



### 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: Spring Animals

**Read:** Watch Miss Karin read *The Secret Fawn* by Kallie George on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

**Talk:** Talk about all the baby animals you might see in the spring, eggs in nests, baby lambs, chicks, or calves on a farm, and baby bunnies in a field.

**Sing:** Rhymes to do at Home

**Play:** Play a game of "Guess that animal". Take turns thinking of a spring animal and have the other person ask yes or no questions to guess the animal.

**Write:** Have fun printing with paint to make a woolly sheep, or a field of flowers. Cut apart a cardboard egg carton and use the bottoms of the individual egg cups as stamps. Draw the outline of a sheep and your child can fill in the wool with white paint prints, or use multiple colors on a blank paper for flowers and you can add stems and leaves later.

### Rhymes to do at Home

#### Five Little Ducks

5 little ducks went out one day,  
Over the hills and far away.  
Mother duck said,  
"Quack! Quack! Quack! Quack!"  
But only 4 little ducks came back.

*Repeat with:*

4 little ducks...

3 little ducks...

2 little ducks...

1 little duck went out one day,  
over the hills and far away.  
Mother duck said,  
"Quack! Quack! Quack! Quack!"  
But no little ducks came waddling back.  
So she quacked even louder!  
Quack! Quack Quack! Quack!  
And all the little ducks came waddling back!

#### You Are My Sunshine

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine  
You make me happy when skies are grey  
You'll never know dear how much I love you  
So please don't take my sunshine away.