Kit theme: SHAPE

- Book titles included:
  1. *Bear In A Square* by Stella Blackstone
  2. *Round Like a Ball* by Lisa Campbell Ernst
  3. *So Many Circles, So Many Squares* by Tana Hoban
  4. *Round Is a Mooncake* by Roseanne Thong
  5. *Mouse Shapes* by Ellen Stoll Walsh

- DVD: *Blue’s Room-Shape Detectives*

- CD and Book: *Colors, Shapes and Counting*

Additional titles available at the Johnson County Library:

- *The Shape Game* by Anthony Browne
- *Shape Capers* by Cathryn Falwell
- *Bees, Snails, & Peacock Tails* by Betsy Franco
- *Orange Pear Apple Bear* by Emily Gravett
- *When a Line Bends a Shape Begins* by Rhonda Gowler Greene
- *My Heart Is Like a Zoo* by Michael Hall
- *Perfect Square* by Michael Hall
- *Circle Dogs* by Kevin Henkes
- *A Star In My Orange* by Dana Rau
- *It Looked Like Spilt Milk* by Charles Green Shaw
- *A Circle In the Sky* by Zachary Wilson

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- *Have Fun With Books*
- *Tell Stories*
- *Notice Print*
- *Look for Letters*
- *Talk, Talk, Talk*
- *Take Time to Rhyme*
Activity Ideas – Shape

**Mouse Shapes.** Cut out a variety of shapes from construction paper. Give each child a large piece of paper, a glue stick and the shapes. Let them make pictures using the shapes. Talk to your child about what they have made and let them make up their own story about their picture. Being able to tell stories helps your child understand what he reads.

**Game Play.** Play “I spy with my little eye” using shapes. For instance, “I spy with my little eye, something round and red.” Recognizing shapes will help your child be able to distinguish the shapes in letters.

**Make shape rubbings.** Place a piece of paper on top of a penny, a dollar, your library card or any flat shape you can think of. Let children scribble on the paper with the long edge of a crayon. As the crayon passes over the object are underneath the paper, its shape will become visible.

**Mystery Box.** Place a variety of differently shaped objects in a box. Give instructions to a child such as “Find something round and soft.” Have children reach into the box or bag without looking to find the object.

**Draw A Circle**
Draw a circle, draw a circle,
(draw a circle with pointer finger)
Round as can be;
Draw a circle draw a circle
Just for me. (point to self)

**The Doughnut**
Here’s the doughnut, (circle with index fingers and thumbs)
Big and round and fat.
Here’s the hole (circle with index finger and thumb of one hand)
Now don’t eat that!
(from Ring a Ring O’Roses)

**Draw a square, draw a square**
(From Ring a Ring O’Roses)

**Shape Shake**
(tune of Hokey Pokey)
You put your ___ (shape-circle, etc.) in.
You put your ___ out,
You put your ___ in,
And you shake it all about ___You do the shape pokey and you turn yourself around, that’s how the shape shake goes!
(from Cheryl’s Sweethearts Child Care)