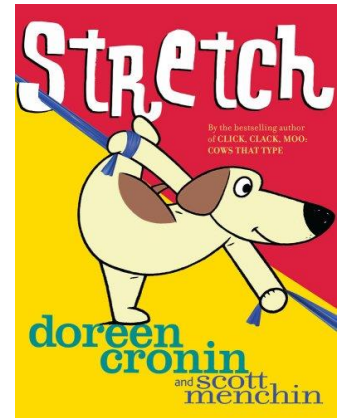


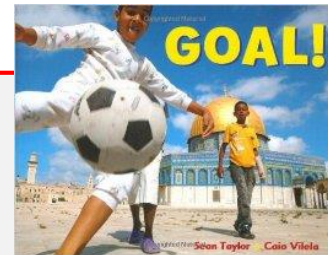
OUR SUMMER READING 2016 THEME IS – ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, READ!



Stretch by Doreen Cronin – This story is fun to share with any size group and you can use it with a variety of ages since it is so interactive. If your children enjoy this book, try the books Bounce and Wiggle, by the same author! Ages 3-6.

Goal! By Sean Taylor – Children all around the world love to play soccer and you don't need to speak the same language to enjoy a common game. This lovely book features real photographs of children in action and there are interesting soccer-related facts accompanying each photo. Ages 5-8.

OTHER GREAT EXAMPLES OF GETTING ACTIVE BOOKS:



A Big Guy Took My Ball by Mo Willems (An Elephant & Piggie Book) – One of the more recent books in this hilarious series, Elephant and Piggie become friends with someone they assume is a bully based on his size. Ages 4-7.

Dancing Feet! By Lindsey Craig – A great book to get children movin' and groovin' with the bonus that this story is a guessing game. Loads of fun! Ages 2-5.

Firebird by Misty Copeland – Gorgeous and inspirational – this book is a must-read for every child because it talks about how, with hard work, their hopes and dreams can become their reality. Based on the true story of Misty Copeland, soloist for the American Ballet Theater. Ages 5-9.

Good Morning Yoga by Mariam Gates – A lovely introduction to yoga for children. This book not only teaches children yoga poses but also introduces them to deep breathing to calm themselves if they are upset. Ages 4-8.

If You're Hoppy by April Pulley Sayre – Silly and interactive, and based on the famous song everyone knows! "If you're hoppy and you know it, you're a frog. Or a bunny. Or a cricket!" Ages 2-6.

My Three Best Friends and Me, Zulay by Cari Best – Although Zulay is blind, she decides that on field day she is going to run a race and she achieves her goal with the help of an aide and her three best friends. Ages 6-9.

Score! 50 Poems to Motivate and Inspire by Charles Ghigna – A sports-themed poetry collection with a primary focus cultivating a lifelong positive attitude. Ages 7-12.

Sergio Saves the Game! By Edel Rodriguez – Underdog soccer goalie, Sergio the penguin, finds his ability on game day against a mean team of seagulls! Ages 4-6.



Rhyme and Song of the Month

This is the Way We

Sing to the Tune "Here we go Round the Mulberry Bush"

This is the way we bounce the ball,
bounce the ball, bounce the ball,
This is the way we bounce the ball,
when we play basketball.

Here are some other sports/actions to add – kick the ball when we play soccer, swing the bat when we play baseball, pedal our feet when we ride a bike, move our arms when we go for a swim, etc. Ask children to create their own actions to add!

Worth a Shot

A lesson learned from basketball
Is one we all should make:
You always miss all the shots
That you never take.

From *Score! 50 Poems to Motivate and Inspire*
by Charles Ghigna

Learning Ideas for June – **SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

WEE READERS Summer Reading Program for Children Ages 0-3

The library has many wonderful programs, activities, and resources for you and your children this summer. Check out our Summer Reading Program – "ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, READ!" at www.piercecountylibrary.org.

Little ones get to fill in a star every time someone reads them a book or they visit the library this summer. When they complete their summer reading booklet, they win a turtle squirter bath toy and children 3 and older also win a free pass to Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium!



Many library branches also have story times for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers over the summer. Check our EVENT SCHEDULE for more information – www.piercecountylibrary.org/files/library/2016-event-schedule.pdf

You may register for FREE STARS classes by clicking on the date of the class on the CALENDAR of the Pierce County Library web site: www.piercecountylibrary.org.

THE TOPIC FOR THE NEXT STARS CLASS ON SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH, WILL BE "DEVELOPING A LOVE OF LITERACY IN ALL CHILDREN."

Summer Reading Program for Children Ages 4-12

- Download a Kids Reading Log - <http://www.piercecountylibrary.org/files/library/2016-kids-reading.pdf> or pick one up at your local Pierce County Library branch
- Read anything you want – all kinds of reading counts
 - Read aloud to someone
 - Listen to someone read to you or listen to an audiobook
 - Read quietly to yourself
 - Read books, magazines, comic books, newspapers, cereal boxes, etc.!!!
- Color a footprint in your reading log for every 20 minutes of reading
- Win prizes for reading 5, 10, and 15 hours
- When you complete your reading log (15 hours of reading), you win a free pass to Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium!

