



### Early Literacy Extras:

Parents and caregivers are a child's first and best teachers. Here are some ideas and activities to try this week with your child. These five practices are designed to help your child develop literacy skills, engage your child, and enhance the bonds between you. Storytimes at the Adams County Library support Pennsylvania Early Learning Standards.

This week's theme was:  
**Earth Day**

**Read:** Watch Miss Crystal read *The Earth Book* by Todd Parr on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

**Talk:** Talk with your child about Earth Day and all the things that they can do just like the child in the book, to help take care of the earth.

**Sing:** Rhymes to do at Home

**Play:** Make an Earth Day sensory bin. Color some shaving cream green and some blue and place in a big baking pan. Scatter some small animal figures into the pan as well and let your child play.

**Write:** Make a handprint forest. Cover your child's hand with green paint and let them stamp their handprint as many times as they want on a large paper to make the tops of trees. You can then help them draw trunks with a brown marker underneath each handprint.

### Rhymes to do at Home

#### **We've Got the World Around Us** (tune: *He's Got the Whole World In His Hands*)

We've got the world around us in our hands,  
We've got the world around us in our hands,  
We've got the world around us in our hands,  
It's ours to take care of.

We've got the mountains and the valleys  
in our hands,  
We've got the deserts and the forests  
in our hands,  
We've got the jungles and the plains in our hands,  
They're ours to take care of.

We've got the birds and the bees in our hands,  
We've got the creatures of the seas in our hands,  
We've got the tigers and the bears in our hands,  
They're ours to take care of.

#### **This Land Is Your Land** *by Woody Guthrie*

This land is your land and this land is my land  
From California to the New York island  
From the redwood forest  
to the Gulf Stream waters  
This land was made for you and me

As I went walking that ribbon of highway  
I saw above me that endless skyway  
Saw below me that golden valley  
This land was made for you and me