

## LRC New Resources

January 15, 2024

Dear Colleagues:

Two new LRC records were set in 2023, with close to **6,200 LRC kits** being delivered to schools and classrooms. **500 kits** were pulled and delivered to schools in the **first week back** in January. A huge thanks to Starsa, Helena, Heather and Dave who make all this happen. An extra shout out as well to Steve Claassen who also helps out when our kits require the touch of a wood working expert.

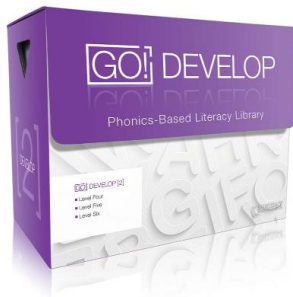
**New items** added to the LRC collection since the last newsletter in November are displayed below. The list has also been posted to the LRC “News” section in learn71. The number of Invitation to Play kits has been increased to 13 so feel free to book some new ones. Next week I will send out a list of their availability to make booking them easier.

Enjoy!

*Joan, Heather, Helena and Starsa*

### Literacy

**TwERL Phonics : Go! Develop (2) : High Interest Decodable Books for Intermediate Students**  
*(24 titles, 3 copies of each)*



“TwERL Phonics has been developed specifically for emerging readers in grades 4–8 who are developing their decoding skills. Written at emergent and beginning reader levels, the books have been carefully controlled to showcase phonics skills, beginning with CVC words and progressing through long vowels, consonant digraphs, vowel diphthongs, and multisyllabic words. Accompanied by dynamic full-color photos, the engaging storylines are tween-centric and represent a wide variety of genres.”





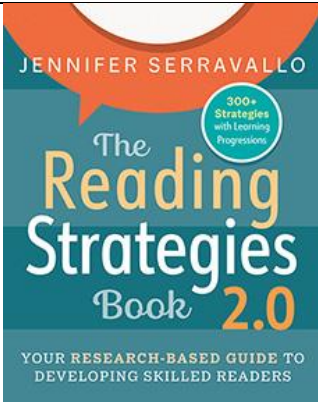
Similar to the Grade 5/6 kit listed above, this kit contains single copy titles of popular novels published in 2023, covering a wide variety of interests, as well as reading levels, to provide lots of choice for students. Hi-lo and graphic formats have been included.

### Best Picture books in 2023



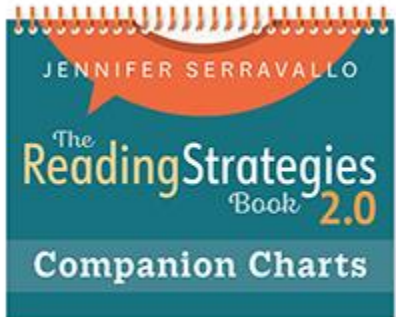
Be sure to check out this kit if you are looking for rich picture books to generate **SEL** discussions and more. It contains picture books published in 2023, mostly fiction, that received excellent reviews and appeal to children. They cover themes such as social emotional learning, compassion, collaboration, diversity, identity, perseverance, affirmations, I can make a difference, seashore, forest, poetry, patterns in nature, outdoor learning, intergenerational, imagination, interactive etc. Enjoy selecting and reading the titles that will generate social/emotional learning during circle time, or word choice/vocabulary etc. during literacy lessons.

### The Reading Strategies book 2.0 : Your Research-based Guide to Developing Skilled Readers



*“The Reading Strategies Book 2.0 is designed to be a trusted, research-aligned companion for any K–8 reading classroom—no matter your curriculum, subject area, or instructional approach. Connect crucial research to powerful practice, whether you need engaging lessons for whole-class teaching, support for small-group instruction, ideas for intervention, or ways to fill gaps in a core curriculum. The friendly design makes it easy to find strategies that meet every student where they are *now*.”*  
*\*Two copies are available. See the companion charts below.*

### The Reading Strategies Book 2.0 : Companion Charts



*“The anchor charts, tools, and other visuals from *The Reading Strategies Book 2.0* are now available in a tabletop flip chart to save you preparation (and drawing) time! In this companion, you’ll find the enlarged versions of every chart corresponding to the 300+ strategies in an easy-to-use trifold stand. Ready to use at your table for small groups or conferring, or you can slide a chart under a document camera and project it on SMART Board™ when teaching a whole-class lesson.” - Publisher*

### Storytelling Play : Goldilocks and the Three Bears



This kit contains a variety of hands-on resources to retell the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears: wooden characters, trees, houses, and furniture, as well as wooden spoons, story stones and felt story pieces. Some of the materials can be placed at the drama centre, i.e., puppets and spoons, and some can be displayed as an invitation to recreate the story using the wooden items. If you need a felt board, two are available to borrow from the LRC.

### Storytelling Play : Goldilocks and the Three Bears – Set 2



This kit contains puppets, masks, wooden characters and felt story pieces to retell the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Several different versions of the story have been provided so that the different character points of view can be explored. If you need a felt / flannel board for use with the felt pieces, two are available to borrow from the LRC.

### Storytelling Play : Is Your Mama a Llama?



This kit contains a variety of hands-on resources to retell the story of Is Your Mama a Llama: realistic looking Schleich animal figurines, wooden scenery, puppets and felt story pieces. If you need a felt board, two are available to borrow from the LRC.

### Storytelling Play : Jack and the Beanstalk



This kit contains a variety of hands-on resources to retell the story of Jack and the Beanstalk: wooden characters, peg dolls, story spoons and story stones.

### Storytelling Play: Polar Bear Polar Bear What Do You Hear?



An old favourite! This kit contains a variety of hands-on resources to retell the popular story of Polar Bear Polar Bear What Do You Hear? by Bill Martin, Jr.: wooden characters and props, stuffed cloth character pieces and accompanying small storyboards to attach the hook and loop Velcro pieces to. A set of large flannel story props pieces has also been included. If you need a felt board for these flannel pieces, two are available to borrow from the LRC.

### Storytelling Play : Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?



Another Bill Martin Jr, favorite, this kit contains a variety of hands-on resources to retell the popular story of Brown Bear Brown Bear What Do You See?: story stones, tree cookie character slices, stuffed cloth character pieces, two bear stuffies and two sets of felt / flannel character pieces. If you need a felt / flannel board, two are available to borrow from the LRC

### Storytelling Play: The Gingerbread Man



This kit contains a variety of hands-on resources to retell the classic story of The Gingerbread Man using felt finger puppets, wooden spoons, wooden peggles, and a storytelling glove with Velcro characters.

### Storytelling Play: We're Going On a Bear Hunt



This kit contains a variety of hands-on resources to retell the story of We're Going On a Bear Hunt, by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury, using a large felt mat and pieces, story stones with characters and "sound words" from the story, tree cookie characters and wooden peg characters.

### Old Macdonald Had a Farm





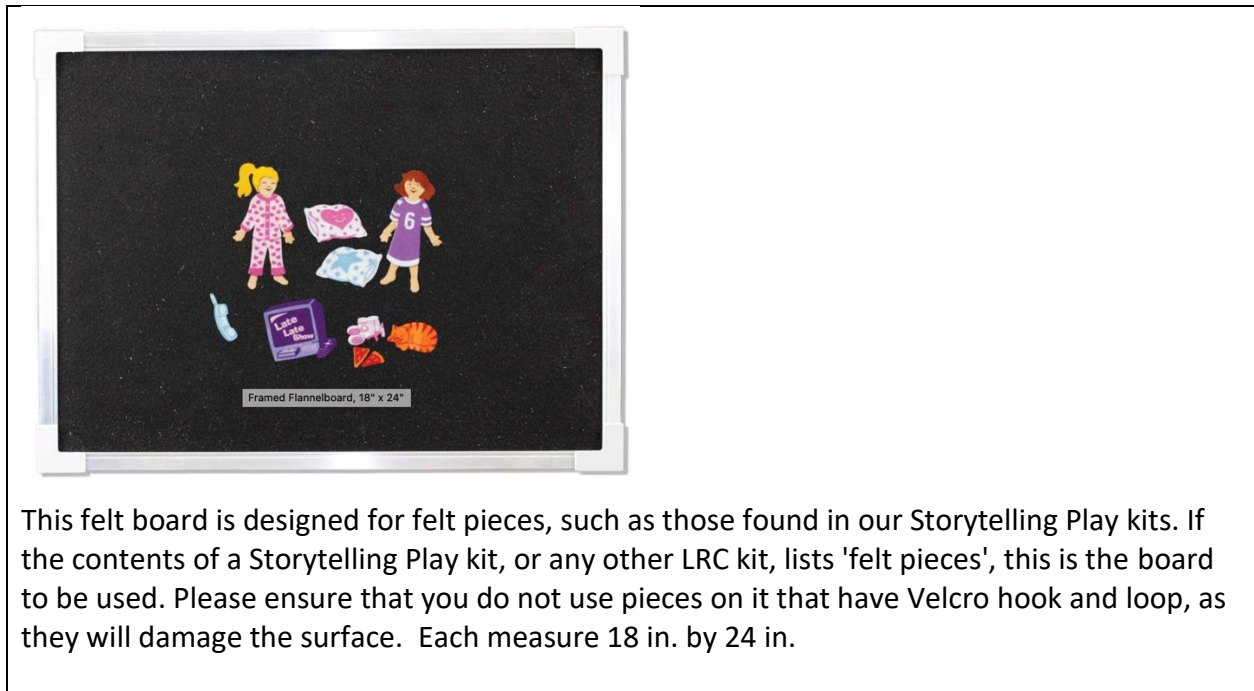
This kit contains a variety of hands-on resources to retell the story of Old MacDonald Had a Farm using wooden characters and props, felt finger puppets and a story telling glove and Velcro characters. Additional wooden farm animals and a teacher professional resource book, “Kindergarten: On the Farm” have also been included

### Old Macdonald and His Wife Had a Farm

This second kit contains a different variety of hands-on resources to retell the story of Old MacDonald Had a Farm: a wooden farm truck, wooden animals, wooden story spoons, story stones, finger puppets and felt story pieces. If you need a felt board, two are available to borrow from the LRC.



### Storytelling Play Felt Boards (2)



## Numeracy

### Ten Frame Counting, Partitioning and Subitizing



This kit contains four wooden ten frames, 144 felt balls in 12 colours (12 of each), and 4 sets of wood tiles with numerals, subitizing patterns, and ten frame patterns, perfect for small group work or centre exploration. Students can choose a number and represent it in different ways with two different colours of balls, connecting their representations to addition and subtraction. Matching and patterning games are also a great extension.

### Ten Frame, Counting, Partitioning and Patterning (Lego)



This kit contains resources for small group/pair work with counting, partitioning, adding, subtracting to 10 as well as patterning. Included: two wooden “mat” inserts to create numbers, two colours of acrylic numeral tiles, four colours of Lego blocks (35 of each) and dice to roll to represent numbers and equations.

### Number Concepts to 10 with Felt Balls and Numeral, Dot & Tally Tiles



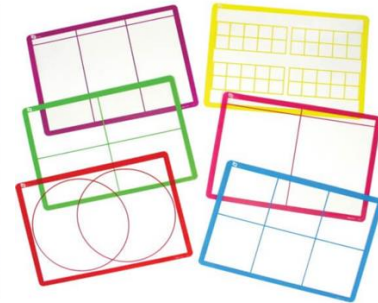
This kit contains two wooden ten frames, felt balls and wooden tiles with numerals, dice patterns, math operations, finger patterns and tallies for students to explore and represent numbers to 10 in different ways. Math concepts covered: counting, sorting, patterning, partitioning and subitizing. By using two different colours of felt balls in the ten frames students can also explore addition and subtraction. This set is perfect for small group play, partner play or individual play.

### Ten-frame Play to 100



This kit contains a total of 50 plastic connecting ten frames (with accompanying two-sided chips – green and blue) for a group of 5 students to create numbers to 100 individually, or small groups to work together. 25 five-frames are also included, as well as a large ten-frame floor mat for standing on or placing large two-sided “chips” on. Counting, partitioning, subitizing, addition, subtraction, grouping, counting by 5s/10s, adding on etc. can all be explored using these materials, in a small group or whole class format.

### Patterns in Nature, Class Kit



This hands-on kit is from The Outdoor Learning Store: “Patterns are often considered the essence of mathematics. Noticing and discussing patterns, describing regularities, and making generalizations are all types of mathematical thinking. Patterns in math include repeating patterns, radiating patterns, and growing patterns and may include other mathematical concepts such as symmetry, shape, space, and size.”

## ADST

### Wooden Ramp Exploration



This kit contains wooden ramps, in three different lengths, that students can use with their classroom block collection, to explore how the length of a ramp and its angle affect the speed of the three sizes of wooden coloured balls included. Students can also use their imaginations to create “racetrack” design, by placing the ramps together to create a long pathway.

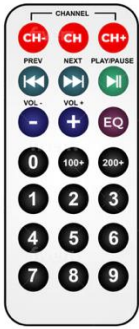
### Edison: Teacher Explore Pack



“Edison is a programmable robot designed to be a complete STEM teaching resource for coding and robotics education for students from 4 to 16 years of age. Edison empowers students to become not just coders, but inventors, problem solvers and creative thinkers. More than a robot, Edison’s sensors and expandable build system open up pathways for learning across maths, science, critical thinking, engineering, design thinking and more.”

Your Teacher-Librarian has had the opportunity to book the class sets of these for your school. The “Teacher Explore Pack” consists of one robot, to enable you to play with the robot and become familiar with it before using the class set.

### Edison Remote Controllers



Remote controllers have been added to the Edson robot kits that started circulating in September, to increase the different ways that the students can use them.

### Invitation to Play

#### Bumbu Toys Mountain Cliff Set



This set contains a beautiful wooden five-piece mountain, forest animals, a pond and trees, all created by Bumbu toys. Students can set up the mountain habitat environment, generate inquiry questions as well as create imaginative stories.

#### Bumbu Toys Penguins Galore



This set contains a beautifully crafted penguins and ice flows/mountains created by Bumbu toys. Students can set up the Antarctic habitat environment, generate inquiry questions as well as create imaginative stories.

### Ocean Critters of the World



This kit contains wooden ocean animals, created by Wooden Caterpillar Toys, as well as felt ocean animals. Through play-based exploration of the ocean habitat, inquiry questions can be generated and imaginative stories created. A sensory element has been added as well, i.e., coral covered rice with glass pebble “jewels”.

### Aliens, Rockets and Space Play



This kit contains wooden aliens, rocket ships, stars astronauts etc., from Ocamora Toys. Two wooden space mats and a small wooden Hape space station have also been included. The items are meant to inspire creative play, prompt inquiry questions as well as generate story ideas.

### Loose Parts : Acrylic Blocks and Boulders



These colourful, translucent, acrylic blocks, in a wide variety of shapes, are the perfect addition to your classroom block collection to spice up the play. Some of the blocks have natural objects in them, such as shells and flowers. As they are translucent, they can also be used on a light table. The LRC has several individual light table and light table kits that you can sign out.

Be sure to check out the two other “Invitation to Play – Loose Parts” acrylic nature blocks advertised in the last newsletter:





## Miscellaneous

### Connecting to the Land, K – 7



This kit contains a collection of picture books, selected by **Adrienne Gear**, to explore how we connect to the land. Themes of the books include: biodiversity, ecosystems, appreciation of nature, senses, environmental protection and conservation, climate activism, green living, woodland creatures and plants, Indigenous beliefs, Indigenous Peoples of Turtle Island and several more. A copy of Adrienne's Reading Power has also been included to provide suggested activities while reading, i.e., Connect, Question, Visualize, Infer and Transform.

Be sure to check out the other new Adrienne Gear kits advertised in the fall.