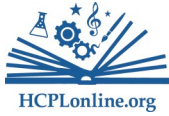


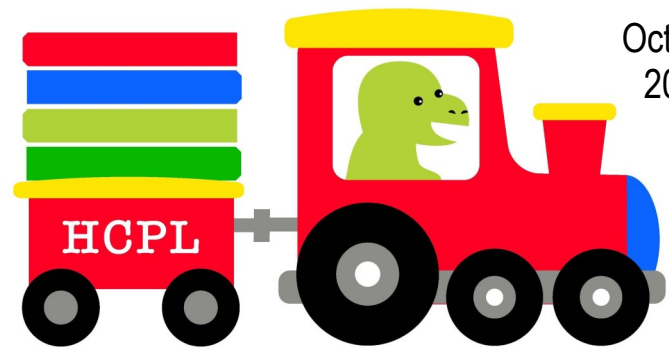
# HCPL Preschool Traveling Library: Opening the Gift



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## Songs & Fingerplays

### Hello Song

Hello, hello, how are you? [wave hello]  
Hello, hello, how are you?  
I'm glad I'm here, it's storytime! [clap]  
Shake `em to the front, shake `em to the back,  
[shake hands to match words]  
Shake `em up high, shake `em down low!  
I'm glad I'm here, it's storytime! [clap]  
Shake `em over here, shake `em over there,  
Shake `em real fast, And shake `em real slow!  
I'm glad I'm here, it's storytime! [clap]

### Owl In the Oak Tree

source: preschoolsexpress.com  
[tune: Skip To My Lou]

Owl in the oak tree—big and strong.  
Owl in the oak tree—sings his song.  
Owl in the oak tree—all night long.  
"Who, who, who"—come sing along.

"Who, who, who"—me and you.  
"Who, who, who"—what will we do?  
"Who, who, who"—all night through.  
Singing our song—"who, who, who"!

### Five Little Owls

Five hoot owls sitting in a tree,  
One flew away! How many do you see?  
One, two, three, four.

Four hoot owls sitting in a tree...  
*continue counting down to zero.*

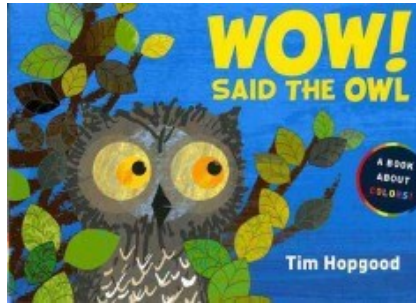
### Reading is Special

source: STEP Into Storytime by S. Ghoting & K. Klatt

This is my book, I open it wide.  
[cup hands and open and close them]  
I like to see what is inside.  
I love the stories and the pictures too.  
Reading is a special time for me and you.  
[point to yourself and others]

## Theme: Whooo's Ready for a Story?

### Books to Share



Let's sing and dance and rhyme and have FUN as we get to know each other at this month's storytime visit. Don't blink during **Wow! Said the Owl** as we open our eyes and look for all the colors of the rainbow.

**Reading Makes You Feel Good**, especially when we work together to take good care of our books

and use our best storytime manners—sometimes we are quiet, and sometimes we make some noise. **Hello, Day!** is sure to have us mooing, woofing, and hooting along!

**Books Always Everywhere** by Jane Blatt

**Who Loves Books?** by Lizi Boyd

**A Place to Read** by Leigh Hodgkinson

**WOW! Said the Owl** by Tim Hopgood

**Hello, Day!** by Anita Lobel

**Reading Makes You Feel Good** by Todd Parr

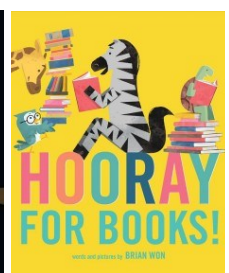
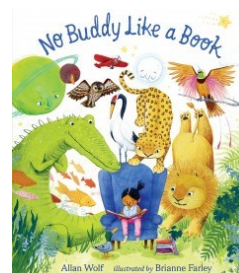
**Night Owl** by Toni Yuly

### Nursery Rhyme: Hey Diddle Diddle

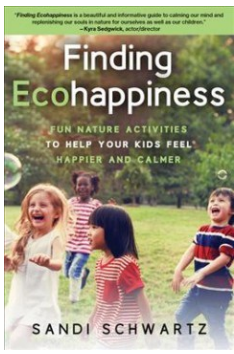
**Music: "The Freeze" from Kids in Motion** by Greg & Steve

### Looking for more book ideas?

Check these out!



Next month's theme will be **Harvest Market**



## Book of the Month from the Parent Teacher Collection

*Finding Ecohappiness : Fun Nature Activities To Help Your Kids Feel Happier and Calmer* by Sandi Schwartz PTC 155.41891 S

Raise calmer, happier, healthier children with these fun, hands-on nature activities for parents and kids to enjoy together. Are your kids stressed? Are they feeling a bit down? Do your children-and you-need a break from screens? Nature can help. What we all suspected intuitively for generations, science has now confirmed: spending time connecting to nature is a safe, effective tool to help improve our health and happiness.

### Try a Fun Activity



**Torn Paper Owlets** Whooo's ready to work on fine motor skills? Ripping brown paper for the owl's feathers is a great way to develop this important skill. After gluing the feathers to a piece of blue paper, youngsters can then practice their scissor skills by tracing and cutting yellow circles for the eyes, and adding details such as legs and beaks to complete the baby owl.

Adapted from:

<http://youngschoolart.blogspot.com/2013/09/kindergarten-owlets.html>

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**Make Time for Rhymes!** Nursery rhymes have been shared by generations of adults and children who have enjoyed the silliness of the characters' antics. But there's more to these rhymes than their good humor and enthusiastic rhythm: they also reinforce early literacy skills such as basic story structure and a recurring cast of characters, while enriching children's vocabularies and introducing lessons in the ways our language works. Nursery rhymes also encourage thinking skills, and provide short, simple texts.

[Rhyme-A-Week at http://curry.virginia.edu/go/wil/rimes\\_and\\_rhymes.htm.](http://curry.virginia.edu/go/wil/rimes_and_rhymes.htm)



### Questions or suggestions?

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### More Rhymes

#### **Pleasingly Patient**

source: The Mailbox Magazine, Pre-school edition Aug/Sep 2010  
[tune: Are You Sleeping?]

I am patient.  
I am patient.  
Watch me wait.  
Watch me wait.  
One, two, three, four, five,  
Six, seven, eight, nine, ten.  
I can wait.  
I am great!

#### **If You're Happy & You Know It [with scarves]**

If you're happy and you know it  
wave your scarf,  
If you're happy and you know it  
wave your scarf,  
If you're happy and you know it  
and you really want to show it,  
If you're happy and you know it  
wave your scarf.

Continue with:  
hide [hide behind back]  
twirl [twirl scarf in a circle]  
play peek-a-boo [hold in front of face]  
shake it fast [shake scarf quickly]  
say good-bye [scrunch it up and put it away]

#### **My Hands Say "Thank You"**

My hands say "thank you"  
with a clap, clap, clap.  
My feet say "thank you"  
with a tap, tap, tap.  
Clap, clap, clap.  
Tap, tap, tap.  
Now spin yourself around,  
and take a BIG bow!