

Johnson County Library's

BOOKS TO GROW

Kit Theme: **Trees**

- Book titles included:
 1. **SOMEDAY A TREE** by Eve Bunting
 2. **GREAT KAPOK TREE** by Lynne Cherry
 3. **RED LEAF, YELLOW LEAF** by Lois Ehlert
 4. **BE A FRIEND TO TREES** by Patricia Lauber
 5. **GIFT OF THE TREE** by Alvin Tresselt
- Video:

THE LORAX
- Audio:

TIM AND THE TREES

Additional titles available at the Johnson County Library:

A POSSIBLE TREE by Josephine Aldridge
CRINKLEROOT'S GUIDE TO KNOWING TREES by Jim Arnosky
OAK TREE by Laura Jane Coats
TEN TALL OAK TREES by Richard Edwards
DISCOVERING TREES by Douglas Florian
IT COULD STILL BE A TREE by Allan Fowler
THE TREMENDOUS TREE BOOK by May Garelick
SEASONS OF ARNOLD'S APPLE TREE by Gail Gibbons
FIRST FOREST by John Gile
MAGIC FORT by Juanita Havill
THE TREE by Judy Hindley
TITCH by Pat Hutchins
CHERRY TREE by Daisaku Ikeda
THE TREES STAND SHINING by Hettie Jones
SKA-TAT! by Kimberley Knutson
A BUSY YEAR by Leo Lionni
A B CEDAR: AN ALPHABET OF TREES by GeorgeElla Lyon
THE TREE IN THE WOOD by Christopher Manson
CHICKA CHICKA BOOM BOOM by Bill Martin
HAVE YOU SEEN TREES? by Joanne Oppenheim
HELLO TREE by Joanne Ryder
GIVING TREE by Shel Silverstein
A TREE IS NICE by Janice Udry



Activity Ideas – Trees

- Use a cookie cutter to cut a heart shape out of a slice of bread. Poke a hole in the top with a pencil or crayon. Brush an egg white (or peanut butter) onto the bread and press birdseed on top. Let it dry. Then thread a piece of ribbon or yarn through the hole and tie it to a tree branch as a treat for the birds. (From the bookjacket of *Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf*)
- Give children newsprint paper and crayons. Let them make rubbings of bark and leaves from various trees.
- After reading a story, talk children through a creative dramatic activity where first they are the seed, their roots keep them in one place. The sun shines, and they grow. It rains and they grow some more. Children can discuss what kind of tree they pretended to be.
- Use paper towel tubes and toilet paper rolls to make a tree. Tubes can be decorated with paper and paint.
- Collect acorns, seeds and pinecones. Allow children to sort them by size, color or any characteristic they choose.
- Make a Family Tree. Cut a tree trunk out of brown tagboard. Cut a treetop out of green tagboard. Attach the trunk and treetop to a bulletin board or display on a wall. Ask the children to bring family photographs that can be displayed on the tree.

TREES

I think that I shall never see
A poem as lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;
A tree that looks at God all day
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;
A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;
Upon whose bosom snow has lain
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.

Joyce Kilmer

THE WIND

Who has seen the wind?
Neither I nor you;
But where the leaves hang trembling,
(Hold hands downward and wiggle fingers)
The wind is passing through.

Who has seen the wind?
Neither you nor I;
But when the trees bow down their heads,
(Move head downward)
The wind is passing by.
(Christina Rossetti)

APPLE TREE

Way up high in the apple tree
(Raise arms over head)
Two little apples smiled at me.
(Make circle with hands)
I shook that tree as hard as I could
(Pretend to shake)
Down came the apples
(Falling motion with hands)
Mmmmmmmmm – were they good!
(From Creative Resources)



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