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Dragon Egg Hunt

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**NATIONAL  
LIBRARY WEEK  
April 13-19, 2008**

## Library Dragon Egg Hunt



Kids will love taking part in this mystical magical mission to save imperiled dragon eggs by transporting them safely to the 'Dragon Egg Hatching Grounds' in your library! To succeed in this gallant quest they must follow the directions from a series of mysterious runes that will show them the way. A Dragon Egg Hunt is a great way to hatch your National Library Week programs!

This game is derived from the book, *Dragon's Egg* by Sarah L. Thomson and pairs with a very nicely done

**DOWNLOADABLE DRAGON EGG EVENT KIT** <http://home.earthlink.net/~slthomson/index.shtml> including all of the artwork and props you will need to spin your own mystic world and to showcase your collection of dragon books. Everything from rune cards, signs, and scripts is included.

A fun and ever-so-classy enhancement would be to have your very own spokes-dragon in the person of our Hatching Dragon hand puppet (above).

**Dragon's Egg by Sarah L. Thomson** (Greenwillow Books. HarperCollins Publishers) Order #HC9780061288487, Price: \$16.99. Review: "Dragon's Egg, Thomson's book for children ages 8 to 12, is a wonderful read." <http://pressherald.maine.com/story.php?id=148433&ac=Audience>

### Hatching Baby Dragon Hand Puppet 8"

This adorable baby dragon can retract all the way into his stunning blue rubber egg just waiting for you to help him spring to life and hatch from his egg. This baby dragon has scaly (but soft!) skin, delicate pink wings, a striking blue tongue and workable mouth and arms. Order# FM2544, Price: \$31.95

### Program Planning Manual for Dragons, Books and more!

National Library of Canada's Summer Reading Manual, *Fire Up Your Imagination* (see pages 44-59 for songs, rhymes, fingerplays and puppet plays) Online at <http://www.td-club-td.ca/2004/obj/f2/xx008605.pdf>

**Bartholomew Dragon Large Plush Toy 22"** (Banner) Order# MN109140, Price : \$39.95 **or Small Plush 13"** Order# MN109190, Price: \$14.95.

**NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK** <http://www.ala.org/ala/pio/natlibraryweek/nlw.htm>



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I'd also like to welcome the many new subscribers to *Puppet Tales*, including libraries on military bases around the world!

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Now let the StoryTime Sparks fly!

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# PUPPET U

ANITA COULER'S INTRODUCTION  
TO PUPPETRY PERFORMANCE

## Greetings all!

Prior to starting with Swazzle, I had my own one-woman puppet show based on "Red-Riding Hood". Performing a one-person show can be very challenging and one of the ways I headed off "challenging" audiences was by incorporating audience participation. In my "Red-Riding Hood" show, the audience "became" the trees in the woods that Red was lost in. Whenever she would look around and say, "Where am I?" the audience would put their hands in the air and reply "In the Woods!" to which Red inevitably said, "Oh! Right!" and would continue on her merry way.

Later, when Swazzle formed, our first Summer Library Show was "Prairie Dog Pete and the Magic Buffalo" in that show we asked the audience to repeat the magic words Pete had to use to call forth the animals in the show. Giving the audience something to do was a wonderful idea! Instead of being passive viewers, they became active participants—a part of the show, if you will! The children would listen very carefully, eagerly waiting for the moment when their assistance was required. It can be magic!

Now, most of you guys are not going to be putting on an entire show! You're going to be telling stories and (hopefully) using puppets to make things more lively and fun. How can you use puppets to create active audiences for Story Time? Easy! You can use Finger Puppets! They are small and you can store many of them in a small space! How do you use them? Well, does your story include birds flying by? Or Fish Swimming? Butterflies fluttering? There are little finger puppets for all of these things. You can have each audience member use the same one or combine several for different actions!



There is one very important thing to remember whenever you introduce audience participation into your storytelling! And that one thing is? Communication. You must clearly communicate to your audience exactly what you want from them, otherwise, chaos ensues. Take the time to set up audience rules. Over my many years of performing, I've come up with a pre-show spiel (and I must admit to cribbing from the other Swazzle performers!). The rules are as follows:

**U** Stay in your seats (behind the line, on the carpet, in a circle...etc.)

**U** Stay nice and quiet so that every one can hear (I usually have them practice this!)

Once you've got them quiet and attentive, it's time to introduce the action! Ask them if they know how a bird flies, what noise a bee makes, ask for a show of hands. Once you get the desired response, show them the puppet. Show them exactly what you want them to do with the puppet and ask them if they think they can do this simple action. Of course they'll say "Yes!" Then, explain what you want them to do during the story, if applicable, give them a "Cue" to follow (whenever you hear "Blah" flutter the butterfly like so) and then remind them that when the story is over they must bring the little puppets back to the basket (or box) for the next story.

Pass out your puppets and enjoy! You've just turned a group of listeners into performers!

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<http://www.swazzle.com>

**Anita's Blog: PUPPET U**  
<http://swazzle.com/blogs/puppetu.html>

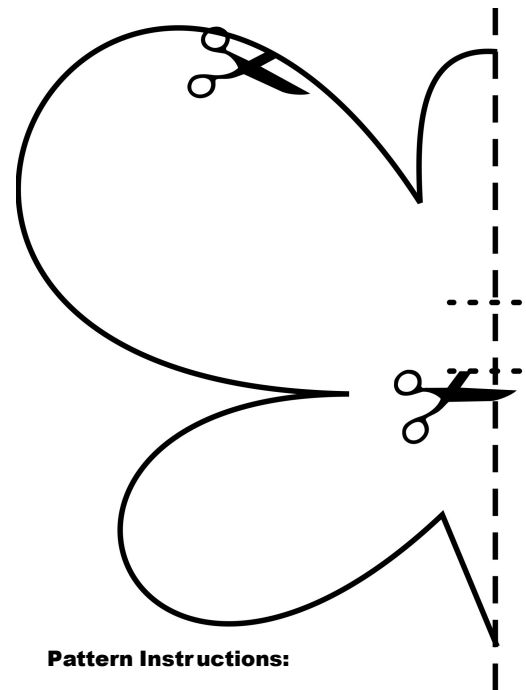
## Good Morning Butterfly

Way up in the sky  
The butterflies fly.  
While down in their nests  
The butterflies rest.  
With a wing to the left  
And a wing to the right  
The sweet little butterflies  
Sleep all through the night.  
SH-h-h-h they're sleeping.  
The bright sun comes up.  
The dew falls away.  
Good morning, good morning  
The butterflies say.

## Flutter, Flutter Butterfly

*(Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star)*

Flutter, flutter, butterfly.  
Floating in the summer sky.  
Floating by for all to see,  
Floating by so merrily.  
Flutter, flutter, butterfly,  
Floating in the summer sky.



### Pattern Instructions:

1. Make pattern as big or small as you want up to letter-sized paper. Depending on your situation you can do this project any combination of ways. Pre-cut and let kids paint them or pre-make dozens to pass out and have them quickly join in the song.
2. Place pattern on a folded piece of felt, paper or my favorite, non-woven interfacing.
3. Cut out butterfly shape.
4. Make 2 cuts in the middle to create a strap.
5. Open up the butterfly and slip your finger through the slits. Wiggle, flutter and fly away!

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## El día de los niños/El día de los libros



El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day): a celebration of children, families, and reading is held annually on April 30. The celebration emphasizes the importance of advocating literacy for every child regardless of linguistic and cultural background.

### Programming Resources:

**PR MATERIALS:** <http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/diadelosninos/diaresources/diaresources.htm>

**TOOLKIT:** <http://www.texasdia.org/toolkit.html>

**SONG:** [http://www.misterandersons.com/pdf/Insect In the Garden Song & Eric Carle FP](http://www.misterandersons.com/pdf/Insect%20In%20the%20Garden%20Song%20&%20Eric%20Carle%20FP)

### Caterpillar to Butterfly Scarf Play

Have children lay down on their scarves and then wriggle around like caterpillars trying to keep the scarf under them.  
Sung to: *Wheels on the Bus*

The caterpillars are wriggling around, wriggling around, wriggling around. The caterpillars are wriggling around, all around the yard.

*(children roll into a ball and cover their heads with scarf)*

The caterpillars are building a cocoon, building a cocoon, building a cocoon. The caterpillars are building a cocoon all around the yard.

*(children pick up their scarf and fly with it)*

The butterflies are flying around, flying around, flying around. The butterflies are flying around, all around the yard.

### Board Books & Puppets

#### *La oruga muy hambrienta*

**The Very Hungry Caterpillar**, by Eric Carle is one of the most popular children's books of all time. Now, here is the Spanish board book version of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, filling an important niche for the youngest of Spanish-speaking children. Age-Grade:0-3/Infant-Toddler. Price: \$10.99  
Order # PP9780399239601.



#### **Butterfly Hand Puppet 11"**

(Eric Carle), Order #KP9611, Price: \$14.99



#### **Very Hungry Caterpillar Hand Puppet 11"**

Order #KP96612, Price: \$14.99



**Eric Carle 5" Finger Puppet (3) Set A**  
Order #KP96610A, Price: \$13.99

### The Little Caterpillar

Sung to: *Itsy, Bitsy Spider*

The little caterpillar crawled up into a tree,  
Spun his cocoon and slept so quietly,  
All through the winter he didn't make a sound,  
He dreamt of his new life when he'd be flying all around.  
While he was sleeping the snow did gently fall,  
Winter came and went, then he heard the robin's call,  
"Come on Mr. Butterfly, out of your cocoon  
Spread your wings and fly for me, while I sing my tune.

# Library Dragon TALE EXTRA, EXTRAS . . .

## I'm a little Dragon

Tune: "I'm a Little Teapot"

i'm a little dragon strong and stout,  
Here is my tail and here is my snout.  
If you get me upset you better watch out,  
I'll give you something to shout about.

## Did you ever find a Dragon?

Tune: *Did You Ever See a Lassie?*

Did you ever find a dragon?  
A dragon? A dragon?  
Did you ever find a dragon?  
All scaly and green?  
With blazing eyes and fiery breath,  
And swishing tail and green toes?  
Did you ever find a dragon?  
All scaly and green?



## Fire-breathing Dragon Cake

<http://jas.familyfun.go.com/recipefinder/display?id=50372>

## Dragon & Egg Pattern

These can be cut from felt for any flannel board dragon rhymes. National Library of Canada's Summer Reading Manual, *Fire Up Your Imagination* (see pages 44-59 for songs, rhymes, fingerplays and puppet plays) Online at <http://www.td-club-td.ca/2004/obj/f2/xx008605.pdf>



## Dragon Plush Display Toy

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