

# Resources for a Counting Themed Storytime

## Resource Books

### Starting With Stories: Engaging Multiple Intelligences Through Children's Books

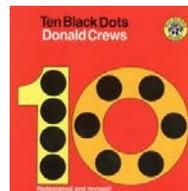
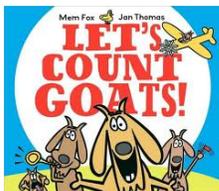
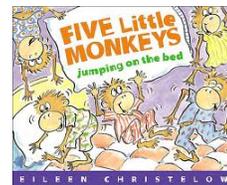
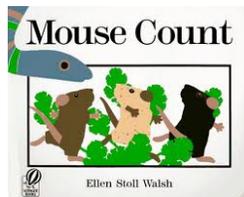
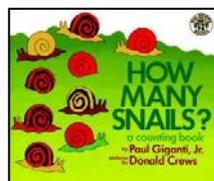
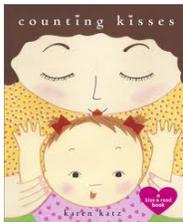
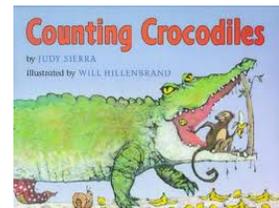
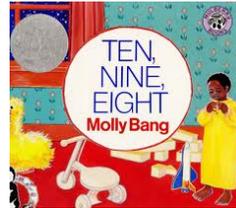
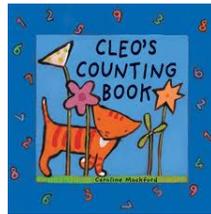
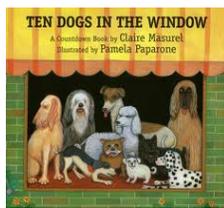
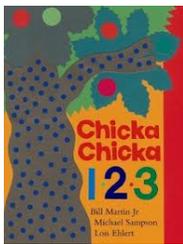


by Pam Schiller and Pat Phipps

Pam Schiller's Starting With Stories is an excellent resource to use in developing storytimes for the diverse audiences you will encounter in public libraries.

- Pg 24 Animal Orchestra: A Counting Book
- Pg 64 The Doorbell Rang
- Pg 72 Eight Animals Bake a Cake
- Pg 156 One Cow Moo Moo
- Pg 184 Ten Black Dots
- Pg 186 Ten, Nine, Eight

## Books



- Chicka, Chicka 1,2,3 by Bill Martin, Jr.
- Ten Dogs in the Window by Claire Masurel
- Cleo's Counting Book by Caroline Mockford
- Ten, Nine, Eight by Molly Bang
- Counting Crocodiles by Judy Sierra and Will Hillenbrand
- Counting Kisses by Karen Katz

How Many Snails?: A Counting Book by Paul Giganti and Donald Crews  
Mouse Count by Ellen Stoll Walsh  
Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed by Eileen Christelow  
Big Fat Hen by Keith Baker  
Let's Count Goats by Meme Fox  
Ten Black Dots by Donald Crews  
Over in the Meadow by Ezra Jack Keats

## **Songs and Fingerplays**

### **Five Fingers**

Five little fingers on this hand,  
Five little fingers on that;  
A dear little nose,  
A mouth like a rose,  
Two cheeks so tiny and fat.  
Two eyes, two ears,  
And ten little toes;  
That's the way the baby grows.

### **10 Fingers on My Hand**

1 little, 2 little, 3 little fingers,  
4 little, 5 little, 6 little fingers,  
7 little, 8 little, 9 little fingers,  
10 little fingers on my hands.

They wiggle and they wiggle and they wiggle  
All together  
They wiggle and they wiggle and they wiggle  
All together  
They wiggle and they wiggle and they wiggle  
All together  
10 little fingers on my hands.  
*Clap all together, crawl, hide...*

### **Ten Little Fingers and Toes**

(Wiggle each finger or toe as you count)  
One little two little three little toesies,  
Four little five little six little toesies,  
Seven little eight little nine little toesies  
Ten little toesies in a row. (Repeat with each foot)

### **Bubbles**

1 little 2 little 3 little bubbles  
4 little 5 little 6 little bubbles  
7 little 8 little 9 little bubbles  
10 little bubbles go pop pop pop!

Pop pop pop pop those bubbles  
Pop pop pop pop those bubbles  
Pop pop pop pop those bubbles  
10 little bubbles go pop pop pop.

### **Three Little Monkeys**

Three little monkeys  
Hanging in a tree  
Eating a banana  
Just like me.  
One had a frown,  
One had a grin,  
And one had a banana  
All over his chin.

### **One, Two, Buckle My Shoe**

One, two, buckle my shoe.	<i>Clap twice, tap shoes</i>
Three, four, shut the door.	<i>Clap twice, clap hands</i>
Five, six, pick up sticks.	<i>Clap twice, wiggle fingers</i>
Seven, eight, lay them straight.	<i>Clap twice, pat hands on floor</i>
Nine, ten, a big fat hen.	<i>Clap twice, widen arms</i>

### **One is a Giant**

One is a giant who stomps his feet,  
*Stomp feet loudly on the floor,*  
Two is a fairy so light and neat,  
*Sway gently from side to side,*  
Three is a mouse who crouches small  
*Crouch down into a ball,*  
And four is a great big bouncing ball,  
*Bounce baby.*

### **Clap Hands**

Clap your hands 1, 2, 3  
Clap your hand, just like me.  
Roll your hands 1, 2, 3  
Roll your hand, just like me.  
*Tap, shake...*

### **Baby Mice**

Where are the baby mice?  
Squeak, squeak, squeak.  
*(Make a fist)*  
I do not see them. Peek, peek, peek.  
*(Try to look inside fist)*  
Here they come out of their hole in the wall. *(Open fist)*  
One, two, three, four, five. That's all! *(Count on fingers)*

### **5 Fat Peas**

5 fat peas in a pea pod pressed.  
1 grew 2 grew and so did all the rest  
They grew and they grew and wouldn't stop  
They grew so fast that the pea pod popped!

### **Little Fish**

One, two, three, four, five  
Once I caught a fish alive  
Six, seven, eight, nine, ten  
Then I let him go again  
Why did you let him go?  
Because he bit my finger so.

### **Five Little Ducks**

Five little ducks went out one day  
Over the hills and far away  
When mother duck said "Quack, quack, quack"  
Five little ducks came waddling back

### **Ten Little Gentleman**

Ten little gentlemen standing in a row  
Bow little gentlemen, bow down low,  
Walk little gentlemen,  
Right across the floor  
And don't forget gentlemen,  
Please close the door.

### **This Little Cow**

*Point to each finger.*  
*On last line drop hands into lap.*  
This little cow ate grass  
This little cow ate hay  
This little cow drank water  
This little cow ran away  
This little cow did nothing  
She just lay down all day

### **Balls**

A little ball, (make a circle with your fingers)  
A bigger ball, (make a circle with your hands)  
A great big ball I see. (make a circle with arms)  
Are you ready to count them?  
One (make a circle with your fingers)  
Two (make a circle with your hands)  
Three (make a circle with arms).

### **Ten Red Apples...**

Ten red apples growing on a tree,  
(Hold hands up high.)  
Five for you and five for me.  
(Shake one hand, then the other.)  
Help me shake the tree just so,  
(Shake whole body.)  
And ten red apples down below.  
(Lower hands while flitting fingers.)  
One, two, three, four, five,  
(Count fingers one one hand.)  
Six, seven, eight, nine, ten.  
(Count fingers on opposite hand.)

### **Counting Apples**

Five red apples  
Hanging on a tree *five fingers held up*  
The juiciest apples you ever did see!  
The wind came past  
And gave an angry frown *shake head and look angry*  
And one little apple came tumbling down.  
Four red apples, etc.

### **Five Little Babies**

One little baby (hold up one finger)  
Rocking in a tree. (rocking motion with arms)  
Two little babies (hold up two fingers)  
Splashing in the sea. (Make splashing motion)  
Three little babies (hold up three fingers)  
Crawling on the floor (crawling motion with arms)  
Four little babies (hold up four fingers)  
Banging on the door (pounding motion with fist)  
Five little babies (hold up five fingers)  
Playing hide and seek (cover eyes then peek)  
Keep your eyes closed tight, now,  
Until I say...PEEK!

### **Ten in the Bed**

Ten in the bed and the little one said,  
“Roll over, roll over!”  
They all rolled over and one fell out.  
9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2,  
One in the bed and the little one said,  
“Alone at last. Good night!”

### **Five Little Bees**

One little bee flew and flew.  
He met a friend, and that made two.  
Two little bees, busy as could be--  
Along came another and that made three.  
Three little bees, wanted one more,  
Found one soon and that made four.  
Four little bees, going to the hive.  
Spied their little brother, and that made five.  
Five little bees working every hour--  
Buzz away, bees, and find another flower.

### **Birds**

There was one little bird in a little tree,  
He was all alone, and he didn't want to be.  
So he flew far away, over the sea,  
And brought back a friend to live in the tree.  
*Substitute two, three, etc. for one as you finish the verse.*

### **Five Little Birdies**

Five little birdies, flying around our door,  
*five fingers one hand up in the air, as verse is said other hand bends down each finger*  
The blue one flew away and then there were four.  
Four little birdies sitting in a tree,  
The yellow one flew away and then there were three.  
The little birdies didn't know what to do,  
So the red one flew away--and then there were two.  
Two little birdies sitting in the sun,  
The Brown one flew away, and there was one.  
The little green birdie felt so all alone,  
He/she flew away and then there was none.  
Later on that very day,  
five little birdies came back to play.

### **Blackbirds**

Two little blackbirds sitting on a hill  
One named Jack and the other named Jill  
Fly away Jack  
Fly away Jill  
Come back Jack  
Come back Jill.

### **Little Bird**

One little bird with lovely feathers blue  
Sat beside another one and then there were two.  
Two little birds singing in the tree.

Another came to join them. Then there were three.  
Three little birds, wishing there were more  
Along came another bird, and then there were four.  
Four little birds, glad to be alive  
Found a lonely friend and then there were five  
Five little birds just as happy as can be  
Five little birds singing songs for you and me.

### **Robins in a Nest**

Three little birds in a warm snug nest  
They stretch their wings  
Then go back for a rest.  
They stay right here and do not fly.  
Just wave their wings  
And say, "Good-bye."

### **Bubbles**

1 little 2 little 3 little bubbles  
4 little 5 little 6 little bubbles  
7 little 8 little 9 little bubbles  
10 little bubbles go pop pop pop!  
Pop pop pop pop those bubbles  
Pop pop pop pop those bubbles  
Pop pop pop pop those bubbles  
10 little bubbles go pop pop pop.

### **Five Little Popcorns**

Five little popcorns sizzling in a pan  
The grease got hot and one went BAM!  
4 little popcorns...  
Then you put some butter on, and a little salt  
And eat it all up! (*tickle*) Yum!

### **Baté, Baté, Chocolate**

Uno, dos, tres, cho  
Uno, dos, tres, co,  
Uno, dos, tres, la,  
Uno, dos, tres, té  
Baté, baté, chocolaté.

### **Four Red Cherries...**

(This Old Man)  
Four red cherries on the tree,  
Two for you and two for me.  
So-o shake that tree and watch them fall.  
One, two, three, four -that is all.

### **Five Little Froggies**

Five little froggies  
Sitting on a well  
One looked up and down he fell  
Froggies jumped high  
Froggies jumped low  
Four little froggies dancing two and fro.  
Four little froggies...

### **One Little Bee**

One little flower, one little bee.  
One little blue bird, high in the tree.  
One little brown bear smiling at me.  
One is the number I like, you see.

### **Five Little Cottonballs**

Five little cottonballs sitting on the floor,  
I blew one away and then there were four.  
Four little cottonballs sitting next to me,  
I blew one away and then there were three.  
Three little cottonballs sitting by my shoe,  
I blew one away, then there were two.  
Two little cottonballs sitting in the sun,  
I blew one away, then there was one.  
One little cottonball sitting all alone,  
I blew it away and then went home.

### **Five Little Owls**

This little owl was sitting on a limb  
This one flew over to play with him  
This owl was calling, "Who, who, who!"  
This one answered, "I wish I knew!"  
"The sun's coming up," this one said.  
And five little owls went to bed.

### **Five Little Pigs**

Five little pigs rolled in the mud  
Squishy, squishy, squishy, squishy,  
Felt so good.  
The farmer took one pig out  
"Oink, oink, oink!" that piggie did shout.  
*Four, three, two, one...*

No little piggies rolled in the mud,  
They looked so clean and good  
The farmer turned his back and then

Those little pigs rolled in the mud again.

### **Turtles**

One baby turtle alone and new.  
Finds a friend, and then there are two.  
Two baby turtles crawl down to the sea.  
They find another, and then there are three.  
Three baby turtles crawl along the shore.  
They find another, and then there are four.  
Four baby turtles go for a dive.  
Up swims another, and then there are five.

### **Flannel Boards and Props**

**Counting Mats:** Make counting mats. Print the number three in the center of the page on three or four sheets of construction paper. Use a margarine tub lid as a template and make five or six circles on the mat. Provide a bowl of small counters, blocks, cars, rattles, and so on. Give each child a counting mat. Invite them to count three items and put them into each circle on their mat. Younger children can just put items inside the circle. Talk with them as they work.

### **Five Balloons**

**by Heidi Anne Heiner**

Five bright balloons went out to play,  
Over the hill and far away.  
The little child called "Come back, back, back!"  
Four bright balloons came floating back.

Four bright balloons went out to play,  
Over the hill and far away.  
The little child called "Come back, back, back!"  
Three bright balloons came floating back.

Three bright balloons went out to play,  
Over the hill and far away.  
The little child called "Come back, back, back!"  
Two bright balloons came floating back.

Two bright balloons went out to play,  
Over the hill and far away.  
The little child called "Come back, back, back!"  
One bright balloon came floating back.

One bright balloon went out to play,  
Over the hill and far away.  
The little child called "Come back, back, back!"

But no bright balloons came floating back.

## Sensory and Movement Activities

**Clothespin Counting Game:** Number five paper plates from 1 to 5. Attach a matching number of circle stickers around the rim of each plate. Set out the plates and fifteen spring-type clothespins. Let the children take turns selecting a plate, identifying the number on it and clipping one clothespin over each sticker.

## Craft Ideas

Find craft and activity ideas at our Pinterest board:

<http://pinterest.com/kdlakids/counting/>

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying a Pinterest board. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://pinterest.com/kdlakids/counting/>. The Pinterest page has a search bar and the board title "Counting" by "KDLA Children's and Youth Services", which has 92 followers and 22 pins. The board contains several pins:

- easy paper crafts for kids: ladybug counting - crafts ideas - crafts for kids** (4 repins) from [craft-craft.net](http://craft-craft.net). The image shows a red paper ladybug with a large number '2' on its back.
- math center game** (1 repin) from [abcand123learning.com](http://abcand123learning.com). The image shows a colorful board with numbers 0-12 and dominoes.
- domino counting** (1 repin) from [abcand123learning.com](http://abcand123learning.com). The image shows a board with numbers 0-12 and dominoes.
- counting** (1 repin) from [learningandteachingwithpresc](http://learningandteachingwithpresc). The image shows a board with stars and numbers 1-5.
- Truck load counting mat** (4 repins) from [learningandteachingwithpresc](http://learningandteachingwithpresc). The image shows a yellow truck with blocks on its bed and the number 8.
- Cute busy book** (3 repins) from [servingpinklemonade.blogspot.com](http://servingpinklemonade.blogspot.com). The image shows a pink flower-shaped busy book with numbers 1-5.
- egg math** (1 repin) from [egg-math.com](http://egg-math.com). The image shows colorful Easter eggs with numbers and dots.
- Truck load counting mat** (4 repins) from [learningandteachingwithpresc](http://learningandteachingwithpresc). The image shows a red monster with the number 5.