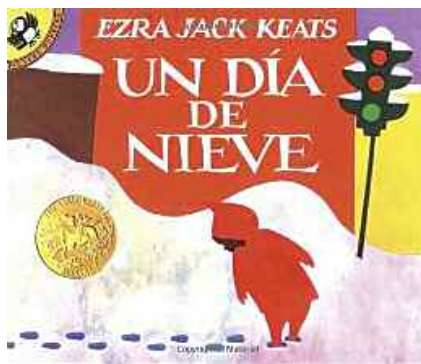
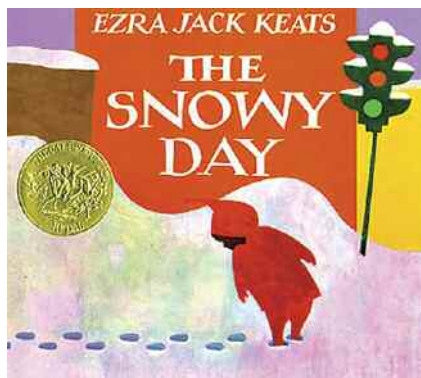


BY SARAH DAVIS, BILINGUAL CHILDREN'S LIBRARY ASSOCIATE

# Tulsa City-County Library celebrates winter

**D**id you know that one of the best ways you can give your child a head start on school is reading together? Simply reading a book together helps your child be ready to learn to read. When you read together, point out your favorite characters on the page, introduce new words, and ask your child questions about the story. When you start these good reading habits early with your child, you can encourage a lifelong love of reading.

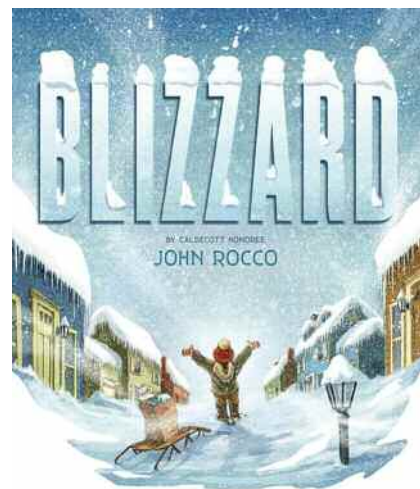
As winter draws closer and the possibility of snow looms in the air, pick up some children's books about snow and the winter season at the library. Check out the five favorite snowy book recommendations below to read at home with your child. Each book recommendation comes with extension ideas to continue the fun of the story. These extension ideas focus on five early literacy practices from the Every Child Ready to Read initiative: Reading, Talking, Writing, Singing, and Playing (for more information, go to [www.everychildreadytoread.org](http://www.everychildreadytoread.org)). Check the Easy Picture shelves for any of these books at a Tulsa City-County Library (TCCL) location—if it's not on your local loca-



tion's shelf, ask the library staff to put the book you're looking for on hold to be sent to any location of your choice.

#### *Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats

This classic story of little Peter playing in the snow will delight and surprise your young child. Encourage your child to imagine what the perfect snowy day would be; plan out how you would spend your snowy day. This book is available in English and Spanish at the library.



#### *First Snow* by Peter McCarty

If you've never seen snow or experienced winter before, you might not be excited to play in the cold snow—that's what happens to Pedro. With encouragement from the other kids, he learns just how much fun playing in the snow can be. Ask your child if he or she likes to play in

the cold weather—what is the best part of a first snow?

#### *Blizzard* by John Rocco

What would you do if you were trapped in your house for nearly a week by snow? The author/illustrator lived through a blizzard when he was a child and beautifully recreates the experience in his book. Make up a song with your child that you could sing together during a blizzard—try adding fun new words to a familiar tune like "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."

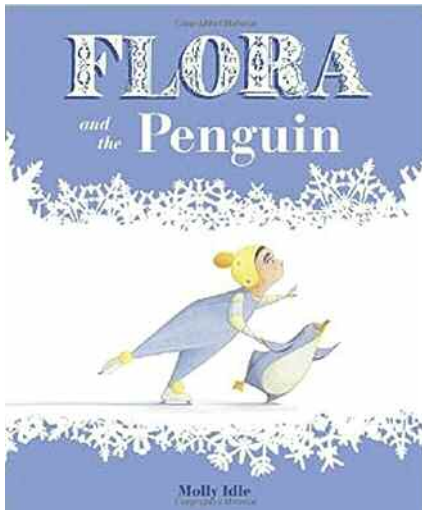
#### *Flora and the Penguin*

by Molly Idle

Don't let the lack of words in *Flora and the Penguin* keep you from picking up this great book. Wordless books are a great way to inspire creativity because they spark conversations with your child about what is happening in the story. Try creating your family's own special version of the story together while reading the book. (For more tips about how to read wordless picture books: [www.colorincolorado.org/article/sharing-wordless-picture-books](http://www.colorincolorado.org/article/sharing-wordless-picture-books))

*Katy and the Big Snow*  
by Virginia Lee Burton

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When the snow is so deep you're trapped in your house, you need Katy the snowplow to chug through town to save the day. Take time to peruse every page for all the printed vocabulary on the town maps and talk about some of the unfamiliar words. Draw a map of your neighborhood and mark the places where you think Katy should make a stop.

Looking for more books and ideas? At every Tulsa City-County Library location, the children's services staff is ready to help you. Each location offers storytimes for babies, toddlers and preschoolers, resources to support child development and literacy (ask your librarian about Family Place Parent/Child workshops and the Every Child Ready to Read Initiative), and of course, books to check out and enjoy. On your next visit to the library, be sure to check out all these amazing resources to help your child be ready to learn to read.

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skills that carry over to all subjects. I hope they have a belief in their ability to conquer difficult work and enjoy “funstration”—not understanding, yet enjoying the process of making progress on a problem.”

Ariana sees math as a pathway to a career in engineering or medicine.

Farrior agreed. “Math opportunities for women today are wide open,” she said. “So many jobs, not just those in STEM fields, have interesting applications in mathematics. As computers have become pocket-sized tools for all, mathematical modeling has become more and more common in many fields. Having had the experience at a young age in the Math Circle, we hope our girls will know how much fun it is to solve hard problems, and want to continue doing that by majoring in a STEM field in college.”

### Tulsa Girls' Math Circle Enrollment

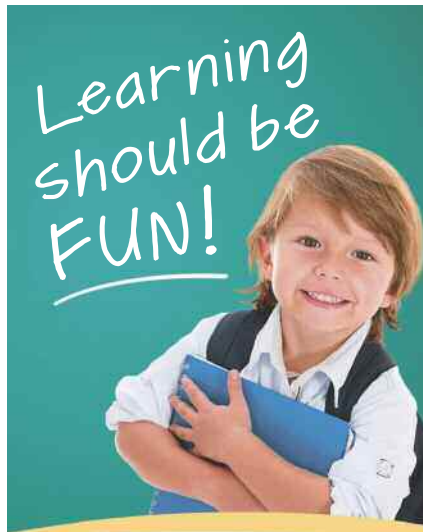
The Tulsa Girls' Math Circle is open to girls in grades six through eight from any school in the Tulsa area. It is free to all students.

Winter session begins January 12, 2016

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For more information, contact Dr. Donna Farrior: [donna-farrior@utulsa.edu](mailto:donna-farrior@utulsa.edu) or visit the Tulsa Girls' Math Circle website at <http://tgmc.utulsa.edu/index.html>.



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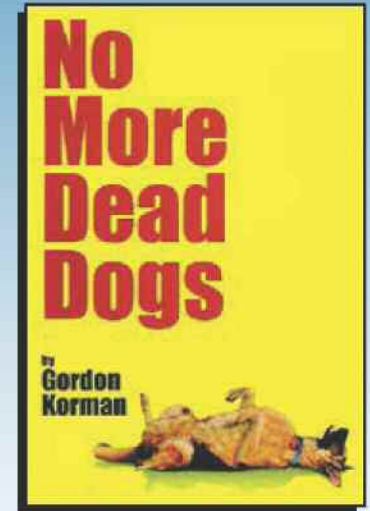
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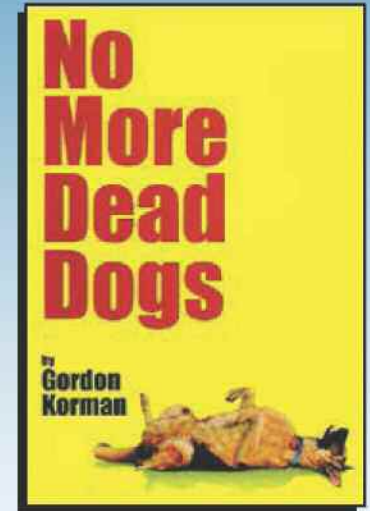
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