

Letter from the Director:

We've had a wonderful spring of new programs in 3 NYC Boroughs. Contact us and we'll read with you. Celebrate too our spotlighted Friends and Colleagues! Love, Susan Straub

Read To Me Programs

Our Spring has been busy and productive.



Kristen Lynch led at **West Side High School LYFE Program**. Thanks to Leslie Ederer and **NYPL** for their continuing support. Besides a remarkable group of students & babies, we want to thank the excellent Principal Jean McTavish, SW Veronica Choplin, LYFE teacher Sonia Deane, the librarian and paraprofessionals. Author **Loretta Lopez** of The Birthday Swap, charmed everyone again. We're always happy when she's in NYC and available to RTM. And of course the superb NYPL librarian Jill Rothstein (at left)! Everyone of us had fun.

Jane LeCroy led at **Jane Addams Vocational HS LYFE**. Again thanks to a grant from Leslie Ederer and the **NYPL**. Jane enjoyed a reunion with the fabulous duo: LYFE teacher Jon Turner and SW Ana Martinez. Author **Nina Crews** shared her magical pictures of city-based Neighborhood Mother Goose with the moms.

Jane LeCroy then inaugurated a sensational program for the parents of PreK&K parents at **PS43**. Huge thanks to the effective and joyous Lourdes Rodriguez, Parent Coordinator. Thanks again to **LINC's** Coordinator Albania Jimenez for the introduction. **Vera B. Williams** displaying her usual verve visited and signed copies of Más Más Más Dijo El Bébé (and More More More, Said the Baby) for the families.

Susan led an abbreviated RTM training with the good folks at **LINC**. Perhaps this will lead to further links.

The **Brooklyn Public Library** sponsored a RTM Program with young families at the **Brooklyn Bureau of Community Services'** Bed Stuy Community Center. Deanna Pacelli introduced yoga breathing & some drama games along with our myriad books and usual RTM activities. Thanks to Doug Brooks and Jodi Querbach of BBCS and a team of BPL Children's Librarians including Rachel Payne (& baby Colin Milo), Steven Lemonea & Stephanie Brueckel. **Miriam Cohen** was the true gem we knew she would be from reading her books.

We welcome **Timberland Regional Library** in Tumwater, WA as new video clip users on their terrific website: <http://www.trl.org/BirthTo5/pages/readtomevideos.aspx>



10 months baby Z reads.
Photo by Bubbe Tallulah

Announcements

Our friends and colleagues continue creatively and winningly.

RTM-trained-leader **Amy Wilson** spotlighted last time in a NYTimes article about 'shouting' [<http://www.motherloadshow.com/About.aspx>] now has a very funny new book: When Did I Get Like This? The Screamer, the Worrier, the Dinosaur-Chicken-Nugget-Buyer, and Other Mothers I Swore I'd Never Be.

Kristen Lynch continues to offer excellent theater workshops for very young children after school and during school vacations. [Welcome to Young Players Theater | Young Players Theater](#)

Watch for **Deanna Pacelli & Mari Brown's** 23 Feet in 12 Minutes in the NYC Fringe Theater Festival in August.

Jane LeCroy continues to perform her excellent poetry with her band. [Jane LeCroy: The Website](#)

Candice Anitra has a new album: <http://www.myspace.com/candiceanitramusic>

Our beloved author/illustrator **Vera B. Williams** was on the cover of the World Literature Today magazine. Besides looking as if she could be nominated to the Supreme Court, she writes wonderfully about the importance of books in her life. [Williams - March 2010](#)

Paulette Bogan WINS! <http://www.astorybeforebed.com/ccba> Lulu the Big Little Chick is GREAT.