



### 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: **Bees**

**Read:** Watch Miss Jess read *Little Bea* by Daniel Roode on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

**Talk:** Talk about how important bees are. Bees help all our yummy food to grow. And they make honey!

**Sing:** Rhymes to do at Home

**Play:** Hide a bunch of yellow pompom bees all around the house, or outside, and have your child try to find the bees and "buzz" them back to "the hive" which could be any kind of container or basket.

**Write:** B is for Bees! Draw a big block letter B on a blank paper and let your child give it yellow and black stripes with paint. You could make some paper wings to stick on and draw a little bee face on it too!

### Rhymes to do at Home

#### Here is the Beehive

Here is the beehive  
*(hold up fist)*  
But where are all the bees?  
Hidden away where nobody sees.  
Oh! Here they come!  
Creeping out of the hive!  
Let's count them.  
*(bring out one finger at a time)*  
One, two three, four, five!

#### The Bees in the Flowers

*(to the tune of Wheels on the Bus)*

The bees in the flowers go buzz buzz buzz  
Buzz buzz buzz, buzz buzz buzz  
The bees in the flowers go buzz buzz buzz  
All around the town

The ants in the grass go march march march...  
The crickets in the leaves go chirp chirp  
chirp...

The firefly at night goes blink blink blink  
Blink blink blink blink blink blink  
The firefly at night goes blink blink blink  
All around the town