

It's a jungle out there...

As every adult knows, it's a jungle out there if you don't know how to read. Literacy is a serious issue, but the PBS children's series, **BETWEEN THE LIONS**, makes learning to read a laughing matter with a menagerie of colorful characters and a zany mix of songs, stories, skits, puppets, animation and live action.

You are invited to attend a



Language, Literacy and Lions, Oh My!
Monday, September 18, 2006
4:00-6:15 pm
Kelley Center Room 130B
Indiana University Kokomo
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Come and learn more about how children can receive an extra 2-½ hours of literacy instruction per week outside the classroom.

Keywords, puppets, target vowels, animation, print and music combine to help children *get wild about reading.*

Join us for activities, books and more!



BETWEEN THE LIONS is named for a family of lions—Theo, Cleo, Lionel, and Leona—who run a library like no other on earth. The doors "between the lions" swing open to reveal a magical place where characters pop off the pages of books, vowels sing, and words take on a life of their own.

Each episode of *Between the Lions* follows a whole-part-whole approach to instruction in early literacy. This approach establishes a meaningful context for learning, and then guides kids to explore specific details such as text structure, individual words, and other print features (Strickland, 1998). Knowledge becomes anchored and accessible, the skills make more sense, and young children understand why they need to practice them.