

Some of our Favorite Books about Reading and the Library.

Waiting for the Biblioburro by Monica Brown

Book, Book, Book by Deborah Bruss

The Reader by Amy Hest

You Read to Me I'll Read to You
by Mary Ann Hoberman

Lola at the Library by Anna McQuinn

Book Fiesta! By Pat Mora

Red Knit Cap Girl and the Reading Tree
by Naoko Stoop

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KIDS DISCOVER THE TRAIL!

Kindergarten Discovery Trail Site:



101 East Green Street
Ithaca, NY 14850
607.272.4557
www.tcpl.org

Hours (subject to change):
Mon–Thurs: 9:30 am–8:30 pm
Friday: 9:30 am–6 pm
Saturday: 9:30 am–5 pm
Sunday: 1–5 pm (seasonal)

Interrupting Chicken

by David Ezra Stein

is a special keepsake book to celebrate your child's kindergarten trip to Tompkins County Public Library as part of *Kids Discover the Trail!*



Kids Discover the Trail! is a collaboration of the

- **Discovery Trail**
- **Ithaca Public Education Initiative**
- **TCSD Foundation**
- **Tompkins County school districts**

KDT! provides curriculum-based field trips to the eight sites of the Discovery Trail.

For more on *KDT!* visit: www.kidsdiscoverthetrail.org

Dear Families,

Your Kindergartner recently took a field trip to the Tompkins County Public Library, as part of the *Kids Discover the Trail!* program. While on the field trip, your child's class spent the day with a Kindergarten class from another Ithaca school. They enjoyed a special interactive storytime, made new friends, and learned how to use the Youth Services Department of the library through a tour and scavenger hunt.

We are pleased to provide the enclosed book as part of the *Kids Discover the Trail!* program to extend the field trip experience. We hope that you will enjoy reading the book together with your child.

We encourage you to visit the Tompkins County Public Library with your child, and if you have any questions or feedback, please contact us at 272-4557 Ext. 275 or 276 or check out our website at www.tcpl.org. *See you at the library!*



Continue to Learn & Discover with *Interrupting Chicken*

Create Stories!

At the end of *Interrupting Chicken*, Little Chicken makes up her own story for Papa Chicken. Encourage your child to make up his or her own story after reading the book. Story-telling develops both knowledge and a love for stories themselves, and is a wonderful way for children to learn the structure of a story and build reading confidence. After making up a story, your child can draw pictures to illustrate the story and move on to adding simple words.

Chicken Story Puppet!



During your child's visit to the Library we put on an *Interrupting Chicken* puppet show and now it's your child's turn!

All your child needs to make a chicken story puppet is a paper bag, glue, and a few pieces of construction paper! Let the story-telling begin!

Story-Telling Inspiration!

STORY STONES is a fun story-prompting game.



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Gather smooth stones from your neighborhood or craft store. Add a picture, symbol, character, animal, or object to each stone. Create pictures for your stones with paint, stickers, or a permanent marker. Your child chooses a stone to start the story and continues choosing stones letting the illustrations spark their imagination. Try taking turns picking stones and build stories together.

B is for Bedtime & Books!

Little Red Chicken can't fall asleep without hearing her bedtime stories.

Make bedtime special for your child by reading books every night.

Make up a bedtime story to tell your child.

Tell a story about yourself when you were their age.

Bring on the Giggles!

Interrupting Chicken was inspired by this joke:

Knock, Knock!
Who's there?
Interrupting chicken.
Interrupting chi---
Bawk, bawk.

Knock, Knock jokes are a hit with young children! Use the structure of this joke only switch out the chicken with different animals, friends, relatives, or book characters. Help your child write the jokes on little slips of paper and give to friends. Visit the Library for other funny joke books for kids, such as,

Knock, Knock! By Saxton Freymann..[et. al.]
J 793.735 Knock



Visit a *real* Little Red Chicken!

Do you know friends that keep chickens? Or, is there a chicken farm nearby? What a great way for your child to learn chicken facts!

Can't make it to a farm? Visit the Library!

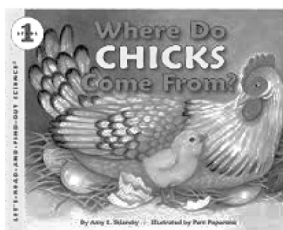


Checkout some books about real chickens from the library.

You'll discover they don't actually interrupt stories, but did you know they are living relatives of the Tyrannosaurus-Rex? Discover this and more interesting chicken facts in the children's nonfiction section (J 636.5) at The Tompkins County Public Library. Facts like:

Chicken Facts:

- The piece of skin on top of a chicken's head is called a comb and under its neck are two flaps of skin called wattles.
- Chickens have feathery wings but cannot fly very far.
- Chickens have small stones in their stomachs to help grind up food.
- Chicken eggs will usually hatch in 21 days.



For more ways to extend the learning and fun, visit the Library's Kids Discover the Trail website @ <http://tcpl.org/kids/programs-kdt.php>