



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: **Penguins**

Read: Watch Miss Karin read *If You Were a Penguin* by Wendell and Florence Minor on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

Talk: Talk about the different things that penguins can do. How are they similar to other birds? How are they different?

Sing: Rhymes to do at Home

Play: Spread sheets of white and blue paper around the room (if possible, have them taped to the floor.) Put some music on, and have children move and dance around the room. When you pause the music and call out "Hop on an iceberg!" children must find a white piece of paper and hop on it. When you pause the music and call out "Swim in the Sea!" children must find a blue piece of paper and make swimming motions with their arms. Give kids a chance to find the sheets of paper and complete the action before starting the music again.

Write: Grab some black and white paint. Have your child paint something that penguins can do.

Rhymes to do at Home

Did You Ever See a Penguin

(tune: Did You Ever See a Lassie)

Did you ever see a penguin, a
penguin, a penguin?
Did you ever see a penguin waddle
this way and that?
Waddle this way and that way,
waddle this way and that way
Did you ever see a penguin waddle
this way and that?

Two Little Penguins

Two little penguins sitting on
the ice *(hold up two fingers)*
One bows once, the other bows
twice *(made index fingers bow)*
Waddle little penguins. Waddle
away. *(put fingers behind back)*
Come back penguins. Time to
play! *(bring fingers to the front).*