Drawing from today’s most popular and critically-acclaimed children’s literature, we will discuss new books and resources to revitalize and enrich your literacy efforts. Below is a list of recently published picture books that coordinate with storytime and curricular themes.

**Theme: Birds**

Books:
- A Penguin Story by Antoinette Portis
- Birds by Kevin Henkes and illustrated by Laura Dronzek

Web Resources:
- Penguin craft sheets, math exercises, word searches, and more: [http://www.kidzone.ws/animals/penguins/index.htm](http://www.kidzone.ws/animals/penguins/index.htm)
- Antarctica in 5 Minutes (online video): [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VwADGPfjerI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VwADGPfjerI)

**Theme: Fables and Folklore**

Books:
- Lion and the Mouse by Jerry Pinkney
- Lousy, Rotten, Stinkin’ Grapes by Margie Palatini and illustrated by Barry Moser

Web Resources:
- General fable activities: [http://ethemes.missouri.edu/themes/1755](http://ethemes.missouri.edu/themes/1755)
- Interview with author/illustrator Jerry Pinkney (online video): [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iptWPwWbwgM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iptWPwWbwgM)
**Theme: Family**

Books:
- All the World by Elizabeth Garton Scanlon and illustrated by Marla Frazee
- All in a Day by Cynthia Rylant and illustrator by Nikki McClure

Web Resources:
- All the World curriculum guide: [http://www.lizgartonscanlon.com/PDFS/All%20The%20World%20TG.pdf](http://www.lizgartonscanlon.com/PDFS/All%20The%20World%20TG.pdf)
- All the World Book Trailer: [http://www.lizgartonscanlon.com/All-the-World_2_3255168875.mov](http://www.lizgartonscanlon.com/All-the-World_2_3255168875.mov)
- Interview with Nikki McClure (online video): [http://vimeo.com/3627466](http://vimeo.com/3627466)
- Papel picado patterns: [http://www.pinatas.com/Mexican_Pinata_Crafts_s/638.htm](http://www.pinatas.com/Mexican_Pinata_Crafts_s/638.htm)

**Theme: Farm**

Books:
- Funny Farm by Mark Teague
- Otis by Loren Long

Web Resources:
- Funny Farm extension activities: [http://bookwizard.scholastic.com/tbw/viewWorkDetail.do?workId=1274700](http://bookwizard.scholastic.com/tbw/viewWorkDetail.do?workId=1274700)
- Printable activities about Otis: [http://www.lorenlong.com/otis/otis_activities.html](http://www.lorenlong.com/otis/otis_activities.html)
**Theme: Multicultural**

Books:
- Tsunami! By Kimiko Kajikawa and illustrated by Ed Young
- 14 Cows for America by Carmen Agra Deedy and illustrated by Thomas Gonzalez

Web Resources:
- Teachers guide for 14 Cows for America: [http://peachtree-online.com/pdfs/14CowsTG.pdf](http://peachtree-online.com/pdfs/14CowsTG.pdf)

**Theme: Nature**

Books:
- Red Sings from Treetops by Joyce Sidman and illustrated by Pamela Zagarenski
- Curious Garden by Peter Brown

Web Resources:
- Poetry Kit for Red Sings from Treetops: [http://www.scribd.com/full/30934526?access_key=key-257blpkjxm5e1uq8ntym](http://www.scribd.com/full/30934526?access_key=key-257blpkjxm5e1uq8ntym)
- Audio recordings of Joyce Sidman reading her poetry: [http://www.joycesidman.com/Listen.html](http://www.joycesidman.com/Listen.html)