

Tips for a Fun Storytime

We want to make this easy and fun for you and your child. The important thing is to enjoy the stories you are reading. If you are enjoying it, chances are your listeners will, too.

We find it fun to do a storytime with a theme. Mix and match ideas to create a learning experience for your listeners that will establish a love of literature.

Read with enthusiasm. Give the characters in your story different voices. Change the pitch and volume of your voice as well as the tempo. Sounds a little like music doesn't it?

Encourage your listeners to repeat phrases with you. Staying engaged with the story keeps the little ones excited to see when they get to do their part again.

Kids like repetition. We like to do a song, rhyme or fingerplay after reading a book. Go ahead and repeat it a couple of times with your little ones.

Read a book then do a song or rhyme. Read a book; do a song or rhyme; read a book; ...you get the idea. It's your storytime so you can do what works for you and the kids.

At the end do an activity or craft. If you're looking for craft ideas, there's a zillion ideas online. Type in a topic of the stories you are reading along with the words "Preschool Craft" and lots of ideas will come up.

The Davis County children's librarians keep coming up with cool ideas to do at the end of storytime. Take a look at their ideas and you'll probably come up with some of your own novel ideas as well.

We hope that time reading with your little ones becomes the highlight of your day! Let us know if you have any questions about storytime and we'll be happy to help you.