



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: **Animal Movement**

Read: Watch Miss Cindie read *Who Hops?* by Katie Davis on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

Talk: Talk about how different animals move. Do all animals hop? Do all animals run? Do all animals use feet to move?

Sing: Rhymes to do at Home

Play: When you play lap games and bounces with your baby, it makes them feel secure and happy because they are close to you. Their brains release endorphins which not only make them feel good, but actually can reinforce learning, too. For toddlers, name an animal and see if they can act out how that animal would move.

Write: Trace the hopping paths on the next page. For those too young to hold a writing utensil, use their finger to trace the paths.

Rhymes to do at Home

I Can Stretch

I can stretch like a kitten
I can hop like a frog
I can swim like a turtle
I can shake like a dog
I can sway like a snake
I can flap like a bat
I can reach like a monkey
I can move like that!

If they are too little to do the movements themselves, gently move them to reflect the actions

Five Little Monkeys

Five little monkeys swinging from a
tree (*swing arm*)
teasing Mr Crocodile
'You can't catch me!'
Along came Mr Crocodile
as quietly as can be (*put hands together,*
palms facing each other)
and snap! went the crocodile (*Snap*
hands)
Then there were four!

Four...three...two...one
Then there were...
NO little monkeys swinging from a
tree...oh no!

