

# Families for Literacy Program Newsletter

## June, 2019



**Tutors: please go over this newsletter (whatever is appropriate) with your adult students and encourage them to visit the Story Times with their children, it's a lot of fun!**

**Lakeport Library, 1425 N. High St. Lakeport, Fridays, 10:15 am and 2:30 pm**  
**Middletown Library, 21256 Washington Street, Middletown, Tuesdays, 11:30 am**  
**Redbud Library, 14785 Burns Valley Rd. Clearlake, Thursday, 10:30 am**



### The Importance of Block Play

In this technology-driven time we live in, it is important to remember that helping children learn is not about the latest electronic gadget.

Children need to **touch things, move them, and manipulate them**. Something as simple as playing with blocks has numerous benefits for children's learning, like:

- **Math Skills:** blocks are great tools for counting, sorting, grouping, matching, adding, subtracting, and learning about size and shape.
- **Physical Skills:** children are improving their strength and coordination by lifting, stacking, and moving the blocks about.
- **Creative Skills:** children are strengthening their imagination and creativity as they come up with new ideas of things to build.

Here are a few examples of how to incorporate the use of blocks with different ages of children:

#### INFANTS

- Build a tower using soft blocks with the infant. She will probably enjoy knocking it down and then building it up again and again.
- Place a soft block on the floor a few feet away from a crawling infant. Make a game out of getting the infant to crawl to the block.

#### TODDLERS

- Toddlers need large blocks made of wood, heavy cardboard, or plastic with plenty of space to move around their structures without knocking it over.
- Show toddlers how to stack blocks and how to keep a tower from falling over and then let them create.

#### PRESCHOOLERS

- During this time preschoolers are building with purpose ~ a flat row of blocks is a road, blocks on their sides are fences to keep in animals, etc. Give them toys, people, cars, and animals to add to their pretend play.

### Sing and play on Father's day:

**Daddy loves me,**  
Tune: "Clementine"

Daddy loves me  
Daddy loves me  
Daddy loves me  
Daddy loves me  
This I know.  
Daddy loves me  
Daddy loves me  
Everyday he tells me so.



**D-A-D-D-Y** tune: "B-I-N-G-O"

I have a very special friend, and Daddy is his name O  
D-A-D-D-Y, D-A-D-D-Y, D-A-D-D-Y  
And Daddy is his name O.

**With each verse remove one letter from the word D-A-D-D-Y and replace it with a hand-clap:**

- ♥ I have a very special friend, and Daddy is his name O (clap)-A-D-D-Y, (clap)-A-D-D-Y, (clap)-A-D-D-Y  
And Daddy is his name O.
- ♥ I have a very special friend, and... (clap)-(clap) -D-D-Y
- ♥ I have...(clap)-(clap)-(clap) -D-Y
- ♥ I have...(clap)-(clap)-(clap)- (clap) -Y
- ♥ I have...(clap)-(clap)-(clap)- (clap)- (clap)

### Happy Father's Day to You

Tune: "Happy Birthday"

Happy Father's Day to you  
Happy Father's Day to you  
Happy Father's Day to my Daddy  
Happy Father's Day to you.

### I Love Daddy

Tune: "Are you sleeping?"

I love Daddy, I love Daddy.  
Yes, I do. Yes, I do.  
And my Daddy loves me,  
And my Daddy loves me.  
Yes, he does, yes he does.

### Daddy Daddy

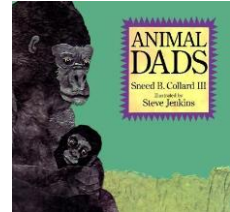
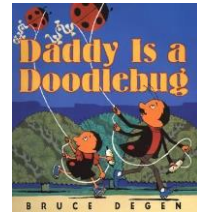
Tune "Twinkle Twinkle Little star"

Daddy, Daddy let me say  
I love you in every way  
I love you for all you do  
Daddy, Daddy let me say  
Have a happy Father's Day!



### Books from your local library:

- A Perfect Father's Day, by Eve Bunting
- Animal Dads, by Sneed B. Collard
- Daddy Call Me Doodlebug, by J.P.Lester
- I Love You, Dad, by Iris Hiskey Arno
- Daddy Is A Doodlebug, by Bruce Degen
- Dad's Dinosaur Day, by Diane Dawson Hearn



### Summer Reading Program - For Everyone!

Programs for babies, toddlers, children, teens, and adults! You can sign up anytime at any branch of the Lake County Library, or come to the Super Sign Up Saturday on June 15<sup>th</sup>



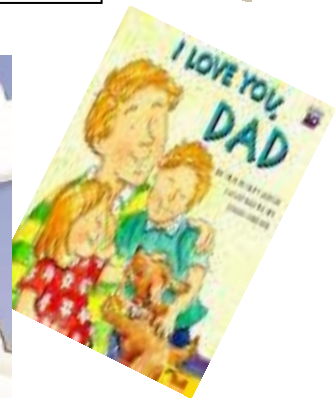
### ...It Changes Everything!

Parents, grandparents, any family members and caregivers, story-time readers and not-yet readers of any age...

Come join us with your children for a fun-filled hour of reading, singing, playing and more!

**Free Books! Snacks Too!**

	June 12	June 19	June 26
10:30 AM	Middletown Library	Lakeport Library	Lucerne Alpine Senior Center
2:30 PM	Redbud Library, Clearlake	Upper Lake Library	Moose Lodge, Clearlake Oaks



Free of charge!

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