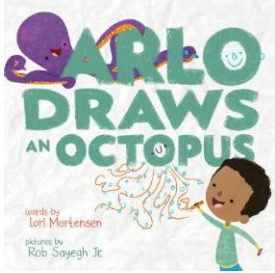


STORYTIME!

Books We Shared Today



[Arlo Draws an Octopus](#)

Words by Lori Mortensen and pictures by Rob Sayegh, Jr.



[I Will Swim Next Time](#)

Words by Emily Joof and pictures by Matilda Ruta

Reading Readiness Tip:

When we point to a written word as we say it, this helps children with **print awareness**, by strengthening the connection between the written and spoken word. That connection helps children when they're learning to read, as they understand that the squiggles on the pages and all around them have meaning. With younger kids, continue to point out words and state their meaning. With older kids, one fun way to practice this is writing out the lyrics of your child's favorite song, or finding the lyrics and printing them, and singing the song together, pointing at the words as you sing them!

[PA One Book Initiative](#)



Arlo Draws an Octopus is this year's PA One Book! The PA One Book program highlights the importance of early literacy development in preschoolers. You can find activity guides and reading prompts for *Arlo Draws an Octopus* on the website linked above — paonebook.powerlibrary.org.

The Waves in the Sea

The waves in the sea go
Up & down, up & down, up & down.

The waves in the sea go
Up and down, all day long.

The sharks in the sea go
Snap, snap, snap...

The fish in the sea go
Swish, swish, swish...

The boats... go toot, toot, toot...
The crabs... go back and forth...