

Favorite Storytime Books by IndyPL Children's Librarians 2018

Raylene Jordan

- **Who's in Rabbit's House, by Verna Aardema** – you must do sound effects and use a very big, scary voice for the repetitive: "I am the long one. I eat trees and trample on elephants. Go away or I will trample on you!"
- **17 Kings and 42 Elephants, by Margaret Mahy** – see if you can get the audience to keep a rhythm that won't leave you out of breath and slow the rhythm at the end as all the action dies down.
- **The Girl Who Wore Snakes, by Angela Johnson** – good bridge to non-fiction; wear a snake when you read it. **This title is out of print and we no longer own any copies.**

By Emily Gravett

- For the Littles: **Orange Pear Apple Bear** **We own 6 copies and it may be out of print**
- For the preschoolers & kindergartners: **Monkey & Me**
- For K – 2nd: **Wolves**

Sheila Herring:

The preschoolers in the "On the Road to Reading" program loved "**Bark, George**" by Jules Feiffer

Sue Thompson:

- **Six dinner Sid** by Inga Moore –oldie but goodie
- **Old Devil Wind** by Bill Martin—great "scary" sounds for the kids to make **We own 4 copies and it is out of print**
- Any version of **The Great Big Enormous Turnip** (There are a number of similar versions with other fruits and veggies. I have even made up my own to fit the season (Great Big Enormous Apple)
- (For a little older audience) **Baker's Dozen** by Aaron Shepherd (Christmas) **This title is out of print and we no longer own any copies.**
- **The Last Snake in Ireland** by MacGill-Callahan, Sheila.

Will Smithers

Monsters Go Night-Night by Aaron Zenz

Maybe a Bear Ate It by Robie H. Harris

Is There a Dog in This Book? by Viviane Schwarz

Tuck Me In by Dean Hacothen & Sherry Scharschmidt

The End (Almost) by Jim Benton

Don't Push the Button by Bill Cotter

Shellie Rich

- Oh! And Guess Again and How This Book Was Made by Adam Rex and Mac Barnett
- Whoops!
- Chicken Big
- Kid Sheriff
- More Bears!
- Read the Book, Lemmings
- Bark, George
- Peek-a-Moo Board Book only
- Martina the Beautiful Cockroach

Sarah Batt

These are all in the **Free to be you and me** collection of stories, songs and poems

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- Boy meets girl / by Peter Stone and Carl Reiner
- Ladies first / by Shel Silverstein ; adapted by Mary Rodgers
- Atlanta / by Betty Miles

The first two do not work unless you can do voices. The last one works best when you ask “what do you think will happen next?” every once in a while.

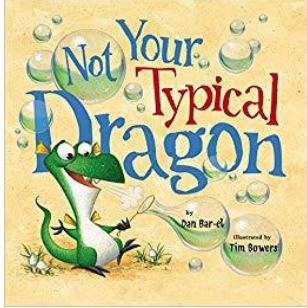
You should check this book out – or at least the contents note. Lots of good authors included!

Sarah Woodruff

- There’s No Such Thing As a Dragon by Jack Kent (Oldie but Goodie—I love the picture of the dragon eating pancakes) We own 1 copy and it is out of print
- The Day The Crayons Quit by Drew Dewart
- The Louds Move In! by Carolyn Crini This title is out of print and we no longer own any copies.
- The Big Umbrella by Amy June Bates

Jayne Walters

All the dragons remind me of this fantastic and fun book about being different and that being just fine.



I Will Not Read This Book

by Cece Meng

and

The Great Nursery Rhyme Disaster

- Book by David Conway We own 3 copies and it is out of print

Jennifer Miller

- *Polar Bear's Underwear by Tupera Tupera*
- *The Cow Loves Cookies by Karma Wilson*
- *Knuffle Bunny by Mo Willems (read with LOTS of emotion)*
- *My Lucky Day by Keiko Kasza (Hoosier Author!)*
- *Shark in the Park by Nick Sharratt*
- *Chalk by Bill Thomson*
- *Tea Party Rules by Ame Dyckman*
- *Kitten's First Full Moon by Kevin Henkes*
- *Jungle Halloween by Maryann Cocca-Leffler* This title is out of print and we no longer own any copies.

Maggie Ward

- Poo in the Zoo-Steve Smallman
- Creepy Carrots & Creepy Pair of Underwear-Aaron Reynolds
- Lady Pancake & Sir French Toast-Josh Funk
- The Great Aaa-Ooo!-Jonny Lambert

Susan Barnhan

- What's Up, What's Down by Lola Schaefer
- This is Me and Where I am by Joanne Fitzgerald We own 2 copies and it is out of print
- Madlenka by Peter Sis We own 1 copy and it is out of print
These three are good at "orienteering" and that is something that I was told Perry Township has a hard time with on tests
- That's What Friends are For by Florence Parry Heide
- All the Colors of the Earth by Sheila Hamanaka We own 4 c. and it is out of print
- Whoever You Are by Mem Fox

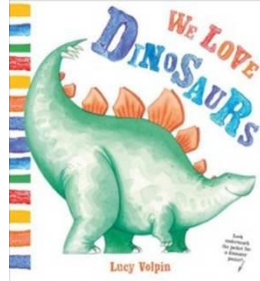
Tami Edminster

We don't eat our classmates? By Ryan Higgins

Not sure it's great for the wee ones, but possibly quite enjoyable for those about 5 years to probably 7 or 8 years.

Amy Friedman

I have not used it in storytime but I think this new dinosaur book that would be great! Hits lots of early-lit targets, and it's fun.



by Lucy Volpin

Kasey Panighetti

- I love you Stinky Face by Lisa McCourt **We own 1 copy and it is out of print**
- Ninja! by Arree Chung
- Cock-a-doodle –poo! by Steve Smallman (this one brought down the house)
- Fall is not Easy by Marty Kelley (I made a felt board for this)
- Kid Sheriff and the Terrible Toads by Bob Shea

Patty Wallace

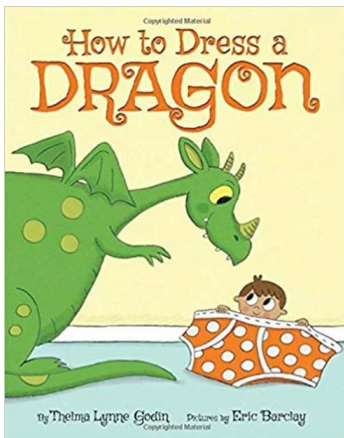
- Alligator Baby by Robert Munsch **We own 1 copy and it is out of print**
- There's an Alligator Under My Bed by Mercer Mayer
- Super Duck! By Jez Alborough
- There's a Monster at the End of this Book- Sesame Street
- Katy Did It!-Lorianne Siomades
- Hilda Must Be Dancing- Karma Wilson
- Roly Poly Egg by Kali Stileman **We own 5 copies and it is out of print**
- Duncan the Story Dragon by Amanda Driscoll
- Commotion in the Ocean and Rumble in the Jungle- Giles Andreae
- Who will Help Santa this Year?- Jerry Palotta **We have 3 copies and it is out of print**
- Miss Smith's Incredible Storybook Michael Garland **We own 1 c. and it is out of print**
- Non-Fiction: Look Inside a Robin's Nest (Megan Cooley Peterson) ,
Animal Colors (Beth Fielding) **We own 1 c. and it is possibly out of print**
- Do You See My Tail? and Does a Mouse Squeak Alone? by Anita Bijsterbosch (Lift a Flap)

Beth Pinal

Tell Me a Dragon, by Morris. It's beautiful, and kids always want to tell you about THEIR dragon at the end. More for preschool / K kids. **We have 4 copies and it is out of print**



Karen Perry



Kamara Shonhai



(BUT YOU HAVE TO DO A SUPER NARRATOR VOICE)

Bethany Allison

***You are a LION!* by Taeun Yoo** – great for working movement in, especially at the end of a program, as the end of the book has the kids laying down silently 😊 teachers like that part!

***The Doghouse* by Jan Thomas**

***Boo Hoo Bird* by Jeremy Tankard** – kids love all the dramatic crying

***Will You Carry Me?* by Helen van Rossum** – another great opportunity for movement, also a relatable story **We own 2 copies and it is out of print**

Jeanine Fox

***Fox Makes Friends* by Adam Relf** – Great one for back to school! I bought my own copy, as it is only available now from Shared Partner Schools **This title is out of print and we no longer own any copies.**

***That is Not a Good Idea* by Mo Willems** – Have read to all ages and always gets laughs – great for acting voices!

***The Monster Princess* by D. J. MacHale** – Just recently grabbed for impromptu storytime, and loved it!

Tamara Baumgartner Moore

Sheep in a Jeep

Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

Eating the Alphabet

Little Red Hen (Galdone's version especially)

An Egg is Quiet

What Will Fat Cat Sit On?

Too Tall Houses

The Sneetches

Peek-a-Moo! **Board Book only**

Look at the Baby **We own 2 copies and it is out of print**

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