Books of the Month

**Hair Love** by Matthew A. Cherry
A young girl wants the perfect hair style for an extremely important event and her father tries very, very hard to help make that happen. This is a lovely book about the love between a father and his daughter. The beautiful illustrations perfectly capture the story. Preschool and school-age. (Based on a wonderful short film you may watch for free online!)

Other fun books about Love

**Love is** by Diane Adams—adorable rhyming story about a young girl and the duckling that she raises. All ages. **Love/Amor** by Patricia Billings — Simple bilingual English/Spanish board book all about love. All ages. **Love** by Matt de la Peña — This gorgeous book demonstrates the many faces and the incredible power of love. Keep a hanky handy. Preschool and young school-age. **Honey, I Love** by Eloise Greenfield — A young girl shares all the many ways she feels love in her life in this beautiful book. Preschool. **I’ll Love You Forever** by Owen Hart — A mother polar bear and her cub show all the ways that families love one another. A beautifully illustrated board book. Toddlers and Preschool. **Hello Love** by Taro Miura — In this very simple board book, many animals demonstrate their love. Infants and Toddlers. **Benji, the Bad Day, and Me** by Sally J. Pla — After a terrible day at school, a young boy finds great comfort in his younger brother. Really sweet story. Preschool and young school-age. **The I Love You Book** by Todd Parr — With his trademark illustrations, Todd Parr examines love. Preschool. **Hands Say Love** by George Shannon—This sweet book talks about the many ways that hands show love. Preschool.

Rhyme of the Month

Love grows one by one,  
*(Hold up one finger on one hand and then the other hand)*  
Two by two and four by four,  
*(Hold up two fingers on each hand and then four on each hand)*  
Love grows round as a circle  
*(Form a circle with both hands)*  
And comes back knocking at your front door.  
*(Hold one hand flat, and knock with the other hand)*  
~Eric Ode~

Poem of the Month

**Love Grows**

Sometimes the smallest things  
Take up the most room  
In your heart  
—A. A. Milne

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 September:

Puzzle Sorting

Supplies:
1. Wooden puzzles
2. Flat plastic bin
3. Large bag of rice
4. Small shovels, tongs, or tweezers (Optional)

Remove wooden pieces from their puzzles and place them in the big plastic bin. Pour the large bag of rice over the pieces. Place the puzzles around the bin and then place the shovels and tweezers around the puzzles and encourage the children to locate the puzzle pieces and place them in their proper places on the puzzles.

Felt Color Wheel

- Cardboard Circle
- Felt in rainbow colors
- Various colorful items

Cut out pie-shaped sections of felt in the different colors and glue them to the cardboard circle to make them more sturdy. Set out items in various colors for the children to place on the color triangle to which it matches. This activity also allows you to talk about different shades of a color—the fact that the blues may be different from one another, but they are all still called blue.

Did You Know?

Amara, an organization that provides comprehensive support for the foster care community in Pierce County, has purchased a 29 acre parcel in Summit-Waller! They will be dramatically expanding their programs!

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)