

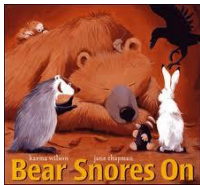
read To every KiD...

Similar to Canada Reads, the third year of this project was launched for Library Week at the Brockville YMCA yesterday. The nominated books can be voted on and the winners will be announced on Family Literacy Day in January. Books are chosen on the basis of illustrations, text, and introductions to concepts such as colours, numbers, shapes and words. The goal is to determine Leeds-Grenville's favourite book while promoting the benefits of reading everyday to parents and caregivers.

There are 18 partners involved in the project including Ontario Early Years Centres, health units and centres, licensed children's providers, both school boards, and many more agencies. Of course the public libraries of Leeds and Grenville are major partners. Families may vote online or use ballot boxes at the libraries and all Leeds and Grenville public libraries have copies of the books. Margaret Williams, the retired Brockville head librarian stated, "The challenge is to get the word out to involve more families and broader community in spreading the joy and satisfaction of reading."

Last winter this project won the Minister's Award for Innovation 2010 from the Ministry of Culture and Tourism at the Ontario Library Association Conference. The award recognizes new collaborate approaches to literacy in the public library field.

Snuggling up with a good book is a gift you can give a child that will keep giving all their lives. There is good documentation that young children who are read to achieve in school later on. Here is a sampling of some of our selections:

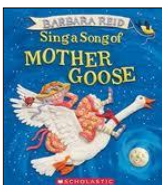


Bear snores on By Karma Wilson.

Bear sleeps in his comfy cave until a party of other animals awakens him. Snappy rhythms and colourful drawings of animals make this a book that children will want read over and over again.

pete's a pizza By William Steig.

Pete's dad entertains him on a rainy day by making a special pizza – out of Pete! Lots of fun with a great ending...Kids will be very amused. Just watch out that they don't beg for a pizza party after this one.

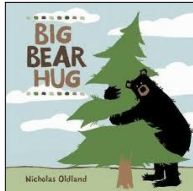
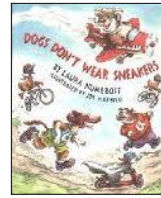


sing a song of mother goose By Barbara Reid.

Reid's interesting illustrations bring familiar Mother Goose rhymes to life. Watch the cow jump over the moon in a pink tutu.

Dogs Don't Wear Sneakers By Laura Numeroff.

Lots of silliness in Numeroff's book of rhymes. Sheep in the shower, hens on the diving board – kids and adults will laugh at their antics. The last page invites children to explore creative activities.

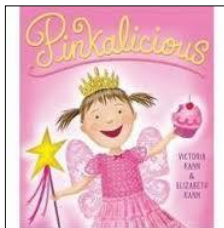
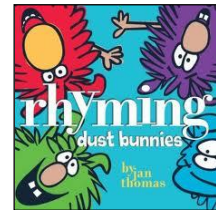


Big Bear Hug By Nicholas Oldman.

A lovable dopy bear decides to hug everyone he sees. Oldman also tells an environmental message in this picture book with cartoon-like illustrations. Funny, powerful and simple...

Rhyming Dust Bunnies By Jan Thomas.

The other dust bunnies speak in rhyme all the time except for Bob. There is also a vacuum cleaner monster... a great book, which teaches rhyme, colours and word play. It's easy for a little person to relate to being a tiny mite.

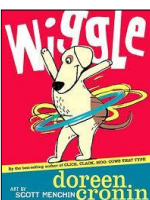


Pinkalicious By Victoria Kann.

A little girl eats so many pink cupcakes that she wakes up all pink the next morning. The doctor prescribes green vegetables to make her better. Great way to learn about colours... Kids will like the bold appealing illustrations. What kid can't relate to eating too many sweets?

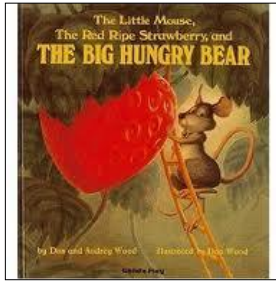
I'm The Biggest Thing In The Ocean By Kevin Sherry.

A bright blue squid cruises the ocean noticing that he's bigger than most of the other creatures. What a great way to learn about size and colours in this charming, boldly illustrated book with its blues and greens. The book is also quite large.



Wiggle By Doreen Cronin.

A great interactive romp that encourages wiggling throughout the entire book. A funny dog leads the wiggle activities... Children can move and enjoy the fun rhymes at the same time.



LITTLE mouse, THE red STRIPE STRAWBERRY AND THE BIG HUNGRY BEAR BY DON WOOD.

Bears seem to feature in a lot of the book choices this year. First published 25 years ago, this timeless classic features a mouse trying to save a strawberry from a hungry bear. A beautifully illustrated, interactive read. The book covers concepts like sharing and bullying.

Come to your library, check out a wonderful picture book and read to every kid every day!!