

Read to Every Kid Every Day

The project promotes the importance of reading to children through a counties-wide collaborative initiative. Some of the agencies involved include Youth and Child Wellness, medical centres, Family and Child Services of Leeds and Grenville, police representatives, Big Brothers/Sisters, Youth Justice, Upper Canada School Board, United Way, YMCA, Early Years Centers, Safe Communities, political representatives and of course the public libraries.

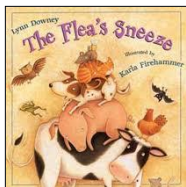
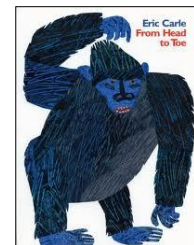
We had our launch for the second year of the program yesterday at the Country Roads Medical Center in Portland...Families and children six and under have a chance to read one of then books chosen by a committee of library children's programmers and early childhood experts. Then they may vote for their favourite book by ballot either online at www.everykid.on.ca , or at their public library or local Early Years Centre. Copies of the books should be available at all the Leeds and Grenville Public Libraries. We also have information about choosing books for your young child, what to do when you are reading and why reading is important. Voting stops January 21 2011 and the results will be made known Literacy Day January 27.

We encourage parents, teachers, day care workers and of course grandparents to read to their kids every day. Please take some time to vote since there are prizes offered as well.

Our choices are the following:

From Head to Toe by Eric Carle

Alligators wiggle, gorillas thump in this wonderful book. It encourages children to participate in the actions of the animals. Great for toddlers!

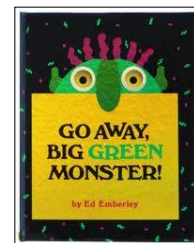


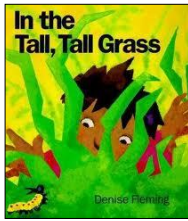
The flea's sneeze by Lynn Downey

A lively funny book just begging to be read aloud about a flea and the build-up to his sneeze. The repetition assists children earn the sounds that make up words and develop their story-telling skills.

Go away, big green monster by Ed Emberley

Emberley is an award-winning illustrator. You can watch the monster grow and then disappear with the clever cutouts. It reinforces vocabulary and encourages children to participate in the story. Another winner with toddlers. It would be fun for Halloween...



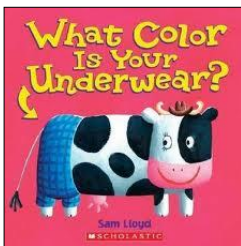
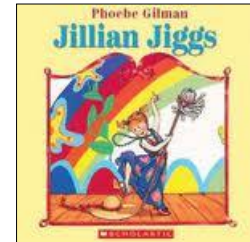


In the tall, tall grass by Denise Fleming

Follow a caterpillar through a backyard tour and learn some of the noises the various animals make. Collage illustrations make this a treat. Kids ages 3-5 will love the language as they make up words while adding vocabulary.

Jillian Jiggs by Phoebe Gilman

An old favourite of story time. No one can keep up with the incomparable Jillian Jiggs. The repetition in the book develops story-telling skills and the story encourages children to try more Jillian Jiggs books.

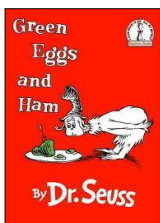
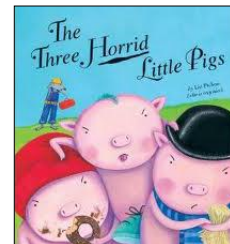


What color is your underwear? By Sam Lloyd

A hilarious lift-the-flap book about colors and underwear. Great for reinforcing vocabulary and learning colors. Little ones always laugh when this book is read to them.

The three horrid little pigs by Liz Pichon

A clever twist on the old fairy tale. The pigs are bratty and the wolf is helpful. The humour in the book encourages children to enjoy other funny books. The parent or grandparent will get a good chuckle out of this one too.

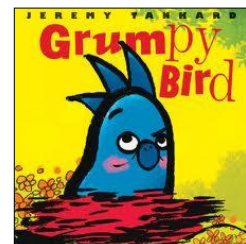


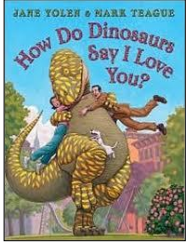
Green eggs and ham by Dr. Seuss

Dr. Seuss needs no introduction. The use of rhyme helps children learn some of the sounds that make up words. It has been a beloved book for many years.

Grumpy bird by Jeremy Tankard

This bird wakes up on the wrong side of the bed. Whimsical and funny with great illustrations, this picture book uses repetition to tell the story. Recommended for children ages 3-5 – who can all relate to being in a grumpy mood sometimes.





How do dinosaurs say I love you? By Jane Yolen

What kid doesn't love dinosaurs? The dinosaurs are testing boundaries but ultimately are very loved dinosaurs. Yolen, a well-known children's writer and illustrator uses colourful pictures and rhyming text in this story time favourite. The dinosaur names will develop an awareness of print and help add new vocabulary.