



### 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: **Animals in Winter**

**Read:** Watch Miss Danielle read *Virgil & Owen* by Paulette Bogan and *Kitten's Winter* by Eugenie Fernandes on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

**Talk:** Bring out some stuffed animals. Talk about each animal and whether they hibernate or not. What does each animal do during the winter?

**Sing:** Rhymes to do at Home

**Play:** Make an edible snow sensory bin. In a container, mix 5 cups of flour with 3 ounces of oil (vegetable, olive, coconut, etc.) Double or triple to make more. Add animals and have some fun.

**Write:** In a pan, add shaving cream or whipped cream and have your child play. If they are older, have them write out letters and numbers that they know in the cream.

### Rhymes to do at Home

#### There's Something In the Snow

There's something in the snow, now  
what can it be?  
There's something in the snow that I  
can't really see.  
Hear its funny sound...HOWL HOWL  
HOWL  
A wolf is what I found! HOWL HOWL  
HOWL

CAW CAW CAW, A cardinal is what I found!  
GRR GRR GRR, A bear is what I found!  
WADDLE WADDLE WADDLE, A penguin is  
what I found!

#### Late At Night

*(Tune: Are You Sleeping?)*

Late at night,  
Late at night,  
Who, who, who,  
Who, who, who,  
I can hear the SNOW OWL,  
I can hear the SNOW OWL,  
Who, who, who,  
Who, who, who!

Penguin - Squawk  
Polar Bear - Growl