



### 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: **Toboggans**

**Read:** Watch Miss Sherry read *The Wild Toboggan Ride* by Suzan Reid on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

**Talk:** We know that making predictions about a book really helps children understand what they read. Comprehension is important because without it, kids don't stay motivated to keep reading for very long. Ask your child what they think is going to happen when Nicki and Grandpa Dan start down the hill. How many people will they pick up? Is the sled going to overflow?

**Sing:** Rhymes to do at Home

**Play:** If there's no snow to go sledding, have your child take their toys "sledding". Use an actual sled or use a laundry basket. How many passengers do they pick up on the way?

**Write:** Trace or have your child trace their hands with the fingers together and the thumb separate to make mittens. Cut out and then cut a piece of string as long as their arms stretched out. String together and send a mitten hug to someone they miss.

### Rhymes to do at Home

#### We're Sledding in the Snow

(Tune: Farmer in the Dell)

We're sledding in the snow.  
We're sledding in the snow.  
Up we climb, then down we go.  
We're sledding in the snow.

#### Here's a Hill

Here's a hill (tilt left arm so  
that it forms a hill)  
And here's a hill (tilt right arm  
so that it forms a hill)  
All covered with snow (raise  
hands up, bring down in snow  
motion)  
I'll put on my coat, (put coat  
on)  
And jump on my sled (hold the  
rope of a sled)  
And ZOOM, down the hill I will  
go! (clap hands, slid hands  
down)