



BOOKS TO READ!

- Alphabatics* by Suse MacDonald
- Alphabet City* by Stephen T. Johnson
- AlphaOops! The Day Z Went First* by Alethea Kontis
- Amelia Bedelia* by Peggy Parish
- Curious George Learns the Alphabet* by H. A. Rey
- Eating the Alphabet* by Lois Ehlert
- The Graphic Alphabet* by David Pelletier
- The Hidden Alphabet* by Laura Vaccaro Seeger
- I Stink!* By Kate McMullan
- Jambo Means Hello: Swahili Alphabet Book* by Muriel Feelings
- Old Black Fly* by Jim Aylesworth
- P is for Palmetto: A South Carolina Alphabet* by Carol Crane
- Shiver Me Letters: A Pirate ABC* by June Sobel
- The Sleepy Little Alphabet* by Judy Sierra

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September: Letters



South Carolina Spotlight: Peggy Parish

Born in Manning, Margaret "Peggy" Parish made writing stories — including fiction, nonfiction, and craft books — for children her life's work. By far, her most popular and well-known books are the Amelia Bedelia books: a housekeeper who takes all of her employers' instructions literally resulting in comedy that delights children even today! Peggy Parish was also a supporter of the Harvin Clarendon Public Library and a statue of Amelia Bedelia is located in front of the library. Sculpture created by Jim Chacconas. Photo courtesy of Harvin Clarendon Public Library.

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

<p>Make an ABC Book</p> <p>Make a 26 page booklet from blank paper. Together, write each letter on the top of each page. Fill in your book with drawings or magazine pictures all month long.</p>	<p>A is for Apple</p> <p>Eat an apple and count the seeds.</p>	<p>B is for Bumblebee</p> <p>With your hand in a fist say: Here is a beehive, but where are the bees? Hiding inside where nobody sees. Watch and you'll see them come out of their hive 1,2,3,4,5... BZZZ!</p>	<p>C is for Cup</p> <p>Make a tower using paper or plastic cups. How high can you go?</p>	<p>D is for Dig</p> <p>Fill a small container with dirt or rice and hide objects in it. Have your child dig for treasure!</p>	<p>E is for Exercise</p> <p>Touch your toes, do some jumping jacks and, if you know how, do a square dance! The square dance is South Carolina's state folk dance.</p>	<p>Visit Your Library!</p> <p>Check out some alphabet books. If possible get <i>Eating the Alphabet</i> and <i>Shiver Me Letters</i> from this month's booklist.</p>
<p>Look for Letters</p> <p>Read one of your library books. Help your child find the letters of their name in the words of the book.</p>	<p>F is for Fruit</p> <p>Talk about your favorite fruits and then make some fruit salad together.</p>	<p>G is for Grandparents</p> <p>Tell your child a story about their grandparent or have a grandparent tell a story themselves.</p>	<p>H is for Honey</p> <p>September is National Honey Month. Taste some honey and talk about where it comes from.</p>	<p>I is for Ice</p> <p>Melt ice cubes and talk about temperature. Have your child list things that are hot and things that are cold.</p>	<p>J is for Jack and Jill</p> <p>Jack and Jill went up the hill to fetch a pail of water; Jack fell down and broke his crown, and Jill came tumbling after.</p>	<p>Letters Ahoy!</p> <p>Talk like a pirate day! If you have a copy, read <i>Shiver Me Letters: A Pirate ABC</i>.</p>
<p>Dough Spelling!</p> <p>Make salt dough or play dough and use it to spell out your name.</p>	<p>K is for King</p> <p>Old King Cole was a merry old soul And a merry old soul was he; He called for his pipe, And he called for his bowl And he called for his fiddlers three.</p>	<p>L is for Leaves</p> <p>Take a walk outside and look for leaves. Try to find ten different kinds of leaves.</p>	<p>M is for Music</p> <p>Sing the <i>Alphabet Song</i> together. Try singing it while doing the American Sign Language letters (above.)</p>	<p>N is for Noodle</p> <p>Help your child spell their name or make the alphabet using spaghetti noodles.</p>	<p>O is for Origami</p> <p>Origami is the Japanese art of making objects by folding paper. Help your child fold a paper airplane.</p>	<p>Eat Your Letters!</p> <p>Have a healthy snack of fruit or vegetables. If you have a copy, read <i>Eating the Alphabet</i> for inspiration!</p>
<p>I Spy Letters</p> <p>Point out the letters you recognize in signs, labels and billboards throughout the day.</p>	<p>P is for Pat-a-cake</p> <p>Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake, baker's man, Bake me a cake as fast as you can. Roll it, and prick it, and mark it with a "B" And put it in the oven for baby and me!</p>	<p>Q is for Quilt</p> <p>Draw a family quilt on paper and have each family member decorate one or more squares.</p>	<p>R is for Ring Around the Rosie</p> <p>Ring around the rosie. A pocketful of posies "Ashes, Ashes" we all fall down!</p>	<p>S is for Sign Language</p> <p>Explain the idea of sign language. Teach them to say I love you.</p>	<p>T is for Treasure Hunt</p> <p>Find objects around the house that start with each letter of the alphabet.</p>	<p>Sign Your Name</p> <p>Using the guide above, practice spelling out your child's name in American Sign Language.</p>
<p>Tell the Story</p> <p>Choose your favorite alphabet book to look at together. Have your child tell the story by looking at the illustrations.</p>	<p>U is for Umbrella</p> <p>Slap your legs in tune to: Rain is falling down SPLASH! Rain is falling down SPLASH! Pitter patter, pitter patter, Rain is falling down SPLASH!</p>	<p>V is for Vegetables</p> <p>Name a vegetable that starts with each letter of the alphabet.</p>	<p>W is for Wash</p> <p>Make paint with shaving cream mixed with a few drops of food coloring. Paint with it in the tub during bath time.</p>	<p>X is for X-marks-the-spot</p> <p>Find your country, state and city on a map. Draw a map of your neighborhood.</p>	<p>Y is for Yellow</p> <p>Point out all the yellow objects you see throughout the day.</p>	<p>Z is for Zoo</p> <p>Write a list of animals you may see at the zoo. Draw or paint a picture of your favorite zoo animal.</p>