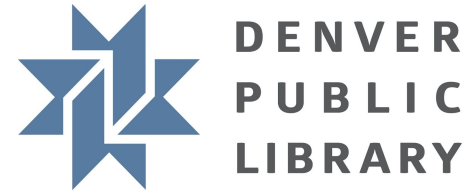


The Real Poop on Pigeons



SUMMARY:

Meet live birds and learn all about doves and pigeons with Nature's Educators. Prepare for the program by reading the funny and informative book *The Real Poop on Pigeons* by Kevin McCloskey.

- Program initially designed for an audience of 40 children with caregivers. Hired performer brought birds and staff read book to group and introduced the program.

BOOK TIE-IN:

- [The Real Poop on Pigeons](#) by Kevin McCloskey
 - Supports grade level reading by introducing new vocabulary. The book is an easy to read graphic novel.
- Additional nonfiction options

CONDUCTING THE PROGRAM:

Staff welcomes families. Read or Booktalk *The Real Poop on Pigeons* and other pigeon books when everyone is gathered. Nature's Educators presents.

- *How will the program facilitator encourage meaningful interaction?*
 - Reading / booktalking will garner interest in pigeons with the hope of inspiring further reading on the subject as well as heightened interest in the program.
 - Staff should stay during the program and participate wherever possible.
- *How will the program facilitator invite caregiver interaction with children?*
 - If the performer asks the group to make bird noises, show adults how to participate.

Grade Level Reading Skills

[Find information about GLR skills here.](#)

Our goal is to create literacy-based programs for K-3rd graders to practice and gain confidence reading, and for the caregivers in their lives to learn about DPL tools and resources, as well as ways to foster family engagement beyond the library. Literacy-based programs include activities to support one or more of the GLR Skills. Literacy-based programs can take many forms (drop-in, time specific, etc.).

Insert activities or stations in the column's they support:

Fluency	Background Knowledge	Comprehension	Reading Motivation	Decoding
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Program Activities

(x) Station 1: Book share

- Skills Supported:
 - Reading motivation - Reading and booktalking titles will motivate attendees to explore the topic further.
- Activity: Share the book with the group
- Setup: Secure a copy of the book and bring it to the program.

(x) Station 2: Book Display

- Skills Supported:
 - Reading motivation - Attendees will be able to check out additional reading
- Activity: None
- Setup: Find age appropriate materials and a surface to display them.

(x) Station 3: Nature's Educators

Found in Presenter Database

- Skills Supported:
 - Reading motivation - Reading and booktalking titles will motivate attendees to explore the topic further.
- Activity: Performer lead
- Setup:
 - Setup requested by the performer:
 - Table at front of room.
 - A dozen chairs around the back of the room for grown ups to sit.
 - Masking tape line for kids to sit behind. (separate group from the performer)

Program Preparation

Budget:

- 30 minute program was \$80 (\$135/hour) for Nature's Educators
 - Found in Presenter Database

Books for Display:

- The Real Poop on Pigeons by Kevin McCloskey
- Nonfiction books on pigeons
- Mo Willems' Pigeon books

Setup:

- We requested that Nature's Educators tailor a program to this specific book. They were happy to do it and already have different book tie-ins for their programs. We chose this one because it fit the Grade Level Reading initiative.

Materials

REUSABLE MATERIALS:

- None

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- None