

TREASURE CHEST KIT #4: WHAT A CELEBRATION!

Although these kits *are not* available to non-participants, SERLS believes they may be of value to the library community or to any organization attempting to develop a thematic list of materials. The [Activity Ideas](#) are designed to be aids to use the materials listed in the kits.

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Material Type	Title	Author
BOOK	Annie Flies The Birthday Bike	CRESCENT DRAGONWAGON
BOOK	Ask Mr. Bear	MARJORIE FLACK
BOOK	The Bake-A-Cake Book	CHARLOTTE RAMEL
BOOK	A Birthday Basket For Tia	PAT MORA
BOOK	Birthday Presents	CYNTHIA RYLANT
BOOK	Birthday Rhymes, Special Times	BOBBYE S. GOLDSTEIN
BOOK	Carl's Afternoon In The Park	ALEXANDRA DAY
BOOK	Clifford's Birthday Party!	NORMAN BRIDWELL
BOOK	Clifford's Puppy Days	NORMAN BRIDWELL
BOOK	Come To My Party	JUDITH BENET RICHARDSON
BOOK	Country Fari	GAIL GIBBONS
BOOK	Doll Face Has A Party	PAM CONRAD
BOOK	The Hit Of The Party	FRANZ BRANDENBERG
BOOK	Little Mouse's Birthday Cake	THACHER HURD
BOOK	Mouse's Birthday	JANE YOLEN
BOOK	Mr. Rabbit And The Lovely Present	CHARLOTTE ZOLOTOW
BOOK	Pearl Paints	ABIGAIL THOMAS
BOOK	Peeping Beauty	MARY JANE AUCH
BOOK	The Slumber Party	MARGARET WILD
BOOK	Spot Bakes A Cake	ERIC HILL
BOOK	What Shall We Do When We All Go Out?	SHARI HALPERN
BOARD BOOK	Treasure Hunt Playtime	
BOARD BOOK	Carl's Afternoon In The Park	ALEXANDRA DAY
BIG BOOK	Jamberry	BRUCE DEGEN
RESOURCE BOOK	Connecting With Holidays	SANDRA SIEGEL PLATTNER
BOOK & TAPE	Happy Birthday, Sam	PAT HUTCHINS
CASSETTE	Happy Birthday	SHARON, LOIS & BRAM
VHS	Happy Birthday, Moon	
PUPPET	Clifford Puppet	

ACTIVITY IDEAS AND FINGERPLAYS

After viewing the VHS *Happy Birthday, Moon* have the children draw pictures of the birthday presents they would like to give to the moon. Paste a white moon onto each child's picture. Invite the children to talk about their choices of gifts as they share their moon and gift pictures with the class.

Have an Un-Birthday Party when it is a celebration only if it isn't your birthday. (Make sure you choose a day when no one has a birthday). Make un-birthday cards for family and friends. Listen to "The Unbirthday Song" on Sharon, Lois and Bram's *Happy Birthday* cassette tape.

Share *Bake-A-Cake Book*. Make cakes and candles out of playdough or plasticene. You can make your own playdough using the following simple recipe: 3 parts non-self rising wheat flour, 1 part salt, 1 part water, 3 tablespoons salad oil. Mix until pliable. Add food coloring with the water. Store in an airtight container for up to two weeks. Let the children mold their cakes using muffin pans. Let them roll out candles using rolling pins.

Five Birthday Candles

Five birthday candles;
Wish there were more.
Blow out one
Then there are four.
Four birthday candles
Pretty as can be.
Blow out one.
Then there are three.
Three birthday candles;
Mother bought them new.
Blow out one.
Then there are two.
Two birthday candles
Birthday cakes are fun.
Blow out one.
Then there is one.
One birthday candle
A birthday wish is fun.
Blow out one.
Then there is none.

Balloons for a Party

Here are balloons for a party,
For it is a special day today.
There are balloons for all my friends
Who are coming over to play.
Here is a pretty, round, blue balloon,
Blue as my kitten's eyes.
Here is a flaming, round, red balloon,
Just about your size.
Here is a happy, round, yellow balloon,
Yellow as bright sunshine.
Here is a lovely, round, purple balloon
Like purple grapes on a vine.
Here is a little, round, orange balloon
Like oranges from a store.
And now there are no more.

Ask your local children's librarian about more fingerplays, activities and books such as these recommended titles:

- *Alfie Gives A Hand* by Shirley Hughes. Alfie goes to his first birthday party with his security blanket. When the birthday boy and a tearful guest both want to hold Alfie's hand in the circle game, he bravely puts down his blanket to solve the problem.
- *Benny Bakes A Cake* by Eve Rice. Benny loses his cake to his dog Ralph, but all ends well with the delivery of a new cake.
- *A Quiet Night In* by Jill Murphy. Mrs. Large, the elephant, puts her children in bed so she can celebrate her husband's birthday with a quiet night in. Its so quiet that Mr. and Mrs. Large nod off leaving the kids to enjoy the birthday feast.
- *Ten In A Bed* by Mary Rees. This familiar counting-rhyme is set at a slumber party. Each guest is pushed from bed and wanders about the house and garden engaged in play and mischief.