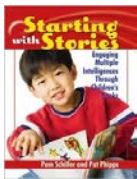


Resources for a Community Helpers Themed Storytime

Resource Books

Starting With Stories: Engaging Multiple Intelligences Through Children's Books



by Pam Schiller and Pat Phipps

Pam Schiller's Starting With Stories is an excellent resource to use in developing storytimes for the diverse audiences you will encounter in public libraries. Starting With Stories includes activities that highlight community helpers from bus drivers to firefighters:

- Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus, pages 62-63
- "Fire! Fire!" Said Mrs. McGuire, pages 82-83
- Guess Who, page 92-93

Some fun activities include:

- Beauty Shop: Set out beauty salon props, such as brushes, curlers, ribbons, dryers (without cords), and so on. Interact with children as they play and introduce appropriate vocabulary.
- Library: Provide books and shelves, and encourage the children to file the books away. Help them think of a filing system that will work.
- Grocery Store: Have the children use grocery store props, such as empty cans and boxes, cash registers, grocery bags, play money, baskets, and so on, to set up a grocery store. Encourage the children to describe the role of a grocery store clerk as they play.

The Best of Mailbox Magazine: Community Helpers



Full of creative activities and reproducibles about community helpers.

Community Helper Books



Biscuit Visits the Doctor Alyssa Satin Capucilli

Whose Hat is This? By Sharon Katz Cooper

Whose Tools are These? By Sharon Katz Cooper

Firefighters A to Z by Chris Demarest

Who Do You Want to Be? By Ron Ellsworth

This is the Teacher by Rhonda Gowler Greene

Police: Hurrying! Helping! Solving! By Patricia Hubbell

Community Helpers from A to Z by Bobbie Kalman

Career Day by Anne Rockwell

Beverly Billingsly Borrows a Book by Alexander Stadler

Mr. Cookie Baker by Monica Wellington

Truck Driver Tom by Monica Wellington

Fireman Small by Wong Herbert Yee

Songs and Fingerplays

A House for Me

The carpenter's hammer
Goes rap, rap, rap, *pound hand with fist*
And his saw goes see, saw, see,
Move arm in sawing motion
He hammers and hammers, *hammer*
And he saws and saws, *saw*
And he builds a house for me.
Make house out line with fingers

Five Brave Firefighters

Five brave firefighters sleeping so,
(Hold up a hand with fingers flat across palm)
The fire bell rings!
Down the pole they go!
(Open the hand and make a downward motion)
Jump in the fire truck
Hurry down the street
(Driving motion with hands)
Climb up the ladder
(Climbing motion)
Feel the fire's heat.
(Wipe brow)
Five brave firefighters,
(Hold up five fingers)
Put the fire out.
(Make a wiping motion with arms)
Hip! Hip! Hooray!
All the people shout!
(Cheering motion)

Doctor Foster Nursery Rhyme

Note: Gloucester is a two-syllable word (Glouce-ster), and is pronounced "Gloster", rhyming with Foster.

Doctor Foster
Went to Gloucester
In a shower of rain.
He stepped in a puddle,
Right up to his middle,
And never went there again!

My Father is a Garbage Man

My father is a garbage man
pe-ew (*Wave hand in front of you nose*)

My mother is a baker
my mother is a baker
yum yum (rub tummy)
My sister is a hair dresser
my sister is a hair dresser
curly wurly (pretend to curl hair with finger)
My brother is a cowboy
my brother is a cowboy
yee-haa (Act like a cowboy)
We all go like this
we all go like this
pe-ew, yum yum- curly wurly,yee-haa
(do the actions like in the previous verses)

911

Mary Had a Little Lamb

9-1-1 is who you call,
Who you call, who you call,
9-1-1 is who you call,
When you need some help.
Doctors, policemen and firemen too,
Firemen too, firemen too,
Doctors, policemen and firemen too,
Are there to help you.
Call only in an emergency,
Emergency, emergency,
Call only in an emergency,
And they'll send help to you.

Do You Know the Mailman?

Sing to the tune of "Do you know the Muffin Man"
Do you know the mailman, the mailman, the mailman?
Do you know the mailman who works on my block?

Yes I've seen the mailman, the mailman, the mailman.
Yes I've seen the mailman who goes to your house each day.

He drives a white truck, a white truck, a white truck.
He drives a white truck and drops off your mail.

Thank you so much mailman, mailman, mailman.
Thank you so much mailman for all that you do.

The People in Our Town

The Wheels on the Bus

The librarian in the town says "Read a book, Read a book, Read a book"

The librarian in the town says "read a book" all day long.

Other verses:

The firefighter says stop drop roll.

The teacher says let's learn something.

The carpenter builds lots of things.

The mail carrier brings the mail.

The doctor makes you well.

The dentist says open up.

Garbage Man

Do You Know the Muffin Man

Garbage man, garbage man, he picks up the garbage can

Drops the trash in his garbage van

Then he drives away

Takes the trash to the dump, drops it out in a great big lump

Drives away bumpity-bump He's the garbage man!

Workers at the Airport

Sung to the tune of "Skip to my Lou"

Workers at the airport, Whom will we see?

Workers at the airport, Whom will we see?

Workers at the airport, Whom will we see?

Ticket agents giving tickets to me,

Substitute the phrases with these endings:

Luggage carriers taking bags for me

Pilots flying the plane for me

Attendants bringing food for me

Controllers watching planes for me.

Old MacDonald Had a Town

Old MacDonald had a town, EIEIO

And in this town he had a fire station, EIEIO

With a (siren sound) here and a (siren sound) there

Here a (siren sound), there a (siren sound), everywhere a (siren sound)

Old MacDonald had a fire station EIEIO

Other options: police station, hospital, post office, grocery store, etc.

Instead of focusing on sounds, use actions involved in those occupations

Workers, Workers, Workers

Workers, Workers, Workers,

Workers, Workers, Workers

Workers, Workers, Workers

Let's talk about the workers.

Teachers and Lawyers
Teachers and Lawyers
Teachers and Lawyers
Let's talk about the workers.

Doctors and Medics
Doctors and Medics
Doctors and Medics
Let's talk about the workers.
Continue with other workers

Johnny's Hammers

(Make hammering motion with one fist)
Johnny had one hammer, one hammer, one hammer
Johnny had one hammer then he had Two
(Make hammering motion with both fists)
Johnny had two hammers, two hammers, two hammers,
Johnny had two hammers then he had Three.
(Make motion with both fists and one leg.)
Johnny had three hammers, three hammers, three hammers,
Johnny had three hammers then he had Four
(Make motion with both fists and both legs)
Johnny had four hammers, four hammers, four hammers,
Johnny had four hammers then he had Five
(Make motion with both fists and both legs and head.)
Johnny had five hammers, five hammers, five hammers
Johnny had five hammers, then he went to sleep (lay hands like sleeping)

The Veterinarian

"Oh My Darlin"
Bring your dogs, bring your cats,
Bring your hamsters one by one.
I take care of the animals,
I'm a veterinarian.

Career Chorus

A farmer works his fields.
A farmer works his fields.
Hi, Ho, the derry-o,
A farmer works his fields.

A dentist cleans our teeth.
A teacher works at school.
A barber cuts our hair.
A waiter serves us food.

Chorus:

There are so many jobs
That you might want to do.
Take time and you will find a job
That's just right for you.

Jobs

Mommies and daddies
And grandparents, too,
Are people with jobs—
With jobs that they do.
Aunts and uncles
And neighbors, it's true,
Are people with jobs that they do.
Boys and girls
Have jobs that they do.
I have a job—
How about YOU?

Sensory and Movement Activities

Firefighter, Firefighter

Sit all children in a circle, have them put their hands behind their backs. Place one in the middle to be the firefighter and pretend to be asleep. Have children recite poem and place a bell in one's hands, they ring it and return it to you. When the poem is done, the firefighter guesses who rang the bell. And then it is their turn to be the fire fighter.

Firefighter, firefighter
Hear the alarm
Save the building
From any harm.
Firefighter, Firefighter
No time to rest
Wake up, Wake up
Do your Best!

Community Helpers Song

First you need to make a variety of hats to represent the various community helpers (ie. firefighter, baker, postal worker, etc). These hats can be made out of posterboard, laminated and glued onto paint stir sticks. As you sing/chant the verse, hold up a hat and the children love to call out who wears the hat!

"What, what can I be when I wear a hat like that? I can be a _____ when I wear a hat like that!"

Sorting Game

Cut out shapes from colored paper and then laminate. Tape a different one on the front of small paper sacks. Tape the sacks on the doors or wall, but keep them in the same room. Give each child a sack full of the shapes and tell them they are mail carriers and the sacks hanging up are the mail boxes have them walk around and deliver their mail. The kids really liked this game. Try it with letters and numbers next. Try cutting the flap off of envelopes, so they can't lick them shut, and then have them put a shape on the front of each envelope, let them stuff them before they deliver their mail.

Matching Game

Find object or pictures that correspond with different community helpers (mailbox, dentist chair, firetruck, etc.). Additionally find pictures of community helpers in uniform. Let your children match which object goes with what helper.

Put Out the Fires

Get red and yellow sidewalk chalk. Draw flames on a sidewalk and let your children put them out with water bottles.

Craft Ideas

Doctor's Bag



Firefighter Hat



Policeman's Badge

Cut out badge shapes out of cardboard. Cover the cardboard with Aluminum foil. The kids can use the non-brush side of a paint brush to etch a badge into the aluminum foil.

Community Helper Paper Dolls

http://www.firstpalette.com/Craft_themes/People/communityhelperpaperdolls/communityhelperpaperdolls.html

Name Badges

Have children write and decorate their own name badges.



Mailbox

<http://engagingtoddleractivities.wordpress.com/2010/04/23/homemade-toy-playing-mailman/>

