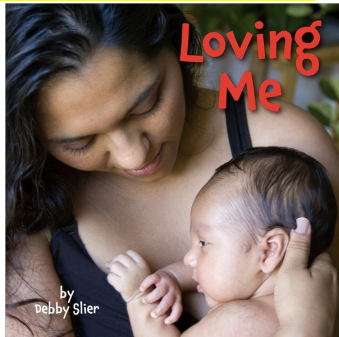


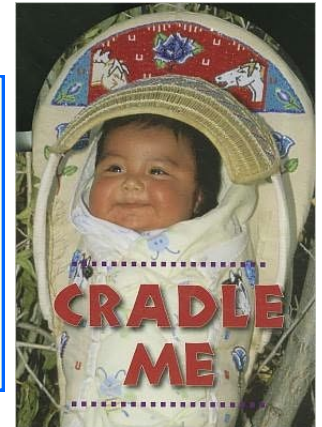
May 2014

Books of the Month



Loving Me and Cradle Me by Debbie Slier

These two beautiful board books feature photographs of Native American babies and the people who love them. In Loving Me, the emphasis is placed on the many family members who love their babies. Cradle Me features many different traditional cradle boards. These are perfect books to share with our very youngest readers!



Other fun books featuring *Babies*

The Boss Baby by Marla Frazee – This hilarious book might have more appeal for *parents* rather than *children*, but it's so funny and spot-on, everyone should read it! All ages.

Ten Tiny Babies by Karen Katz—A bouncy, vibrant counting book featuring many adorable babies. Infants, toddlers and preschoolers.

Lola Reads to Leo by Anna McQuinn—An older sister reads to her baby brother in this sweet book. Simple illustrations make this a nice choice for both toddlers and preschoolers.

I Kissed the Baby by Mary Murphy—A simple and wonderful celebration of kissing! Infants and toddlers.

My Baby and Me by Lynn Reiser—This is a lovely photographic look at babies and their siblings. Toddlers and Preschoolers.

A Friend for Minerva Louise by Janet Stoeke – The infamous hen examines the new items showing up in a house and wonders what is coming this way. Preschool.

Fiesta Babies by Carmen Tafolla - A bouncing, bright look at busy babies with Spanish words peppered throughout. Preschool.

Rhyme of the Month

Here is a Baby

Here is a baby, ready for her nap
(Hold up an index finger)
Lie her down in her mother's lap
(place your finger into the other palm)
Wrap her up tight, so she won't peep.
(Fold palm fingers over "baby")
And rock her until she's fast asleep
(Rock your hands back and forth)

Poem of the Month

Little

I am the sister of him
And he is my baby brother
He is too little for us
To talk to each other
So every morning I show him
My doll and my book;
But every morning he still is
Too little to look.

Dorothy Aldis



Free STARS trainings are listed at www.piercecountylibrary.org

Due to the new smaller class size requirement only teachers with tickets will be admitted to the class. To register and receive a ticket. Contact Susan Anderson-Newham at susana@piercecountylibrary.org

Learning Ideas for May:

Get Outside!

As the weather warms, it becomes much easier to spend time out of doors with your children. There are an incredible variety of activities that are easy to initiate and can lead to wonderful outdoor learning: *creating outdoor art out of found materials, building pretend towns using rocks and sticks, outdoor music play, mudpies, water play, etc.*

The following are some websites with inspiring ideas to get you started:

<http://theplayfiles.blogspot.com.au>

<http://www.nwf.org/be-out-there/why-be-out-there/health-benefits.aspx>

<http://www.whattoexpect.com/toddler/photo-gallery/outdoor-activities-for-toddlers-and-preschoolers.aspx#/slide-1>

<http://www.notimeforflashcards.com/2012/03/50-simple-outdoor-activities-for-kids.html>

Have fun outside!

Similarities and Differences

Engage the children in a discussion about babies. Make a list of what babies can do. Make a list of things the children can do that babies can't. Talk about the lists together.

Baby Chart

Create a chart on a large piece of paper or poster board. Across the top place either a photo or the words: Sister, Brother, or None. Talk about the chart together so the children understand it well. Encourage each child to come up and place a tick mark under the category that fits their family. Talk about the results together.

This sort of charting develops counting, writing, data analysis, and literacy skills, since children are engaged in all these practices during an activity like this.

Look for other ways to create data charts.



You can find a myriad of early learning information at our website:

<http://www.piercecountylibrary.org/>

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