

DECEMBER 2023 | CELEBRATING THE ART OF BAKING

This month's newsletter explores some wonderfully illustrated books centering around the art of baking that Sarah found to be worth the read. Check out their picks below!

It's always possible to join the Rowley Public Library's 1000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge, available through Beanstack. Getting a head start on your child's reading can give them the boost they need before entering school. Now they can earn prizes as well!

Help them get a jump on things by picking up one of these books today!

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SARAH'S PICTURE BOOK CHOICES



Challah Day! by Charlotte Offsay

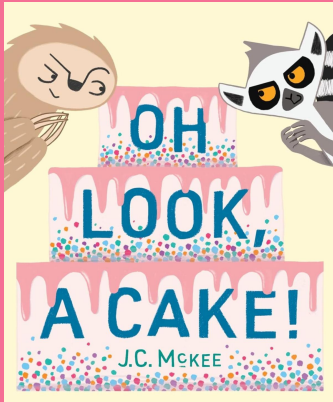
Messy flour and laughter abound. The scent of warm bread fills the house. Grandma and Grandpa bring the candles and hugs. Parents, kids, and baby too, can read this kid-friendly, rhyming recipe together. Challah Day celebrates the sweetness of sharing homemade food as a family.

[Find Challah Day! in the MVLC Catalog](#)

Monster Baker by Laura Lavoie

Tomorrow is Grandmonster's 247th birthday, and Tillie has a boo-riliant idea. She's going to bake a birthday cake! But when Uncle Hairy gobbles up Tillie's near-Pierrefect Squirmin' Chocolate Cake, she rushes to bake another. SPLAT! And another. "MY CAKE!" And another. SHRIEK! Baking on her own isn't easy, and Tillie makes many mistakes, learning that with a little patience, care, and determination, she can do just about anything.

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Oh Look, a Cake! by J.C. McKee

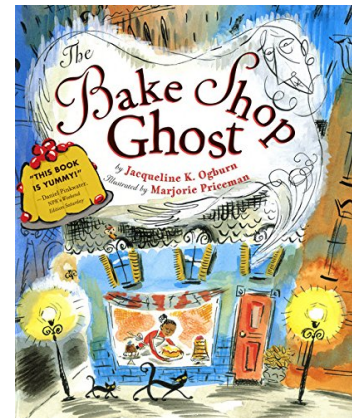
Sloth and Lemur come across a cake. A mysterious delicious-looking cake. Should they share it with their friends? Or should they eat it themselves?

[Find Oh Look a Cake in the MVLC Catalog](#)

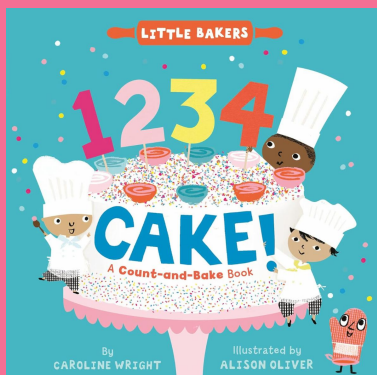
The Bake Shop Ghost by Jacqueline Ogburn

Cora Lee Merriweather had a lemon pucker mouth and hair scraped back into a hard little bun. Cora Lee also baked the best pies and cakes for miles. But now Cora Lee haunts the shop she used to own. When new bakers arrive to take over her empty bake shop, she scares them away. Then Annie Washington comes to town, and it seems Cora Lee has met her match.

[Find The Bake Shop Ghost in the MVLC Catalog](#)



1234 Cake! by Caroline Wright



Little bakers everywhere will love counting all the ingredients and steps that go into baking a cake, and then joining adults in the kitchen to practice measuring, mixing, decorating, and tasting! Featuring catchy, rhyming text, irresistible art, and a kid-friendly cake and icing recipe, this sturdy board book is perfect for story time and snack time.

[Find 1234 Cake in the MVLC Catalog](#)

Baking together not only helps to bond you as a family, but it also is a great science lesson for the little ones! Learn more from the recipes below, and teach your kids about the science behind baking while you're at it!



BAKE AS A FAMILY

Recipes to Try:

- [Sandwich Bread](#)
- [Chocolate Lava Cakes](#)
- [Small Chocolate Cake](#)
- [Sugar Cookies](#)

The Science of Baking:

- [Washington Parent - Teach the Science behind Baking](#)
- [KidPillar - The Science of Baking for Smart Kids](#)
- [Time for Kids - The Science of Cooking](#)
- [TEDEd - The Chemistry of Cookies](#)

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