



# Indiana Secretary of State Connie Lawson's Financial Literacy Reading Program Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

## **What is Money? – Choose 2**

### ***Making Cents***

Elizabeth Keeler Robinson - 2008

- How many nickels are in a quarter? Whose face is on the fifty-dollar bill? Learn about money from the penny to the one hundred dollar bill.

### ***My rows and piles of coins***

Tololwa M. Mollel - 1999

- Based in Tanzania, learn about how Saruni is saving his money for a bicycle to help his mother carry heavy loads to the market.

### ***A Dollar for Penny***

Julie Glass and Joy Allen - 2000

- Penny learns about currency when she sets up a lemonade stand to earn money for her mother's birthday card.

### ***A Quarter from the Tooth Fairy***

Caren Holtzman - 1995

- A boy learns about money as he tries to think of ways to spend the quarter he got from the tooth fairy.

### ***Arthur's Funny Money***

Lillian Hoban - 1984

- When Violet has trouble with numbers and Arthur is penniless, they go into business and solve both their problems.

### ***Follow the Money***

Lorene Leedy - 2003

- A freshly minted quarter narrates this lively look at currency including stops at the grocery store and a boy's piggy bank.

### ***Making cents: Every Kids' Guide to Money (How to Make It, What to Do With It)***

Elizabeth Wilkinson - 1989

- Explore what money is, how to earn it and what you can do with it.

***Money, Money, Money: The Meaning of Arts and Symbols on United States Paper Currency***

Nancy Winslow Parker - 1995

- Explains what's on the front of the money in your wallet, from \$1 to \$100,000.

***Round and round the Money Goes: What Money is and How We Use It***

Melvin and Gilda Verger - 2001

- Learn about how the use of money has evolved and how money travels when it is spent, earned and saved.

***One Cent, Two Cents, Old Cent, New Cent: All About Money***

Bonnie Worth – 2008

- THE CAT IN THE HAT puts to rest any notion that money grows on trees in this super simple look at the history of money. Beginning with the ancient practice of bartering, the Cat explains various forms of money used in different cultures, from shells, feathers, leather, and jade to metal ingots to coins to the current king of currency, paper.

***Once Upon a Dime: A Math Adventure***

Nancy Kelly Allen - 1999

- Farmer Worth discovers that a special tree on his farm produces different kinds of money, depending on what animal fertilizer he uses.

## **Saving for the future – Choose 2**

### ***If you made a million***

David Schwartz - 1994

- Have you ever wanted to make a million dollars? Marvelosissimo the Mathematical Magician is ready, willing, and able to explain the nuts and bolts -- as well as the mystery and wonder - of earning money, investing it, accruing dividends and interest, and watching savings grow. Hey, you never know!

### ***The Berenstain Bears' Trouble with Money***

Stan & Jan Berenstain - 1983

- To earn coins for the Astro Bear video game, Brother and Sister Bear find ways to work for money. How they find the middle ground between being spendthrifts and little misers makes for a funny, realistic story.

### ***Little Critter: Just saving my money***

Mercer Mayer - 2010

- When Little Critter wants a new skateboard, Dad tells him that he needs to save his own money to buy it! From feeding the dog to selling lemonade, Little Critter learns the value of a dollar.

### ***Curious George Saves His Pennies***

H.A. Rey - 2014

- When George decides to save up for that special red train in the toy store, he doesn't realize how long it will take—or how hard he'll have to work for his money. But when the time finally arrives to take his very full piggy bank to the toy store—surprise!—George loses it. Can this day, and George's hard-won earnings, be saved?

### ***A Chair for my Mother***

Vera Williams - 1982

- After their home is destroyed by a fire, Rosa, her mother, and grandmother save their coins to buy a really comfortable chair for all to enjoy

### ***Just a Piggy Bank***

Gina Mayer - 2001

- Little Critter learns the importance of saving money.

### ***Ben's First Savings Account***

Carl E. Nester - 1997

- Ben the elephant learns from his grandmother that it is time to think about his financial future by opening his first savings account.

### ***Littlejim's Gift: An Appalachian Christmas Story***

Gloria Houston - 1994

- Hoping to convince his stern father that he will soon be a man, almost eleven year old Littlejim uses his hard-earned savings for his sister's Christmas gift.

### ***Uncle Jed's Barbershop***

Margaree King Mitchell - 1998

- Despite serious obstacles and setbacks, Sara Jean's Uncle Jed, the only black barber in town, pursues his dream of saving up for his own barbershop.

### ***Kyle Keeps Track of Cash***

Lisa Bullard and Mike Byrne - 2013

- Kyle's club is going camping. All the kids will sell Cool Candy to earn money for the trip. Kyle needs to find buyers for ten boxes of candy. Can he keep track of his cash and join his friends on the camping trip?

### ***Give, Save, Spend with the Three Little Pigs***

Clint Greenleaf – 2014

- The Three Little Pigs start a building company to build strong homes that will withstand the Big Bad Wolf's mighty lungs. Their business is a success and now they need to figure out what to do with their hard earned money. One pig wants to spend it, one wants to save it and one wants to give it away. Based on the give-save-spend-concept, this sequel to the classic fairy tale teaches kids a safe and practical approach to managing money.

### ***Three Cups***

Tony Townsley and Mark St. Germain - 2011

- All parents want to teach their children good money habits from an early age. Many start by giving them an allowance. But it's equally important to teach children a positive, generous attitude as they learn to use money responsibly.

### ***Tia Isa Wants a Car***

Meg Medina – 2011

- Tía Isa wants a car. A shiny green car the same color as the ocean, with wings like a swooping bird. A car to take the whole family to the beach. While Tía Isa saves, her niece does odd jobs for neighbors so she can add her earnings to the stack. But even with her help, will they ever have enough?

## **Making and Spending Money Wisely – Choose 2**

### ***Something Good***

Robert Munsch - 1995

- Tyya's dad won't buy anything good at the store - no ice cream, no candy, no cookies. But when the saleslady puts a price sticker on Tyya's nose, Daddy is finally forced to buy something good.

### ***Alexander, who used to be rich last Sunday***

Judith Viorst – 1987

- Last Sunday, Alexander's grandparents gave him a dollar—and he was rich. There were so many things that he could do with all of that money! He could buy as much gum as he wanted, or even a walkie-talkie, if he saved enough. But somehow the money began to disappear...

### ***Bunny Money***

Rosemary Wells - 2000

- It's Grandma's birthday, and Ruby knows exactly what Grandma would love—a beautiful ballerina box. Max also knows what she'd love—a scary pair of ooey-goey vampire teeth. Ruby has saved up a walletful of bills, but as unexpected mishap after mishap occurs, money starts running through the bunnies' fingers.... Will they have enough left for the perfect present?

### ***Pigs Will Be Pigs***

Amy Axelrod - 1997

- The pigs are very hungry, and there's no food in the house. Mr. Pig suggests eating out -- but oh, no! The Pigs are out of money! So the family goes on a money hunt. In beds, under the carpet, even in the washing machine the coins and bills add up, and soon it's off to the Enchanted Enchilada. How much money did the Pigs find? What can they afford to order from the menu?

### ***Arthur's TV Trouble***

Marc Brown - 1995

- When Arthur sees the advertisement for the amazing doggy Treat Timer, he knows it's the perfect gift for Pal. He sets out to earn the money to buy it, daydreaming of riches and of Pal's reaction when he sees the Treat Timer for the first time. Everything seems to be working out, too -- until a big gust of wind nearly blows Arthur's dreams of luxury away!

### ***Sam and the Lucky Money***

Karen Chinn - 1995

- Sam can hardly wait to go shopping with his mom. It's Chinese New Year's day and his grandparents have given him the traditional gift of lucky money—red envelopes called leisees. This year Sam is finally old enough to spend it any way he chooses. Best of all, he gets to spend his lucky money in his favorite place — Chinatown! But when Sam realizes that his grandparents' gift is not enough to get the things he wants, his excitement turns to disappointment.

### ***Mr. Tannen's Tie Trouble***

Maryann Cocca-Leffler - 2003

- Mr. Tanen's school has run out of funds for the long-awaited playground. He needs to raise money--fast. But how? Then Mr. Tanen remembers the words of Mr. Apple, his boss, "I wish our bank account was as full as your tie closet." "That's it!" shouts Mr. Tanen. And the next day, the entire town is plastered with signs that read "Mr. Tanen's Tie Auction."

### ***Pedrito's Day***

Luis Garay – 1997

- Shining shoes to earn money toward a bicycle, young Pedrito dreams about all of the wonderful possibilities a bicycle will permit him, until a reckless mistake forces him to prove he is starting to grow up.

### ***Amelia Works it Out***

Marissa Moss - 2000

- Amelia draws on her artistic talent to earn money for something special that she really wants.

### ***Yang the Eldest and his Odd Jobs***

Lensey Namioka - 2000

- The Eldest brother realizes he needs a new violin and must get a job in order to pay for it.

### ***How the Second Grade got \$8,205.50 to visit the Statue of Liberty***

Nathan Zimelman - 1992

- The class tries to earn money for a field trip. Susan Olson, second-grade treasurer and reporter, here dutifully records the comical details that surround this adventurous tale under the headings, "Expenses" and "Profit."

### ***A High-Fiving Gift for Mom***

Judy Bradley - 1997

- At the annual teachers' fair, Christopher is faced with temptations such as ice cream and face painting while trying to stretch his money to buy a Mother's Day gift.

### ***A Job for Jenny Archer***

Ellen Conford - 2006

- Convinced her family is poor because her parents won't buy her a horse or swimming pool, Jenny makes money on her own.

### ***Angelina's Lucky Penny***

James Mason and Helen Craig - 2006

- When Angelina finds a lucky penny, she decides she does not have to practice ballet any longer.

### ***Clever Cat***

Peter Collington - 2000

- When Mr. and Mrs. Ford learn Tibbs the cat can get his own food, they give him a house key and a credit card. But Tibbs begins to use the card for unnecessary things so the Fords make him get a job.

### ***Fox on the Job***

James Marshall - 1995

- Fox tries to earn money for a new bicycle by doing different jobs.

### ***Lemonade for Sale***

Bettina Ling - 1997

- With the help of her friends, Kate overcomes several obstacles and sells enough lemonade in the neighborhood park to buy her father a birthday present.

### ***The Lunch Line***

Karen Berman Nagel - 1996

- In the school cafeteria at lunchtime, Kim eyes all the tasty food and tries to figure out what she can buy with her dollar.

### ***Summer Business***

Charles Martin- 1990

- By running small businesses catering to summer visitors on their island home, Heather and her friends earn enough money for a trip to the Harvest Fair on the mainland.

### ***Ella Earns Her Own Money***

Lisa Bullard - 2013

- Ella really wants a soccer ball. But she doesn't have enough money to buy one. So she decides to earn her own money. Ella cleans the car for her mom, gives the neighbor's dog a bath, and sells bracelets to her friends to earn cash. Will she have enough money to buy the ball in the end? Read this book to find out!

### ***Amelia Bedelia Means Business***

Herman Parish - 2013

- Amelia Bedelia's parents say they'll split the cost of a new bike with her, and that means Amelia Bedelia needs to put the pedal to the metal and earn some dough! With Amelia Bedelia anything can happen, and it usually does.