



### 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: Community Helpers

**Read:** Watch Miss Crystal read *Whose Hands are These?* by Miranda Paul on our Youth Services Facebook page.

**Talk:** Talk about who in your community is a helper. What do they do to help people? Is there a way you can be a community helper?

**Sing:** Rhymes To Do At Home

**Play:** Play a game of "I Spy" next time you run errands and point out the community helpers that you see. Also point out the things that the person needs, like the firetruck for firefighters, mail bag for postal workers, etc.

**Write:** Write a thank you letter to a community helper. There are lots of people working very hard including nurses, teachers, and others. Let your child choose someone and help them write a thank you letter.

### Rhymes To Do At Home

#### Hurry, Hurry Fire Truck

*(tune: Bumpin' Up and Down)*

Hurry, hurry, drive the fire truck. Hurry, hurry, drive the fire truck. Hurry, hurry, drive the fire truck. *(Hands pretend to steer while children run around)*

Ding, ding, ding, ding, ding! *(Ring bell)*

Hurry, hurry, turn the corner...*(Lean right, left, right)*

Hurry, hurry, climb the ladder...*(Climb hand over hand)*

Hurry, hurry, spray the fire... *(Pretend to spray)*

Slowly, slowly, to the station. Slowly, slowly, to the station. Slowly, slowly, to the station. *(Drive slow motion)*

Glad our work is done! *(Lay down pretend to sleep)*

#### "The Community Helpers Song"

*(tune: "The Farmer in the Dell" - add verses as you'd like)*

The teachers teach the kids,  
The teachers teach the kids,  
Heigh-ho, they help us so,  
The teachers teach the kids.

The firefighters put out the fires....  
The crossing guards help us cross...  
The librarians find us books....  
The barbers cut our hair...  
The dentists check our teeth...  
The doctors keep us well...