

Madison Public Library's  
**Storytime Starters**

**Boxes (Fall 2017)**

**Books for Toddlers:**

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*The Birthday Box* by Leslie Patricelli ©2007 (CELEBRATE Patricelli)  
*A Long Way* by Katherine Ayers ©2003 (HPB CPC)  
*My Book Box* by Will Hillenbrand ©2006 (STORIES Hillenbrand)  
*Not a Box* by Antoinette Portis ©2007 (FAVORITES Portis)  
*Thank you Bear* by Greg Foley ©2007 (FAVORITES Foley)  
*Big Box for Ben* by Deborah Bruss ©2011 (BOARD Bruss)

**Books for Preschoolers:**

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*A Brave Spaceboy* by Dana Kessimakis Smith ©2005 (GO Smith)  
*Special Delivery* by Brigitte Weninger ©2000 (No MPL copies\*)  
*The Spooky Box* by Mark Gonyea ©2013 (No MPL copies\*)  
*The Nowhere Box* by Sam Zuppari ©2013 (No MPL copies\*)  
*Jessica's Box* by Peter Carnavas ©2008 (No MPL copies\*)  
*Bridget Fidget and the Most Perfect Pet* by Joe Berger ©2008 (CHARACTERS Berger)  
*Zuzu's Wishing Cake* by Linda Michelin ©2006 (ADVANCED Michelin)  
*Spots in a Box* by Helen Ward ©2014 (FAVORITES Ward)

\*sorry there's so many of these in this kit, but these titles are SO good and the season is short enough that I can just renew them 3x\*

**School-Age Extension:**

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*The Zoo Box* by Ariel Cohn ©2014 (+GRAPHIC NOVEL 741.5973 C661z)  
*Boris & the Snoozebox* by Leigh Hodgkinson ©2007 (CHARACTERS, Hodgkinson)  
*A Pig, A Fox & a Box* by Jonathan Fenske ©2015 (READER Fenske)

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**Fingerplays & Songs :**

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*Game:*

**Here Is a Box**

*(from: [Playing with little ones](#))*

Here is a box *(make a box with one fist)*  
Put on the lid *(use the other hand for a lid)*  
I wonder whatever inside is hid? *(peek under the lid, maybe make the noise, like a moo)*

Why it's a [cow\*] without any doubt *(poke one finger out of the fist)*  
Open the box and let it come out! *(open your fist and make the appropriate noise for whatever was in the box)*

*\*choose a different thing in the box for each round of the game that you play.*

*Alternative: Hide a small finger puppet or other object in a small box before you recite this poem. After the word "hid" you could give them clues (animal sounds, descriptions (it's fuzzy and brown!)) and let them guess before you go on to recite the rest of them rhyme and open the box.*

**Jack in the Box**

*(traditional)*

Jack in the box (crouch down low)  
Sits so still  
Won't you come out?  
Yes, I will! (stand up quickly)

**Box Turtle**

*(traditional)*

There was a little turtle  
Who lived in a box.  
He swam in the puddles  
And climbed on the rocks.

He snapped at the mosquito,  
He snapped at the flea.  
He snapped at the minnow,  
And he snapped at me.

He caught the mosquito,  
He caught the flea.  
He caught the minnow,  
But he didn't catch me!

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## **I See a Box--song**

*(sung to "If You're Happy and You Know It")*

From: [Susan M. Dailey](#)

*Pre-prep-- Get 4 boxes and fill them with the items mentioned in the song OR use FeltBoard images on an iPad OR use the flannelboard included in this kit*

Someone's at the door.

I hear knocks.

(click tongue 3 times, pretend to knock)

I open up the door.

I see a box.

(shout hurray)

I open up the box.

The box is full of locks.

(open the box to show 2 or 3 padlocks)

I really do not want a box of locks.

(say boo hoo, pretend to cry)

Repeat with socks & rocks, then sing:

Someone's at the door. I hear knocks.

(click tongue 3 times, pretend to knock)

I open up the door. I see a box.

(shout hurray)

I open up the box. The box is full of blocks.

I really, really want a box of blocks.

(clap and cheer)

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**STAFF ONLY**

**Big Book:** Sitting in my Box (HPB)

**Flannel Boards:** Not a Box (LAK), Box of Socks (AKA "I see a box) (HPB)

**Prop Stories/Puppets:** Mice in a box puppet (MAD)

**Movies:** Balthazar the Lion (VHS-MAD), Too Many Toys (DVD- MAD)

**Apps:** Bogga Magic [Lite] (Free, iOS & Amazon), Gizmo by Moonbeeps (ggc, iOS only)

**Stamps:** Gift box (PIN), letter B (PIN)

**Craft:** Paper Die cut box – fold, glue and put it together, then decide what will be inside your box, either real or imaginary!

**Play Literacy:**

Use the letter "B" included in the kit to talk about and show the first letter in the word "box". This is a good opportunity to have the kids pretend to draw the letter B in the air with their "magic writing finger"!

**Early Learning Tip:**