

Themed Storytelling Kits

We are pleased to offer a number of valuable resources to help supplement early learning and literacy with children. We have approximately 35 themed storytelling kits that include a combination of books, flannelboard stories, book lists, craft ideas, activity sheets, poems, puppets, CDs and more.

The kit themes listed in this pamphlet are available for checkout to any patron with a current Portage County Public Library card and are intended for adult use with children. We hope you find these materials useful.

- Kits are checked out for one week.
- We accept and encourage kit reservations in advance.
- The fine for overdue kits is \$1.00 per day.
- If you have questions or would like to reserve a kit, visit the Youth Services Department or call 715-346-1549.



Themed Storytelling Kit List...

- BIRDS
- BUGS & INSECTS
- CAMPING
- CHRISTMAS
- COOKIES
- DINOSAURS
- EASTER
- FALL – HARVEST
- FALL – HIBERNATION
- FALL – LEAVES
- FAMILIES
- FARMS
- FISH
- FOREST FRIENDS
- GARDEN
- GIVE THANKS
- HALLOWEEN I
- HALLOWEEN II
- MONSTERS
- MULTICULTURAL
- MUSIC (*being updated*)
- OCEANS & SEA LIFE
- POND LIFE
- ST. PATRICK'S DAY
- SPACE
- SPRING 1
- SPRING 2
- TRANSPORTATION
- VALENTINE'S DAY I
- VALENTINE'S DAY 2
- WEATHER
- WINTER CLOTHES
- WINTER SNOW
- ZOOS



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TEACHER RESOURCES

@ the Portage County Public Library

*Your Guide to Library Visits,
Material & Resource Requests,
and More!*



Field Trip Adventures!

The **Portage County Public Library Youth Services Department** is happy to offer the opportunity for school classes, preschools and other organized groups of children to visit the library for tours and introductions to the resources available in the library's collections.

The library strives to provide a welcoming atmosphere to all families within our community. In order to provide excellent services to all, the following guidelines have been established for groups visiting the library. Adherence to these guidelines will help the library ensure continuity of service to all patrons and ensure your group has an enjoyable and positive visit.



VISIT GUIDELINES...

- Plan your structured visit at least a month in advance (please see "Preparing for Your Visit").
- Library card applications are available for your group. Applications must be returned no later than one week before the scheduled visit.
- All children must present an up-to-date library card, with fines of less than \$20, in order to check out materials.
- If a child's card has fines over \$20 for late, lost, or damaged materials, a parent will need to visit the library in advance of the visit to pay.
- Call if your group will be delayed or if you need to cancel your trip.

LIBRARY ETIQUETTE...

Please share the following guidelines with staff, parents, chaperones, and students:

- Follow all instructions and directions from the library staff.
- Stay with your group. At least one adult must remain with each group during tours.
- Do not disturb others who may be working or reading in the library.
- Walk in the library.
- Food, drinks, gum, etc. must be disposed of before entering the library.
- Please handle the materials and toys gently and with respect.
- Remember that the play area is designed for young children.

PREPARING FOR YOUR VISIT...

1 Month Before

- Contact the Youth Services Department at 715-346-1549 with two or three possible dates and times that will work for your structured visit.
- Provide grade level, group size*, services desired (see example visit below), and contact name and phone number.

*Limit 1 class, max 40 people per hour visit.
Visits can be scheduled back to back.

- Example structured visit: one hour divided into three segments: 20 minutes each of story read-alouds, a tour, and exploring/check-out.

3 Weeks Before

- Pick up library card applications from the library's Youth Services desk (lower level).

1-2 Weeks Before

- Return completed library card applications to the library's Circulation desk (first floor).
- Decide how many books students will be allowed to check out. (We recommend students do not check out DVDs or toys on this visit).

Visit Week

- Discuss guidelines and library etiquette with your students.

Material & Resource Requests

Tell us the subject you are studying and we will gather a variety of materials on that theme for you to use with your students.

- This may include 10-20 fiction and non-fiction items depending on the subject and availability.
- Please give us 1 week advance notice. Multiple requests may be scheduled at once, and semester or year long curriculum plans can be accommodated.

Visit our parent/teacher shelf! This area includes child care information and educational materials for parents, child care providers, homeschoolers, and teachers.

- Booklists by grade and genre.
- "If you liked" booklists.
- Book talks for teens.

