

BU Toy Library

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Vocabulary Literacy Play

With funding from the **College of Liberal Arts' Faculty Enhancement Fund**, Vocabulary Literacy Play totes complement the Play-to-Learn Vocabulary online tutorial.

One of the most important skills that a child can bring with her to school is a large, rich vocabulary. Shared reading is an effective strategy for building vocabulary. Accordingly, we developed a set of Vocabulary Literacy Play totes based on Mo Willems' award winning *Elephant and Piggie* series. Each tote targets one type of vocabulary word (e.g., people, animals, places, food, clothing, activities, feelings, concepts) and includes one or more titles in the *Elephant and Piggie* series, a brief description of the book, recommended story-related activities, and toys to engage children in the recommended vocabulary-building activities.

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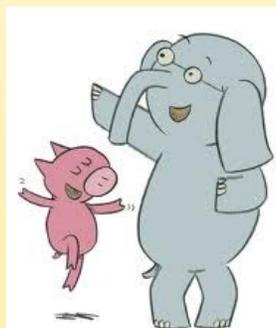
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Print Motivation Literacy Play Totes

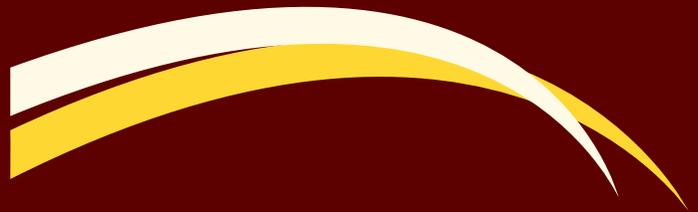


With funding from the **Jones Center for Special Education Excellence**, Print Motivation Literacy Play totes were created to support the development of children's interest in reading and writing. Strategies for promoting print motivation focus on helping children to experience reading as an enjoyable activity. Building literacy activities into pretend play is one way to encourage print motivation because children learn best through hands-on experiences. Stop by the BU Toy Library to check out these innovative new totes!

Lights, Cameras, Puppets!

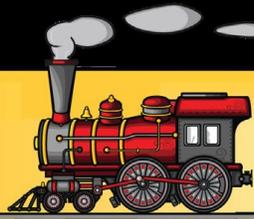


BUSTED is an ongoing musical comedy series sponsored by Residence Life about college life. The show follows the adventures of a group of BU students LIVE on stage as they work through various life issues. Relax and enjoy the Glee Club's performance of exciting musical numbers, relationship drama and brand new puppet theater!



“Thanks again for providing Residence Life access to the Toy Library puppets for the latest BUSTED show. We used a bunch of the animal puppets this time and got rave reviews from cast members and audience alike.”

—George Kinzel



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Applying Scholarship in Service of Others



Brianne Esbenshade, a senior nursing student, and Dr. Mary Katherine Duncan developed and evaluated the “My Well Child Check-up: A Preschooler’s Guide.” She also presented the guide to children enrolled at Magic Carpet Preschool while engaging the preschoolers in medical play. The guide has since become a permanent resource of the Medical Play (Print Motivation) Tote. Check it out at the BU Toy Library.

