

## Resources for Literacy-Rich Waiting Room Compiled by Linda Eastman

### Interactive Books

- The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- Snow Bear (Piers Harper) A soft-to-touch book
- Touch 'n' Feel Little Puppy: Come and play on the farm
- DK Touch and Feel
  - Ponies Farm
  - Baby Animals Wild Animals
  - Puppy Kitten
  - Bathtime Home
  - Fire Engine Tractor
  - Shapes My First Touch and Feel Picture Cards

### Seek-and-Find

- Can You See What I See?
- Look Alikes
- Where's Waldo?
- Hide-and-Seek Science
  - Where's That Reptile?
  - Where's That Spider?
  - Where's That Cat?
  - Where's That Insect?
  - Where's That Bat?
- Counting Colors (Search for the hidden objects and learn your colors and numbers)
- I Spy books
- Highlights Magazine (lots of puzzles, seek-and-find, find the differences)

### Bulletin Boards & Posters

- **Lakeshore Learning** – wide range of high quality bulletin board trimmers, wall hangings, furniture, literacy-based activities, hand puppets. Please visit website [www.lakeshorelearning.com](http://www.lakeshorelearning.com) and contact Matt Young, [myoung\[at\]lakeshorelearning.com](mailto:myoung[at]lakeshorelearning.com), to learn about the **5% discount for ROR-MI sites**.
- **Demco Library Supplies and Furniture** – a whole section on reading promotion and character-themed banners, bulletin board trimmers, wall hangings, posters, and other fun things. You can find Arthur, Clifford, Tomie dePaola, Eric Carle, Where the Wild Things Are, and many others. 800-356-1200 - [www.demco.com](http://www.demco.com)
- **The Library Store, Inc.** – library and school supplies, children's furniture, reading rugs, book display racks, literature holders, and related items; Curious George, Dr. Seuss, Lily, and other book-related posters (800) 548-7204 - [www.thelibrarystore.com](http://www.thelibrarystore.com)
- **All Posters.com** – an amazing selection of children's book posters. <http://www.allposters.com/>
- **Berlin Wallpaper** – murals, wallpaper borders, and stick-on decals of children's literature characters (800) 851-9951 - <http://www.berlinwallpaper.com>

### Book Storage

Aluminum book trucks for easy storage and safe-keeping – great for a bookmobile in your office!

- **Demco** - 1-800-356-1200 - [www.demco.com](http://www.demco.com)
- **Brod Art** - 1-888-820-4377 - [www.shopbrodart.com](http://www.shopbrodart.com)
- **Lakeshore Learning** - Please visit website [www.lakeshorelearning.com](http://www.lakeshorelearning.com) and contact Matt Young, [myoung\[at\]lakeshorelearning.com](mailto:myoung[at]lakeshorelearning.com), to learn about the **5% discount for ROR-MI sites**

### **Resource Ideas for Gently Used Books**

- Public libraries have semi-annual used book sales. At our local library, on the last day of the sale, patrons can take a shopping bag full of books for \$4. The children's librarian knows me by now, and she calls me when she has accumulated books which have been removed from circulation.
- Book drives
- Neighborhood house-to-house book drive (This is a great project for a volunteer!)
- Local Intermediate School District
- Sunday School used-book drive
- Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts
- Rotary/Kiwanis/Lions Clubs
- Other community service clubs or organizations
- High school service clubs such as Interact (Rotary) and Key Club (Kiwanis)
- National Honor Society at local high school
- Church youth group service project
- Junior League
- American Association of University Women
- Primary schools
- Preschool parents' project
- Garage sales (Make an offer!)
- Sign at the check-out desk requesting gently used book donations

### **Educational Toys for Waiting Room and Exam Rooms**

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### **Online Resources**

- Create a Hungry Reader - <http://www2.firstbook.org/ericcarle/reading.php>
- NEA:National Education Association - Bilingual Booklist / Lectura Recomendada <http://www.nea.org/readacross/resources/bilingualbooks.html?mode=print>
- 50 Multicultural Books Every Child Should Read - <http://www.nea.org/readacross/resources/50multibooks.html?mode=print>
- 36 Books Every Child Should Hear - <http://www.misd.net/Earlychild/MOYChandouts/36booksEveryChildShouldHear.pdf>
- ¡Colorín Colorado! Consejos para padres - Información práctica, actividades, y asesoría sobre la lectura ¡en español! [www.ColorinColorado.org](http://www.ColorinColorado.org)
- [www.Scholastic.com](http://www.Scholastic.com) - Honeybee Book Club, Firefly Book Club, Suggestions and activities for promoting reading, Free reproducibles can be used for waiting-room activity handouts.

### **A Fun Thing to Do:**

- Keep a disposable camera in your office and copies of the photo release form, available in Spanish and English from the ROR National Center. Take photos of the children and families enjoying books together. The photos are great for decorating bulletin boards and are also a way to show potential funders what having books means to the parents and children you serve.

Your great ideas and suggestions are welcome! Contact me at [McGindy\[at\]aol.com](mailto:McGindy[at]aol.com).

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