

Volunteer Video Story Time



Record a video of yourself reading a children's story using your phone or other camera device. Email the file to Heather Bradford at hbradford@vogelalcove.org.

Age appropriate children's books about caring, love, learning concepts, family, or any fun concept books for ages birth through age 4.

5 Keys for Your Storytime Read-Aloud:

1. Preview the Book

Your storytime will be much richer if you have read the book at least once beforehand. This will also ensure that there are no "surprises" that might trip you up as you read.

2. Prepare a Comfy and Roomy Read-Aloud Area

It's important that your area is large enough that everyone can sit and see comfortably. You might want to create a special "Storytime Magic Carpet" that gets rolled out for stories.

3. Introduce the Book

Look at the book cover together and ask children to guess what they think the book might be about. Name the author and illustrator to reinforce the concept that people write and draw books.

4. Notice How You Hold the Book

Children need to see the illustrations, so be sure that the book is wide open and held to your side so that you can read the story and share it at the same time.

5. Give It All You've Got!

Dramatic and fun sound effects, hand motions, facial expressions, and changes in tone invite children to become a part of the story with you.

The book selected should be a fun reading book, and should not be too lengthy but should include great animated pictures or photos. At the end of your story, feel free to say a few words of encouragement to the children as you choose.

By sending us your video you consent to Vogel Alcove's use of the footage on all social outlets, including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Youtube, and Linked In.

If you have questions about creating your video or regarding this volunteer opportunity, email hbradford@vogelalcove.org