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Pennsylvania Center for the Book Offers Fun Literacy Activities

University Park, PA—With a focus on making literacy activities exciting for adults and children alike, the Pennsylvania Center for the Book announces four **Book-Centered Integrated Lesson Plans** for adult education, parenting education, and early childhood education, as well as an interactive lesson for children and adults learning together.

The featured subjects are dinosaurs, sports, community, and nature. The latter lesson plans use books by Pennsylvania writers: *A Tree for Me* by Nancy Van Laan (illustrated by Sheila White Samton) and *In the Woods: Who's Been Here?* by Lindsay Barrett George. Both books are tied to public libraries' statewide summer reading program—"Discover New Trails @ Your Library." Focusing on Pennsylvania plants and animals, the nature lessons include games and puzzles, a scavenger hunt, and a nature notebook.



The Center is also releasing an online Web guide, **Stepping into Books**, to help enhance your toddler's language and literacy learning. Designed for 1- to 3-year-olds and their parents and caregivers, Stepping into Books has sections on language development, how to talk to toddlers to help language development, how to read to your toddler, and stretching literacy into play, as well as bibliographies of books for toddlers and their families. Stepping into Books joins two other online guides in the Family Literacy Activities section of the Center's Web site: **Growing into Books**, for 3- to 5-year-olds, and **Getting Started**, for adults who are reading to young children for the first time. View the lessons plans and guides at: www.pabook.libraries.psu.edu/FamilyLit/.

The Center's family literacy activities are available online and may be printed and reproduced without fees and copyright restrictions. The mission of the Pennsylvania Center for the Book is to study, honor, celebrate, and promote books, reading, libraries, and literacy to the citizens and residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. **Stepping into Books** and the **Book-Centered Integrated Lesson Plans** are co-sponsored by the Goodling Institute for Research in Family Literacy; the Institute for the Study of Adult Literacy; the Penn State University Libraries; and Pennsylvania Pathways, under the direction of the Pennsylvania Department of Welfare.

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