

Fairs—Storytime Bibliography

Supplemental storytime framework idea:

As you page through *A Fabulous Fair Alphabet*, you will see that each of the alphabet pages represents a snapshot in time. There are endless possible stories behind each vignette. Consider stopping at various points to explore an imaginary story behind that particular page. For example, perhaps the horse inside the BARN is Mr. Horse from *Clip-Clop* by Nicola Smee (Boxer, 2006), and we pause at the letter B with him to read the story about this adventure he had. Perhaps the Holstein cow is Marjorie from *The Cow That Laid An Egg* by Andy Cutbill, illustrated by Russell Ayto (HarperCollins, 2006), and so forth. You could read a story about what they do when they aren't at the fair! Open up the picture and go inside ...

Additional Storytime Books and Poems about the Fair

(Please note that recommended age levels are guidelines for group sharing purposes.)

Blue-Ribbon Henry by Mary Calhoun, illustrated by Erick Ingraham. Morrow Junior Books, 1998. K - 3.

Although he feels insignificant next to the other animals at the county fair, Henry the cat proves to be special in his own way.

Carousel by Donald Crews. Greenwillow, 1982. PK - 1. Brief text and illustrations recreate a ride on a merry-go-round.

Fair! by Ted Lewin. Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, 1997. K - 5. Describes the sights, sounds, and smells of a county fair, from the setting up of the Ferris wheel to the animal, craft, and food judging.

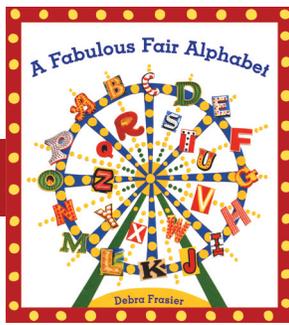
Maisy at the Fair by Lucy Cousins. Candlewick, 2001. Toddler - PK. Tallulah and Eddie join Maisy at the fair. Maisy temporarily loses track of Tallulah, but finds her riding the ferris wheel.

Minerva Louise at the Fair by Janet Morgan Stoeke. PK - 2. Dutton Children's Books, 2000. Minerva Louise the chicken thinks the fair is a rather remarkable farm.

Night at the Fair by Donald Crews. Greenwillow, 1998. PK - 2. Nighttime is a wonderful time to enjoy the lights, the games, and the rides at a fair.

Pumpkin Pie by Harriet Ziefert, illustrated by Donald Dreifuss. Houghton Mifflin, 2000. PK - 1. Pumpkin Pie the goat enters a competition at the fair. Includes information on the life cycle, physical characteristics, and behavior of dairy goats.

Roller Coaster by Marla Frazee. Harcourt, 2003. PK - 3. Twelve people set aside their fears and ride a roller coaster, including one person who has never done so before.



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“Roller Coaster” and “The Ferris Wheel” in *Incredible Inventions: Poems* selected by Lee Bennett Hopkins, illustrated by Julia Sarcone-Roach. Greenwillow, 2009. K - 5. All of these inventions started with just one person and a little imagination. Informational notes are included at the back.

Zoom! by Diane Adams, illustrated by Kevin Luthardt. Peachtree, 2005. PK - 1. Illustrations and rhyming, easy-to-read text describe a father and child’s wild ride on a roller coaster.