

PATHFINDER FOR PRE-K RESOURCES - 2010

In this pathfinder, or “guide” you will find tips to help you search for information about and for your pre-K child. There are sections to find information to help parents and caregivers raise and educate their young child, as well as suggestions to help you find age appropriate books and media of interest to the child.

To begin, please read the tips on how to search. These tips are handy no matter what material you are trying to find. After the tips, you will see Some Suggested Books and Some Suggested Media owned by the Shelton Library System, and Some Suggested Websites and Databases which you can use. As always, please see anyone on the staff if you have a question or need more help.

Search Tips for Books

- **For parenting tips**, try looking for books with the call number in the “150s” for psychology or mental and emotional development, “300s” for social problems (such as divorce or working parents), “613-618” for medical and health topics, and “649s” for child rearing and child development. These books may be found in the adult or parent shelf (an area found within the children’s sections at both libraries with materials of all types just for adults raising children) areas.
- If you are using our library catalog, try a keyword search using the topic you are looking for (for example – tantrums or parties) as the search term. When a list of titles appears, click on the title of an item that looks like something you might be able to use. Make sure the item is “checked in” before you try to look for it, and make sure you know which library owns it (you don’t want to be looking at Plumb’s listings if you are planning on coming to Huntington).
- If no results turn up or you want to look for additional information, try a subject search using these terms: “child rearing”, “child development”, “parenting”, “parent and child”, “children with disabilities”, “discipline of children”, “homeschooling”, “child care”, “children’s films”, or any of the subject links found listed within the record of a specific title. When a list of titles appears, click on the title that looks like something you might be able to use. Make sure the item is “checked in” before you try to look for it, and make sure you know which library owns it.
- When you choose a title, there will probably be a list of subjects under the title information or in a side menu to the left. If you click on any that look like a good match, you will be linked to titles throughout the state that we can try to get for you.
- **For books of interest to the Pre-K child**, just about any topic they enjoy (whether it is dinosaurs, teddy bears, puppies, or tea parties) is a good choice. Most books you choose will have the letter “E” or “Ej” in the call number.

- There are both nonfiction books for preschoolers, and fiction titles (picture books or beginning readers) for your child to choose from, as well as recorded books, music CDs, and DVDs.
- Books about the alphabet, counting, colors, shapes, and rhymes, as well as wordless books, are good places to start for preparing a child for school.

Search Tips for Websites and Databases

- **For parenting**, you want to make sure that the information you get on the Internet is accurate. Unfortunately, many websites give you details that may be wrong or incomplete. So it is important to look for your facts on trustworthy websites.
- This pathfinder will only guide you to reputable websites, so the information is reliable.
- A quick way to see if a website is reliable is to see if it ends in “.org”, “.edu”, or “.gov” (although there are many reputable sites that end with “.com” and “.net” also).
- You can try using the same keywords and subject terms that you used for finding books when you are searching within a website or database.

Some Suggested Parenting Material (by title)

- *Grandparenting: How to Meet Its Responsibilities* (**PLUMB** Parent Shelf – j346.7301 HAR).
- *Married with Special-Needs Children* (**HUNTINGTON** Parent Shelf – j646.7 MAR).
- *One Bear in the Hospital* (**HUNTINGTON** Parent Shelf – E BUCKNALL).
- *Queen Bee Moms & Kingpin Dads* (**PLUMB** Adult – 649.12 WIS, and **HUNTINGTON** Parent Shelf – j649.125 WIS).
- *Potty Time with Bear* (**HUNTINGTON** Parent Shelf – DVD jBEA).
- *LeapFrog. Let's Go to School* (**PLUMB** Juvenile DVD Collection – jDVD LEA #951).

Some Suggested Websites and Databases

- <http://kidshealth.org> Kids Health. Resources for young children and teens, parents, and professionals on children's health issues.
- <http://www.aacap.org> American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry. "Facts for Families" link offers information on topics including bedwetting, children and divorce, the child with autism, the depressed child, and many other mental health topics related to children.
- <http://www.naturalchild.org> The Natural Child Project. This site offers down-to-basics, common sense insights to nurturing the young child's emotional development.
- <http://www.sheltonlibrarysystem.org> From our library webpage, click on "Research and Learn", then click on "Databases", and next "Tumblebooks". If you are asked for a username and password, they are: plumb (username) and libra (password). This site lets you choose books to have read to you and your child while you look at the pages, and also has activities for the slightly older child.

Some Suggested Children's Books

These are some samples of types of books that might be of interest to your child. The titles selected are owned by both libraries.

- Bridwell, Norman – *Clifford the Big Red Dog* series. (**PLUMB** – Ej BRI, **HUNTINGTON** – E BRI)
- Carle, Eric – collection of picture books, such as *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. (**PLUMB** – Ej CAR, **HUNTINGTON** – E CAR)
- Hill, Eric – *Spot* series. (**PLUMB** – Ej HIL, **HUNTINGTON**, E HIL)
- Moncure, Jane Belk – *My Sound Box* series (for learning letters and sounds). (**PLUMB** – Ej MON, **HUNTINGTON** – E MONCURE BR)
- Pallotta, Jerry – collection of alphabet books. (**PLUMB** – Ej PAL, **HUNTINGTON** – E PAL)
- Pinkney, Jerry – *The Lion and the Mouse* (a wordless book, winner of 2010 Caldecott Medal). (**PLUMB** – Ej PIN, **HUNTINGTON** – E PINKNEY)

- Potter, Beatrix – *Peter Rabbit* series. (**PLUMB** – Ej POT, **HUNTINGTON** – E POTTER mini)
- Scotton, Rob – *Russell the Sheep* (a counting book). (**PLUMB** – Ej SCO, **HUNTINGTON** – E SCOTTON)

Some Suggested Children’s Media

These are some samples of other types of materials that might be of interest to your child.

- Kits – books with a recording of the text, such as:
 - *Velveteen Rabbit* (**PLUMB** – B/C Ej WIL)
 - *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel* (**HUNTINGTON** – B/C E MUL)
- DVDs – hundreds of titles including Care Bears, Dora the Explorer, Elmo’s World, Thomas the Tank, VeggieTales, and Disney, such as:
 - *Care Bears: Grizzle-ly Adventures* (**PLUMB** – jDVD CAR #377, **HUNTINGTON** – DVD jCAR)
 - *Disney’s Bambi* (**PLUMB** – jDVD BAM #45, **HUNTINGTON** – jDVD BAM)
- Music CDs – everything from songs “to get your feet moving” to lullabies, such as:
 - Rise and Shine (**PLUMB** – j C/D RAF)
 - Rockin’ with the Goose (**HUNTINGTON** – C/D E ROC)
 - Golden Slumber: A father’s lullaby (**HUNTINGTON** – C/D E GOL)