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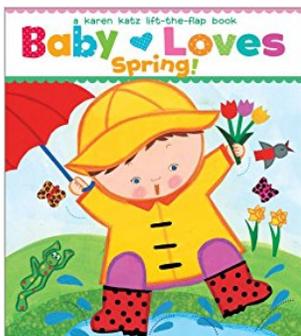
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Celebrating the work of Karen Katz

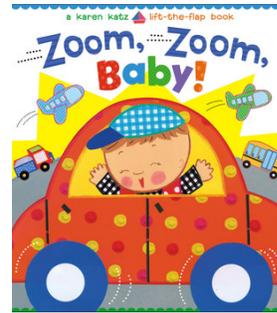
Karen Katz has written and illustrated over 45 children's books. We are featuring her lift-the-flap books because children love the stories and lifting the flaps to discover what is hidden under them. Her background as a costume designer and quilt maker is evident in her illustrations. It was after she became a mom that Karen decided to be a full-time author/illustrator of children's books, and we are so glad that she did!

You and your preschooler are invited to join story time and creative movement in the Claremont Early Childhood Program's Sensory Room at 10:00am on the following Fridays in April.

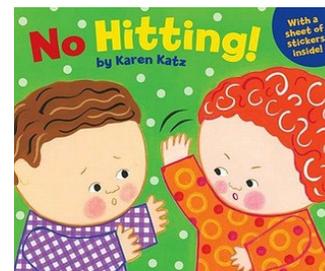
4/6 Baby Loves Spring! What do children see outdoors in the spring? Baby birds, wiggling worms, budding flowers, rain drops and so much more. Join us in the sensory room to share the story and practice the same movements as the characters in the book.



4/13 Zoom, Zoom Baby! Each page has a flap to lift to find baby, in a boat, a train, a plane, a truck and other things that move. The babies include a rabbit, monkey, bear, elephant and lion. Join us in the sensory room to share the story and make sounds and move just like the babies in the book.



4/20 No Hitting! This is a story everyone can relate to, featuring children who are mad and want to do something they shouldn't. For everything they shouldn't do, there's a flap to lift to find out what the mad child should do. It provides great solutions for dealing with emotions in a positive way.



Make Your Own Lift the Flap Book

This 2 minute you tube video will walk you through the steps on how to make your own lift-the-flap book. The person who demonstrates the steps is a young child who makes it look so easy!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8jTugSGwQR8>



Music and Movement

Enjoy the following Spring Song to the tune of The Farmer in the Dell. Move with the words to illustrate the song. Children will want to sing it again and again!



The farmer in the dell.
The farmer in the dell.
Heigh ho the derry o,
The farmer in the dell.

The sun is shining bright, the sun is shining bright. Oh how I love the warmth, the sun is shining bright.



The rain is falling down, the rain is falling down. Oh how I love the sound, the rain is falling down. The flowers start to bloom, the flowers start to bloom. Oh how I love the sight, the flowers start to bloom.



April Vacation Activities, sponsored by the Friends of the Fiske Free Library

The Fiske Free Library has a full collection of books by Karen Katz and they have special activities planned for April Vacation, which is April 23-27.

- Monday at 2:00 there will be Mosaic tiles, materials included, appropriate for all ages with help.
- Tuesday at 2:00 children will make and play with their very own rain makers, materials provided.
- Wednesday is story time for all ages at 2:00 in the Gilmore Room, and
- Thursday there's a Lego challenge at 2:00.
- Friday, bring your lunch and picnic at the library at noon and listen to stories. The library will provide desert and drinks.

Whatever your schedule is, drop by the library. There will be board games, puzzles, and many other creative play things to enjoy throughout vacation week. All programs are free and open to the public.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

This year the Fiske Free Library has begun the program **1000 Books Before Kindergarten (BBK)** which has many incentives to help your child want to read. Reading aloud to children helps build knowledge and skills necessary for future achievement, such as the ability to recognize and name letters of the alphabet, awareness of the various sounds in words and the parts of a book. Adding just 10 minutes a day of reading time makes a big difference in a child's exposure to print, vocabulary and sentence structure; just imagine what a 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten will do! Come to the Fiske Free Library and sign up for a FREE library card and sign up for the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program. When you sign up for the 1,000 Books program at the library you will be given a FREE book bag and a FREE book. Additional free books can be earned along the way!