NEW CHILDREN’S BOOKS-June 2010

Alfie Runs Away
By Kenneth M. Cadow; Illus. by Lauren Castillo

PUBLISHER: Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 2010 Call #: JF C

When his Mom decides to throw away Alfie’s outgrown shoes, Alfie decides to run away from home. Cadow treats the subject with skill and gentleness, and Castillo’s art really captures Alfie’s various expressions.

Bear in the Air
By Susan Meyers; Illus. by Amy Bates

PUBLISHER: Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2010 Call #: JF M

A little boy loses his teddy bear, and in this story readers get to see what adventures the bear has trying to get back to his little boy.

Dad and Pop: An Ode to Fathers and Stepfathers
By Kelly Bennett; Illus. by Paul Meisel

PUBLISHER: Candlewick Press, 2010 Call #: JF B

A girl with a father and a stepfather shares about their differences and the one thing that they have in common, her. Bennett’s title is positive and comforting.

Dancing Feet
By Lindsey Craig; Illus. by Marc Brown

PUBLISHER: Alfred A. Knopf, 2010 Call #: JF C

Upbeat illustrations and easy-to-read rhyming text celebrate a variety of animals moving, which may inspire young readers to get those dancing shoes on too. Pair Dancing Feet with Eric Carle’s From Head to Toe for a physical fitness unit.

Ladybug Girl at the Beach
By David Soman

PUBLISHER: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2010 Call #: JF S

Lulu, the ladybug girl, has a fear of the ocean. When she and her family go to the beach she enjoys the sand, flies a kite, and overcomes her anxiety about the ocean. Here’s a great title to read to children prior to a vacation to the beach.
Lyle Walks the Dogs
By Bernard Waber; Illus. by Paulis Waber

PUBLISHER: Houghton Mifflin, 2009
Call #: JF W

Lyle the Crocodile has a dog walking business in this funny story that also serves as a concept book about counting.

The Quiet Book
By Deborah Underwood; Illus. by Renata Liwska

PUBLISHER: Houghton Mifflin, 2010
Call #: JF U

Filled with different types of quiet that a child experiences throughout the day, this is an enjoyable book that can be shared at bedtime or anytime.

Red, Green, Blue: A First Book of Colors
By Alison Jay

PUBLISHER: Dutton Children’s Books, 2010
Call #: JF J

Nursery rhyme characters tell this story that highlights various nursery rhymes and the colors within them. An index of the featured nursery rhymes is included.

Sleepover at Gramma’s House
By Barbara Joosse; Illus. by Jan Jutte

PUBLISHER: Philomel Books, 2010
Call #: JF J

A little elephant shares about all the fun she and her Gramma have when she sleeps over at Gramma’s house. The text and the illustrations capture the love felt between the grandmother and her granddaughter.

What If?
By Laura Vaccaro Seeger

PUBLISHER: Roaring Brook Press, 2010
Call #: JF J

Seeger’s nearly wordless picture book focuses on the concepts of sharing and decision-making. Her brightly colored illustrations of the beach environment are outstanding.