A picture-book *storytime* is so much more than just listening to a story. The tales, illustrations, and characters take us on *wild adventures* all over the world from the comfort of a reading chair! *Where will your imagination take you this fall?*

Will you run through the magical forest with *Wee Sister Strange*?

Or journey to faraway lands in search of *The Book of Gold*.

Maybe you’ll visit a young Vincent van Gogh in his Dutch village as he learns to paint the sky.

Or join *Johnny* on his quest to save a stolen prince!

Do you want to explore the vast ocean with a *small blue whale*?

Or travel to the *International Space Station* with Astronaut Scott Kelly’s *My Journey to the Stars*.

Random House Children’s Books brings you exciting and adventure-filled picture books that will take your storytimes out into our *incredible world and beyond*!

We are pleased to showcase our forthcoming picture-book list, along with crafts and activities for interactive storytimes that kids will treasure. For even more great picture-book resources, you can log on to RHTeachersLibrarians.com, follow us on Twitter at @RHCBEducators, like us on Facebook @TheRandomSchoolHouse, and check out our Random House Children’s Books Pinterest boards!

Your friends,
Random House Children’s Books
From the creators of There Was an Old Dragon Who Swallowed a Knight comes a fun new fractured fairy tale about an aspiring chef who mistakenly turns story ingredients into delectable dishes . . . uh-oh!

William doesn’t quite fit in the magical land of fairy tales. He’d rather poach pears than pursue princesses and values gnocchi over knighthood. When he stumbles on a delivery of food destined for Fairy Tale Headquarters (a pumpkin, an apple, and a few measly beans), he decides to spice things up and whips the paltry ingredients into delectable dishes. But as you might have guessed, The Evil Queen doesn’t exactly need her magic apple baked and drizzled with caramel. A Cooked-Up Fairy Tale is a hilariously whipped and souffléed story that is chock-full of delicious details and jokes to satisfy every appetite!
U Is for Unicorn

What you’ll need: colorful construction paper, colorful pipe cleaners, a googly eye, scissors, markers, glue

1. Draw a large bubble-style U on paper and cut it out. This will be the body of your unicorn. Next cut out an oval shape for the head, a smaller oval for the ear, and a long, skinny triangle for the horn.

2. On a second piece of paper, glue down the U-shaped body and the unicorn’s head, ear, horn, and googly eye, and draw on a unicorn smile!

3. Cut out inch-long strips of pipe cleaner for the tail and mane of the unicorn, and glue them down.

4. Hang up your U is for Unicorn craft!

Read-Alike

Uni the Unicorn
Amy Krouse Rosenthal; illustrated by Brigette Barrager
Hardcover: 9780385375559
Board: 9781524766160
Ages: 4–8

Chef’s Hat

What you’ll need: colorful construction paper, pencil, scissors, tape

1. Measure 3 inches from the base of the paper, and mark a light line with pencil.

2. Cut 15–20 strips, leaving the 3-inch-wide strip intact.

3. Fold each strip in half and tape down on the inside of the hat.

4. Tape your hat together, and wear it while reading A Cooked-Up Fairy Tale!

Read-Alike

There Was an Old Dragon Who Swallowed a Knight
Penny Parker Klostermann; illustrated by Ben Mantle
Hardcover: 9780385390804
Ages: 3–7
Award-winning illustrator Bob Staake brings us an emotionally rich picture book about a character who discovers that the search for knowledge is more important than knowledge itself.

Young Isaac Gutenberg isn’t a curious boy . . . that is, until he meets an old shopkeeper who tells him about The Book of Gold. This special book, hidden somewhere in the world, holds the answers to every question and, when opened, it turns to solid gold. Isaac is determined to find the book—it will make him rich! He opens many books in his search, but quickly closes them when they don’t turn to gold. That changes one day when he opens a book, looks at the page, and a question pops into his mind. From then on, he reads every word. Time passes and Isaac ages, but he still scours dusty attics and flea markets, crisscrossing the world, searching for The Book of Gold. This sweeping picture book asks important questions: Is searching for knowledge better than having it? How important is curiosity? And what makes life meaningful?
Golden Bookmarks

What you’ll need: white cardstock, gold glitter paint, paintbrush, markers

1. Cut out a 6” x 2” bookmark from white cardstock.
2. Paint both sides of the bookmark with gold glitter paint.
3. When the bookmark is dry, write down your name and a list of topics that you want to read and learn about!
4. Use your new golden bookmark for all your reading adventures!

Read-Alike

My Pet Book
Bob Staake
Hardcover: 9780385373128
Ages: 3–7

Monster Masks

What you’ll need: blue and pink cardstock, markers, a Popsicle stick, scissors, glue

1. Cut out a large, round circle for the face from the blue cardstock, and two pink triangles for the horns. With a grown-up’s help, cut out two eye holes in your monster face.
2. Draw a smiling (or scary!) mouth, and glue on the horns.
3. Add any other creative details you like!
4. Glue the mask to a Popsicle stick to hold while reading There’s a Monster in Your Book!

Read-Alike

Quit Calling Me a Monster!
Jory John; illustrated by Bob Shea
Hardcover: 9780385389907
Ages: 3–7

Illustration © 2017 by Greg Abbott

There’s a Monster in Your Book
Tom Fletcher; illustrated by Greg Abbott

The Book of Gold
Bob Staake
Fans of I Don’t Want to Be a Frog and I Don’t Want to Be Big will hop with joy for this third book in the series.

Frog can’t find ANYTHING to do—even when his animal friends make good suggestions, like sleep all day, lick between your toes, or hop around and stare off into space. Will he find a fun and exciting way to spend his day? Featuring the beloved character from I Don’t Want to Be a Frog and I Don’t Want to Be Big, this new story is sure to bring a smile to the face of every kid (and adult) who has ever felt like there was nothing to do. This is another surefire crowd pleaser that lets every kid know that being bored doesn’t always have to be boring.

Grab your blankets and pillows! From the creators of Finding Wild comes a new picture book that follows the changing of the seasons and is as cozy as a fort.

Winter, spring, summer, fall. Each season brings new materials to make the perfect fort. From leaves to snow and mud to sand, there is a different fort to be made every season. So which is your perfect fort?

Megan Wagner Lloyd and Abigail Halpin have teamed up again for this portrayal of a classic childhood endeavor that is perfect all year long.
A Scroll of Fantastic Things to Do!

**What you’ll need:** construction paper, two chopsticks, tape, markers

1. Brainstorm activities to do if you’re ever feeling bored! Come up with as many as you can. Pig and Frog’s list includes: build a model of the Eiffel Tower and hum for three hours without stopping once!
2. Write your list on the paper and title it: My Fantastic List of Things to Do When I Don’t Know What to Do!
3. Get creative and decorate the paper with fun and colorful designs!
4. Roll up and unroll the paper a few times; then tape one chopstick to the top of the paper and the other at the bottom to add handles to your scroll.
5. Use your scroll when you need ideas for fantastic things to do!

Popsicle Stick Fort

**What you’ll need:** Popsicle sticks, wood glue, markers

1. Decorate your Popsicle sticks!
2. Line up eight Popsicle sticks, and add a line of glue to the top and bottom. Place a Popsicle stick on your glue to hold the bunch together. Make three of these.
3. Glue two of the bunches together by leaning them against one another to form a triangle shape, which will be the walls of your fort.
4. Glue the walls so that the third bunch creates your floor. It should look like a tent!
5. Enjoy your own Popsicle-stick fort as you read *Fort-Building Time*!

Read-Alike

**Finding Wild**
Megan Wagner Lloyd; illustrated by Abigail Halpin
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Van Gogh Paints the Night Sky
Barbara Rosenstock;
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Kate Banks;
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That Is My Dream!
Langston Hughes; illustrated by Daniel Miyares
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Jennifer Gray Olson
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Jen Arena;
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