Storytime Live Planning Guide

Location
• A recognizable space in your library. Bright, behind a table if you need. Communications will help advise.

Length:
• Around 10 minutes

Content:
• A combination of traditional storytime elements:
  o Book reading
  o Puppets
  o Song
  o Fingerplay

Book Selection Considerations:
• Do you want a theme?
• Is at least one title available on hoopla, Overdrive, or cloudLibrary, Tumblebooks?
• Does it provide Social Emotional Learning support for children and/or their caregivers?
• Crowd favorite? Your favorite?
• Reading multiple books? Consider audience. One for babies/toddlers, and one for preschoolers?
• Do you have permission from publisher or author to read the title? Do you need to include a statement during your storytime about this or in the comments? What else is needed? Check this article for specific publisher’s restrictions.

Other Considerations:
• Include ideas for indoor fun
• Remember to use the phrase “grown-up” rather than parents
• Begin by reminding them that our buildings are closed, but services continue
• Reference at least one digital service or resource we provide
• Outline your talking points to reference during your storytime