

Johnson County Library's

BOOKS TO GROW

Kit Theme: **Hats**

- Book titles included:

1. **MARTIN'S HATS** by Joan Blou
2. **AUNT FLOSSIE'S HAT** by Elizabeth Howard
3. **MY GRANDFATHER'S HAT** by Melanie Scheller
4. **A HAT FOR MINERVA LOUISE** by Janet Stoeke
5. **THIS IS THE HAT** by Nancy Van Laan

- Video:

THREE HAT DAY

- Audio:

CAPS FOR SALE

Additional titles available at the Johnson County Library:

OLIVE AND THE MAGIC HAT by Eileen Christelow

CATCH THAT HAT by Emma Clark

THE SPRING HAT by Madelaine Gill

JENNIE'S HAT by Ezra Jack Keats

PRINCESS ABIGAIL AND THE WONDERFUL HAT by Steven Kroll

QUANGLE WANGLE'S HAT by Edward Lear

MISTER MOMBOO'S HAT by Ralph Leemis

TEN CATS HAVE HATS by Jean Marzollo

HATS HATS HATS by Ann Morris

WHO TOOK THE FARMER'S HAT? by Joan Nodset

GERT & FRIEDA by Anita Riggio

WHOSE HAT IS THAT? by Ron Roy

UNCLE LESTER'S HAT by Howie Schneider

HO FOR A HAT by William Smith

THE 500 HATS OF BARTHELOMEW CUBBINS by Dr. Seuss

WHOSE HAT WAS THAT? by Brian Wildsmith



Activity Ideas – Hats

- Make a bean bag toss game with hats. Lay several large hats upside-down on the floor. Let the children try to throw bean bags into the hats from whatever distance they are comfortable. (From *Creative Resources*)
- Make paper plate hats. Let children decorate paper plates with many different kinds of scraps, glitter, construction paper and crepe paper. With a hole punch, make a hole on each side of the hat. Attach strings so that the hat can be tied on and fastened under the chin. (From *Creative Resources*)
- Ask children to wear the hat of people they're interested in. Let the other children guess what it is. Provide hats worn by baseball players, bakers, fire fighters, police officers, cowboys and whatever else you can think of.
- Find odd things around the house that could be used for a hat: pots and pans, pillows, laundry basket, etc. Do they perform the functions of a hat? Why do we wear hats?

HAT SHOP

Hats! Hats! A hundred hats!
Yellow, pink and blue.
Silly, pretty, useful hats . . .
Flowery, floppy, too.

Hats! Hats! A hundred hats!
Some are old, some new.
Mirror, mirror on the wall
Knows just the one for you.

(Let the children create hats out of readily available materials. You may want to have them bring a variety of scraps and ornaments from home. Set aside a work area and use the poem as a workshop sign.)

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ONE, TWO, HATS THAT ARE NEW

One, two, hats that are new. (*Count on fingers*)
Three, four, hats in a store.
Five, six, hats to do tricks.
Seven, eight, hats on the gate.
Nine, ten, hats on men.

(Jean Warren in 1001 Rhymes & Fingerplays)

MY HAT

My hat, (*Place hands over head*)
It has three . . . (*Show three fingers*)
. . . corners. (*Make triangle with fingers*)
(*Continue motions with words*)

Three corners has my hat;
And had it not three corners,
It would not be my hat.

(The first time through, sing all of the words and do the movements. The second time through, do not sing the word "corners" – just do the movement. The third time through, eliminate "corners" and "three." Finally, be silent on "corners," "three" and "hat." Older children increase tempo.)

(From Creative Fingerplays and Action Rhymes)