



### 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: **Art**

**Read:** Watch Miss Theresa read *Art* by Patrick McDonnell and *Andrew Drew and Drew* by Barney Saltzberg on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

**Talk:** Talk about what art is. Is there something that art isn't? What type of art have you seen? Do you like to make art?

**Sing:** Rhymes to do at Home

**Play:** Make your own art time capsule. Make a self-portrait with whatever you'd like to use: paint, playdough, etc. Place it in a file, drawer, or other storage space. Now, every year, make a new self-portrait. In 20 years, take a look back.

**Write:** Make art! March is Youth Art Month so take some time to investigate Youth Art Month and to create some work of art yourself.

### Rhymes to do at Home

#### This is the Way We Stir the Paint

*(tune: This is the Way We Wash Our Hands)*

This is the way we stir the paint,  
*(stir like you're stirring pain in a can)*  
Stir the paint, stir the paint  
This is the way we stir the paint  
So early in the morning

*(dip our brush, paint the paper, blow it dry, frame the picture)*

#### The Paintbrush on the Paper

*(tune: The Wheels on the Bus)*

The paintbrush on the paper  
goes  
swish swish swish, swish swish  
swish, swish swish swish,  
The paintbrush on the paper  
goes swish swish swish,  
All day long.

The pencil on the paper goes skritch  
scratch skritch...

The crayon on the paper goes  
scribble, scribble, scribble...  
The Play-dough on the table goes  
squish, squish, squish...