

Johnson County Library's

# BOOKS TO GROW

Kit Theme: **Autumn**

- Book titles included:

1. **EVERY AUTUMN COMES THE BEAR** by Jim Arnosky
2. **FALL** by Ron Hirschi
3. **SKA-TAT!** by Kimberley Knutson
4. **WHEN WILL THE SNOW TREES GROW?** by Ben Shecter
5. **AUTUMN HARVEST** by Alvin Tresselt

- Video:

**National Geographic Society's AUTUMN**

- Audio:

**SING A SONG OF SEASONS**

Additional titles available at the Johnson County Library:

**AUTUMN** by Richard Allington

**MATTHEW'S MEADOW** by Corinne Bliss

**THE CINNAMON HEN'S AUTUMN DAY** by Sandra Dutton

**NOW THAT DAYS ARE COLDER** by Aileen Fisher

**WHEN SUMMER ENDS** by Susi Fowler

**THE SEASONS OF ARNOLD'S APPLE TREE** by Gail Gibbons

**LIONEL IN THE FALL** by Stephen Krensky

**THE MICE CAME IN EARLY THIS YEAR** by Eleanor Lapp

**SNOWSONG WHISTLING** by Karen Lotz

**WHEN AUTUMN COMES** by Robert Maass

**APPLES & PUMPKINS** by Anne Rockwell

**NIGHTDANCES** by James Skofield

**AUTUMN DAYS** by Ann Schweninger

**THE ANIMAL THAT DRANK UP SOUND**

by William Stafford

**THE BEAR'S AUTUMN** by Keizaburao Tejima

**THE YELLOW LEAF** by Hasan Terani

**JOHNNY MAPLE-LEAF** by Alvin Tresselt

**ALBERT'S FIELD TRIP** by Leslie Tryon

**RAINFLOWERS** by Ann Turner

**WHAT HAPPENS IN THE AUTUMN** by Suzanne Venino

**MARMALADE'S YELLOW LEAF** by Cindy Wheeler

**THE PUMPKIN BLANKET** by Deborah Zagwyn

**SAY IT!** by Charlotte Zolotow



# Activity Ideas – Autumn

- Ask children what they like best about autumn. Then tell them what YOU liked best when you were young. Use lots of descriptive words incorporating all senses. Sound of leaves crunching . . . Smell of leaves burning . . . Coolness on skin.
- After reading **AUTUMN HARVEST**, visit a cider mill, then make applesauce with apples from your visit.
- Make waxed paper leaf collages. Place a piece of waxed paper on newspaper. Arrange leaves on the waxed paper. Place another piece of waxed paper over all. Press waxed paper collage with a warm iron. Remove newspaper and trim rough edges of waxed paper. Put in a window and watch the light shine through the leaves. Other materials could be added to the collage: lace, glitter, ribbon, etc. (From *Good Earth Art* by MaryAnn Kohl)
- Cut a tree shape out of brown butcher paper, tape it to the back of a door. In early September have the tree full of green leaves. As autumn progresses, green leaves fall from the tree and can be replaced with colored paper leaves the children make.
- Discuss how you know when autumn has arrived, and read the following poems:

## **AUTUMN'S BEGINNING**

A  
monarch butterfly  
quietly  
perched  
itself  
upon  
a  
pumpkin.

Orange  
on  
orange.

Autumn  
came  
officially  
that  
very  
moment

(From *Good Rhymes, Good Times*)

## **ALL THE LEAVES**

All the leaves are falling down,  
Yellow, red, gold and brown.  
Round and round and round and round  
Until they land upon the ground.  
(Use fingers to illustrate falling leaves.  
Turn around, then crouch or sit on  
the ground.)

## **WHAT FALLS IN THE FALL?**

In the fall  
Do you fall out of bed?  
In the fall  
Do you land on your head?  
In the fall  
Do houses fall down?  
And buildings and butterflies  
All over town?  
Something must fall  
In the fall, if you please.  
Oh yes! The leaves fall.  
They fall from the trees!

(From *September to September*)



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