

READING ADVENTURE TREASURE CHEST KIT #40 SOMETHING IS HATCHING

This Reading Adventure Treasure Chest Kit has been assembled to provide a thematic list of storytime materials for use by enhanced members and their patrons. The kit is geared toward the preschool age group yet is flexible enough to capture the interest of toddlers and early school age children. 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	1001 Words	JAN PIENKOWSKI
BOOK	A Is For Astronaut	SIAN TUCKER
BOOK	An Alphabet Of Dinosaurs	PETER DODSON
BOOK	A Basket Full Of White Eggs	BRIAN SWANN
BOOK	Bently And Egg	WILLIAM JOYCE
BOOK	Chickens Aren't The Only Ones	RUTH HELLER
BOOK	The Dino Expert	JULIE BRILLHART
BOOK	Dinosaur Dream	DENNIS NOLAN
BOOK	Dinosaurs, Dinosaurs	BYRON BARTON
BOOK	Egg!	A. J. WOOD
BOOK	The Eggs	ALIKI
BOOK	Four And Twenty Dinosaurs	BERNARD MOST
BOOK	Johnny's Egg	EARLENE LONG
BOOK	The Library	SARAH STEWART
BOOK	Mule Eggs	CYNTHIA DE FELICE
BOOK	My First Book of Nature	DWIGHT KUHN
BOOK	The Talking Eggs	ROBERT D. SAN SOUCI
BOOK	What's In The Prehistoric Forest?	DAVID A. CARTER
BOOK	You Can Name 100 Dinosaurs!	
BOARD BOOK	Treasure Hunt At Home	
BIG BOOK	If The Dinosaurs Came Back	BERNARD MOST
RESOURCE	1-2-3 Puppets	JEAN WARREN
BOOK		
BOOK & TAPE	Thank You, Amelia Bedelia	PEGGY PARISH
VHS	I'm A 3 Toed, Triple-Eyed, Double-Jointed Dinosaur	BARRY LOUIS POLISAR
PUPPET	Hatching Protoceratops Puppet	
NOTEBOOK	Teacher's Guide	

ACTIVITY IDEAS AND FINGERPLAYS

Read *Chickens Aren't The Only Ones* which is a book in rhyme about all the animals which are born from eggs. Then share *Egg!* by A. J. Wood. Invite children to guess which kind of creature hatches out of the various eggs before you unfold the page for the answer.

On both the VHS *I'm A 3-Toed Dinosaur* and the cassette *Dinosaur Choir* you will find a wonderful song called "I'm a 3-Toes, Triple-Eyed, Double-Jointed Dinosaur." Children will quickly learn the words and sing along.

Read *What's In The Prehistoric Forest?* Let children guess what's hidden behind each flap before they turn the flap.

Introduce several dinosaur stories with the dinosaur egg puppet. First ask children what they think will hatch out of the egg. After all of the responses, pop the dinosaur head out of the egg.

Play *The Dinosaur Egg Question Game*. You will need white poster board, felt pens, a large bowl, sand, eggs and dinosaur stickers. Draw a large mother dinosaur on the poster board. Place a bowl full of sand near the mother dinosaur. Boil eggs, one for each child, and place a dinosaur sticker on each one. Print a dinosaur brainstrom question on the back of each egg. Dinosaur brainstorm questions can include the following:

"**If dinosaurs were alive today**, would that be good? Why?" "What kind of dinosaur would you like to be?" "If you had a dinosaur for a pet, where would it sleep?" "What do you think a dinosaur did for fun?" "What do you think a dinosaur would enjoy eating, if it lived today?" "What color do you think dinosaurs were?"

Place the eggs, question-side down, in the middle of the room. Explain that the mother dinosaur has lost her eggs. Each child, in turn, chooses an egg, answers the brainstorm question, and places it in the bowls of sand, sticker-side up, returning it to its mother. At the end of the day, the children can take their egg home and share the brainstorm question with their families.

The Dinosaurs

The dinosaurs lived long ago

When life on Earth began.

Some were tall,

(Stretch hands upwards to show height)

And some were small,

(Crouch down low to show height)

Some like water,

(Make swimming motions)

Some land.

(Stomp feet)

Pteranodons had leathery wings,

(Flap arms)

Brontosaurus, long necks

(Hands on jaw, palms up, as if stretching neck upwards)

And the meanest dinosaur of all

Was the Tyrannosaurus Rex!

(Feet apart, hands clawlike, scowl, and growl)

Mighty Dinosaur

Here is a dinosaur,

(With left arm bent upright at elbows, hold left hand up with palm facing body and left thumb (the dinosaur's head) extended. Hold right hand-with palm facing body; place back of right hand against left hand palm. Position right hand slightly lower than left, so that when the right thumb is extended (to be a tail), it is lower than left thumb)

With tail and neck so long,

(Wiggle both thumbs)

This dinosaur is mighty, And strong!

(Keep hands together, move arms up and down)

All day she eats, plants of green.

(Tilt arms to left, wiggle left thumb)

She's the biggest dinosaur, you've ever seen!

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

- *Horton Hatches The Egg* by Dr. Seuss. Horton, a faithful elephant, helps a lazy bird who takes a long vacation by sitting on her eggs.
- *Meg's Eggs* by Helen Nicoll and Jan Pienkowski. Witch Meg hatches dinosaur eggs in this funny story.
- *Seven Eggs* by Meredith Hooper. Seven eggs hatch, one each day of the week, with a different baby inside.