

Museum Stories
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Leonard Baskin. *Poet Laureate*, 1955, Woodcut on Japanese paper

This week, Museum Stories is about crowns and people who wear crowns. Take a few minutes to watch the short video.

LOOK

This picture is called *Poet Laureate* by Leonard Baskin. A poet is a writer and a laureate is a person who has won a prize for being a very good writer. What can you see if you look closely? Can you see lots of black and white lines? Do you see a man, his face and shoulders. What is he wearing on his head? He wears a crown of leaves as his prize for being a good poet, or writer. Do you like to practice writing or telling stories? Do you know anyone else who wears a crown?

READ

This week the first book recommendation is *Princess Baby* by Karen Katz. This is a great book for little girls that like to play dress-up. The story tells how the baby girl gets called by lots of special, loving names like buttercup, giggle goose, cupcake, little lamb and sweet gumdrop. But she wears a crown, wand, cape and fancy dress. She wants to be called princess baby! The second book recommendation is *King of the Zoo* by Erica Pearl and illustrated by Jackie Urbanovic. Who do you think is king of the zoo? In this book, Carlos the chameleon tries to convince all the other animals that he is king of the zoo. If you don't have these books, find another book about crowns, princesses, kings or even superheroes to read.

MAKE

Follow along with the video to make your own crown inspired project.