Resources for a Dinosaur Storytime

Resource Book

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. Turn to pages 58-59 for dinosaur activities. Some fun suggestions include:

- Measuring out a “dino-sized” piece of yarn or string to demonstrate the actual length of a brontosaurus.
- Have the children imitate the way dinosaurs move while playing music from the enclosed CD, “Most Amazing Dinosaur Songs.”
- Dinosaur shadow dancing.

Dinosaur Books

- *Dad’s Dinosaur Day* by Betsy Hearne
- *T is for Terrible* by Peter McCarty
- *How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?* by Jane Yolen
- *Shape by Shape* by Suse McDonald
- *Super Hungry Dinosaur* by Martin Waddell
- *Dinosaurs, Dinosaurs* by Byron Barton
- *Dinosaur Bones* by Bob Barner
- *Snore, Dinosaur, Snore!* by John Bendall-Brunello
- *ABC T-Rex* by Bernard Most
- *Dinosaur Roar!* by Paul and Henrietta Strickland
- *Ten Terrible Dinosaurs* by Paul Strickland
- *Snore, Dinosaur, Snore!* by John Bendall-Brunello
Songs and Fingerplays

Five Dinosaurs
(count on fingers as indicated)
Five enormous dinosaurs, letting out a roar,
One went away and then there were four.
Four enormous dinosaurs, munching on a tree,
One went away and then there were three.
Three enormous dinosaurs didn't know what to do,
One went away and then there were two.
Two enormous dinosaurs having lots of fun,
One went away and then there was one.
One enormous dinosaur afraid to be a hero,
She went away and then there were zero.

Big Dinosaurs
Tune: Ten Little Indians
1 big, 2 big, 3 big dinosaurs,
4 big, 5 big, 6 big dinosaurs,
7 big, 8 big, 9 big dinosaurs,
Ten big dinosaurs!
They all lived a long, long time ago.
They all lived a long, long time ago.
They all lived a long, long time ago.
Now there are no more.

Dinosaurs, Dinosaurs
Tune: Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear
Dinosaurs, dinosaurs, stomped around.
Dinosaurs, dinosaurs, shook the ground.
Dinosaurs, dinosaurs, some gave fear.
Dinosaurs, dinosaurs, we wish you were here.

Hiding Dinosaurs
Dinosaur, Dinosaur,
Where can you be?
Hiding behind me (hands behind back)
Where you cannot see.
Now you see one. (bring out one hand)
It's waiting for you.
Here comes another, (bring out other hand)
And now you see two!

I Like Dinosaurs
Tune: Twinkle, Twinkle
I like dinosaurs so much,
I wish they still lived with us.
Some were big and some were small,
some were fierce, but not them all.
I like dinosaurs so much,
I wish they still lived with us.

**Flannelboards, Manipulatives, and Props**

**I Found a Tiny Egg**
(Use pattern to create eggs for this rhyme, or use a dinosaur in egg puppet.)
I found a tiny egg.
I gave a tiny tickle.
Out came a teeny, weeny
Funny, tiny gecko.
I found a little egg.
I gave a little peek.
Out came a “croc”
With a “squeak, squeak, squeak!”
I found a bigger egg.
I gave a bigger “Hoot!”
Out came an ostrich
With a “‘Boo, boo, boo!”
I found a giant egg.
I heart a giant “ROAR”
Out came a great big
Dinosaur!
*By Tamara Hunt*

**Dino Laid an Egg**
Tune: This Old Man
Di-no-saur, she laid one.
She laid one egg, then was done.
*Chorus:*
*Oh-oh, dino eggs,*
*She lays them one by one.*
*She lays eggs until she’s done.*
Di-no-saur, she laid two.
She laid tow eggs, that were blue. *Chorus*
Di-no-saur, she laid three.
She laid three eggs, by a tree. *Chorus*
Di-no-saur, she laid four
She laid four eggs, not one more. *Chorus*
Di-no-saur, She laid five,
She laid five that hatched ALIVE! *Chorus*
Sensory and Movement Activities

**Dinosaurs**
Dinosaurs lived long ago.
Some walked (stomp in place)
Some swam (pretend to swim)
Some flew, you know! (flap arms at sides)
Some were big (hold hands high)
Some were small (hold hands low)
Some were gigantic—(stretch arms out wide)
V-e-r-y tall! (stretch arms up high)

**Five Enormous Dinosaurs**
*Use the felt or magnet dinosaurs; suit actions to words*
Five enormous dinosaurs, letting out a roar
One danced away and then there were four
Twist, twist, twist, twist,
Twist, twist, twist, twist, ROAR!

Four enormous dinosaurs crashing down a tree
One skipped away and then there were three
Skip, skip, skip, skip,
Skip, skip, skip, skip, ROAR!

Three enormous dinosaurs eating tiger stew
One twirled away and then there were two
Twirl, twirl, twirl, twirl,
Twirl, twirl, twirl, twirl, ROAR!

Two enormous dinosaurs resting in the sun
One shook away and then there was one
Shake, shake, shake, shake,
Shake, shake, shake, shake, ROAR!

One enormous dinosaur left all alone
It wiggled away and then there was none
Wiggle, wiggle, wiggle, wiggle,
Wiggle, wiggle, wiggle, wiggle, ROAR!

**Dinosaur Hunt**
Going on a dinosaur hunt. (slap thighs)
And I’m not afraid. (point to self)
There’s a tall mountain (look with hand over eyes)
Can’t go under it. (move hand down)
Can’t go around it (move hand around)
Guess I’ll go over it. (reach hands as if climbing)
There’s a river. (hands over eyes)  
Can’t go over it. Can’t go under it  
Guess I’ll swim across it. (move arms as if swimming)

There’s some tall grass.  
Can’t go over it, can’t go around it  
Guess I’ll go through it (pretend to push grass to sides)

There’s a cave!  
Can’t go over it, Can’t go under it.  
Guess I’ll go in it.

It’s dark and spooky in here (shake)  
It’s cold in here! (wrap arms around self and shiver)  
I feel some scales (pretend to rub something)  
I feel some big teeth! (pretend to touch something)  
OH! It’s a Dinosaur! (scream)  
Run out of the cave (slap thighs)  
Go through the grass, swim across the river  
Climb down the mountain, run home(slap thighs)

Open the door, lock the door  
jump into bed (cover head with arms as if hiding under a blanket)  
I went on a dinosaur hunt, and I wasn’t afraid!

**Dino-Pokey**  
Put your claws in. Put your claws out.  
Put your claws in and scratch them all about.  
Do the dino-pokey and turn yourself around.  
That’s what it’s all about.

Put your teeth in… chomp them all bout.  
Put your feet in…stomp them all about.  
Put your tail in…wag it all about.

**The Dino Ditty**  
Here he comes just a stomping with his feet.  
Singing dino, ditty, ditty - dum, ditty do  
Searching all around for something to eat.

Singing Dino, ditty, ditty, dum, ditty-do  
He’s huge (echo). He’s strong(echo)  
He’s huge, he’s strong.
Won’t be hungry for very long,
Dino ditty, ditty, dum, ditty-do.
Yeah, Dino ditty, ditty, dum, ditty-do!

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**I'm a Mean Old Dinosaur**
*Tune: I'm a little Tea Pot*
I'm a mean old Dinosaur
(Make a mean face, the kids make the cutest mean faces)
Big and tall
   (Gesture hands big and tall )
Here is my tail, here is my claw.
   (Gesture hands behind your back for tail and make claw hands)
When I get all hungry
   (rub your tummy)
I just growl
   (have the kids exaggerate the grrroooowwwwlll)
Look out kids I'm on the prowl.
   (Tickle)

**Games and Activities**

**Dinosaur Matching Game**
For this activity you need different colored cards and dinosaurs. You can photocopy the “T-Rex,” “Stegosaurus and Apatosaurus,” and “Triceratops and Pterodactyl” templates onto colored cardstock or paper. Or make templates and trace onto construction paper. Photocopy each dinosaur onto different colored papers to match the colored cards (in the notebook and Word files). Hide the dinosaurs around the room or in a container of sand or rice. Let you children search for dinosaurs and match them to the appropriate color cards.
Craft Ideas

Templates for all crafts are located in the folder and on the flash drive.

Scaled Dinosaur
Give children precut dinosaur and scales. Have them glue the scales to the dinosaur and color.

Paper Plate Dinosaur
Cut around the rim of a paper plate. Cut the rim in half. One half will be the dinosaur’s head and neck, the other will be the tail. Cut two legs from the middle of the paper plate. Tape or glue pieces to a second paper plate And allow children to decorate their dinosaurs.

Dinosaur Mask
Photocopy the “Dinosaur Mask” template or trace it on construction paper. Cut it out and allow children to decorate their own dinosaur mask.

Dinosaur Suncatcher
Trace the “Large Dinosaur for Crafts” onto contact paper. Give children torn up strips of colored tissue paper to stick onto the contact paper.

Dinosaur Mobile
Photocopy the “T-Rex,” “Stegosaurus and Apatosaurus,” and “Triceratops and Pterodactyl” templates. Allow the children to decorate them and string them up onto a
mobile. You can find instructions and ideas for mobiles here: http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/mobiles/

Shape Dinosaur

Use the “Shape Dinosaur” template to trace shapes onto construction paper. Give children the shapes and allow them to build and decorate their own dinosaur.