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Botanical Garden sfbg.org/library

Virtual Nature Story Time

***Miss Maple's Seeds* by Eliza Wheeler**

A story time favorite at our library, this fanciful story about a tiny person who nurtures wayward seeds will warm your heart. The link below includes printable coloring sheets.

<https://www.readbrihtly.com/brihtly-storytime-miss-maples-seeds/>

***Señorita Mariposa* by Ben Gundersheimer, illustrated by Marcos Almada Rivero**

This musical, bilingual Spanish-English story about Monarch butterfly migration is delightful. The author reads the story and performs an accompanying song on guitar.

<https://www.readbrihtly.com/brihtly-storytime-senorita-mariposa/>

***The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle**

Here is a cheerful read-aloud version of the beloved classic. This book is a staple of our Baby Story Time and in homes and classrooms worldwide.

<https://www.readbrihtly.com/brihtly-storytime-very-hungry-caterpillar/>

***Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt* by Kate Messner, illustrated by Christopher Silas Neal**

This tale of a garden through all seasons is an all-time Story Time favorite at our library. Enjoy the story read aloud by the author herself!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lq7hkJOVitA&feature=youtu.be>

***Over and Under the Rainforest* by Kate Messner, illustrated by Christopher Silas Neal**

What a special treat! This book won't be published until August 2020, but the author has filmed a sneak-preview read aloud. After listening to the story, the author recommends that you check out [this page](#) to learn more about the wildlife of Costa Rica, where she researched the book.

<https://youtu.be/lq7hkJOVitA>

***Evelyn the Adventurous Entomologist* by Christine Evans, illustrated by Yasmin Imamura**

This engaging picture book introduces readers to the inspiring true story of Evelyn Cheesman, an insect scientist born in 1881 who defied social norms and followed her passions to an amazing career.

<https://youtu.be/HTeOdc751eI>

Do you miss the family garden walk that follows Story Time? So do we. Try these at-home nature activities shared by author Richard Louv:

<https://www.childrenandnature.org/2020/03/16/10-nature-activities-to-help-get-your-family-through-the-pandemic/>

Here's a tip from our librarian, Abbey: **take story time outdoors!** It's a simple way to get some fresh air and a change of scene. Grab a few books and a blanket and read to your children outdoors. Older kids can also read aloud to younger siblings. Or everyone in the family can bring their own book to read independently. Be well and keep reading!