

Did you know...



Every family has a story, and children love hearing about theirs. It is important to hear tales of when they were younger, or where they have lived. If you have a map or globe, or access to a computer, you can show them where their ancestors came from. It is hard for children to make the connections between family relationships. You can help them by showing them family photos or creating a family tree. Make sharing family stories a family tradition!



Every April there is a celebration of children and reading, El día de los niños/ El día de los libros.

Author Pat Mora, one of the founders of "Día," says, "April 30th has become a day for remembering the power of words and books in the lives of our young people and for honoring all the languages spoken in the homes of this country." Ask your librarian about special events or programs planned for El día de los niños/ El día de los libros.

Here's how...

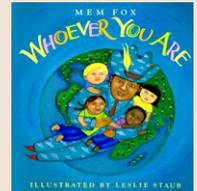


- ❖ Watch a children's TV show that is spoken in a different language, such as Dora the Explorer.
- ❖ Make a special food to eat for a meal that is from a country from your family history. Example: make German pancakes for dinner. Talk about the difference between those and the pancakes you usually make.
- ❖ Speak in your home language as well as English.

Read

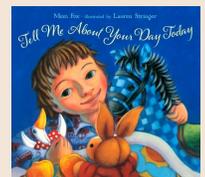
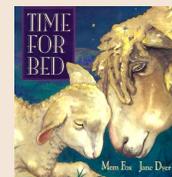


Whoever You Are, by Mem Fox



The world is a diverse place with people of different colors, sizes, shapes, languages, and abilities. This colorful book with simple text describes the things that we all have in common—our smiles, our hurts, our love—and the things that are different.

Mem Fox is a noted children's author who lives in Australia.



Choosing Books



Celebrating Children and Diversity:

All Kinds of Families, by Mary Ann Hoberman

I Love Saturdays y domingos, by Alma Flor Ada

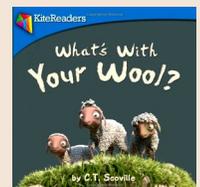
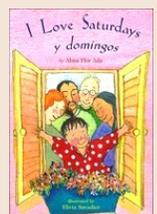
Abuela, by Arthur Dorros

The Colors of Us, by Karen Katz

It's Okay to Be Different, by Todd Parr

What's with Your Wool? by C.T. Scoville

In My Heart, by Molly Bang



Talk



Start a family tradition such as going for a walk on Sunday afternoon, or reading books together before going to bed. Talk about traditions that people have in other countries, or that you had as a child. Children love to hear stories that their parents tell, so make it part of the daily routine.

Write



Storytelling is an art that you can practice with your child. In some countries they pass stories down from generation to generation by telling them instead of writing them. Have your child tell you a story about something that has happened to them. Encourage them to add details to the story by asking open-ended questions at the end of the story — who, what, when, where, why.

Play



American Sign Language Alphabet



Help your child learn to sign their name.

www.start-american-sign-language.com/printable-sign-language-alphabet.html

Sing



Chocolate

Bate, bate, chocolate,	Stir, stir, the chocolate,
Tu nariz de cacahuete.	Your nose is a peanut.
Uno, dos, tres, CHO!	One, two, three, CHO!
Uno, dos, tres, CO!	One, two, three, CO!
Uno, dos, tres, LA!	One, two, three, LA!
Uno, dos, tres, TE!	One, two, three, TE!
Chocolate, chocolate!	Chocolate, chocolate!
Bate, bate,	Stir, stir,
chocolate!	the chocolate!
<i>(baje la voz y el cuerpo)</i>	<i>(lower voice and body)</i>
Bate, bate, bate, bate,	Stir, stir, stir, stir,
Bate, bate,	Stir, stir,
CHOCOLATE!	CHOCOLATE!
<i>(brinque y grite)</i>	<i>(jump up and shout)</i>



At your library...



Your librarian can help you find books in other languages at the public library, get them on loan from other Idaho libraries, or help you access them online.