

Spring Comes to the Library

Spring is here at last. It arrived officially on March 21 the day of the vernal equinox. Starting on that date, both day and night are exactly twelve hours long. This season of renewal is with us until the June 21 solstice when summer begins. Longer days and warmer weather are a relief after a seemingly endless winter of darkness. We aren't the only ones who welcome spring. The plants, flowers, birds and animals begin to perk up and welcome the season. The library has a number of books that catch the spring mood. They are for children of all ages that they can read themselves or have read to them. We have board books for the very youngest child, picture books, fiction and nonfiction for older children.

Children's Board Books

I Heard a Little Baa, by Elizabeth MacLeod

Animal sounds, rhymes and guessing games for very young children.

Little Quack, by Lauren Thompson

An interactive story about learning to brave the big new world.

Spring Cleaning, by Else Holmelund Minarik

Little Bear and Father Bear help Mother Bear with spring cleaning but do they want their old favorites thrown out?

Children's Picture Books

When the Root Children Wake Up, by Audrey Wood

A story about birth, change and renewal told in a multicultural context.

Clifford's Spring Clean-Up, by Norman Bridwell

Clifford grabs the living room carpet, shakes it to pieces as he tries to help with spring cleaning.

Curious George: Tadpole Trouble, adaptation from the TV series by Mark London Williams

Curious George must learn all about the life cycle of frogs, so he can find his lost tadpoles.

Turtle Spring, by Deborah Turner Zagwyn

What does Clee's turtle do when the weather becomes chilly in this story about hibernation?

Bear All Year, by Harriet Ziefert

Bear has something to do in every season including spring. With lots of guessing for young children, this book is one of four, featuring this adorable character.

Five Little Chicks, by Nancy Tafuri

This rhyming counting book brings farmyard animals to life with its vibrant illustrations.

Children's Beginning-To-Read Books

It's Spring, by Samantha Berger

Spring is here and all the creatures, big and small, run to tell everyone.

Fluffy's Spring Vacation, by Kate McMullan

Fluffy the class guinea pig goes home with Emma for an adventurous spring vacation.

Henry and Mudge in Puddle Trouble: the second book of Their Adventures, by Cynthia Rylant

Henry and his big dog Mudge play in puddles and watch the five kittens next door.

Franklin and the Duckling, by Sharon Jennings

Read and find out how a duck and a turtle become friends?

Dick and Jane: Rainy Day Fun, by Danielle M. Denega

Simple words, pictures and flash cards make these characters fun to read about.

Will Spring Be Early Or Will Spring Be Late?, by Crockett Johnson

Groundhog makes some funny predictions about when spring will arrive.

Children's Senior Fiction

Off Season, by Eric Walters

Nick and Kia have new adventures after basketball season ends.

A Season of Come Backs, by Kathy MacKel

This sports book lets girls know that competitive softball isn't just for boys.

Fairy Realm: The Last Fairy-Apple Tree, by Emily Rodda

Jessie and her friends meet the furrybears of Brill, as they travel to the Hidden Valley in the magical Fairy Realm, and help the gnomes solve their terrible problem.

Puppy In a Puddle: Animal Ark, by Ben M. Baglio

Finding sheepdog puppies, weak and abandoned makes James and Mandy suspicious. Could a local breeder be mistreating these poor puppies?

The Town That Floated Away, by Sandra Birdsell

Virginia Potts is shrinking! Does this have anything to do with the recent disappearance of Wellington, her home town that just floated away without her?

Pee Wee Scouts: Pedal Power, by Judy Delton

Its spring and the Pee Wees are planning an exciting bike hike but Roger thinks rules are dumb. Molly is afraid and wonders if he will ruin the whole trip.

Children's Information Books

How Flowers Grow, by Emma Helborough

Find the answers to how and why flowers grow.

The Colour of Spring, by Werner H. Zimmerman

Alfonse, through painting, finds the color of spring

Poems for Spring, selected by Robert Hull

Contains twenty-one poems conjuring up the magic of the season.

The Secret Lives of Brown Bears, by Julia Barnes

Discusses the diet, life cycle and habitat of brown bears.

Everything Bird: What kids Really Want To Know About Birds, by Cherie Winner

Includes information about habitat, diet, life cycles and the history of these amazing creatures.

Robins And Their Chicks, by Linda Tagliaferro

The lives of Robins are traced from birth to early maturity.

Spring renewal is also a time for spring cleaning. The library staff is doing just that, by getting ready for its gigantic May Book Sale to be held at the Thousand Island Mall on May 30 and 31.

Other future events to watch for are *Michael Hart's African Wildlife Safari Slide Show* on Thursday, May 29 from 7 to 8:30 pm and a special performance of the *Exit Stage Left, Barber Shop Quartet, Melody Men* on Saturday, June 28 at 10 am. Keep an eye on our Brockville Public Library homepage at brockvillelibrary.ca for more up coming, exciting events.