



### 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: **Friends**

**Read:** Watch Miss Danielle read *How to Grow a Friend* by Sara Gillingham on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

**Talk:** Talk about what a friend is. Who is your friend? What do you do with a friend?

**Sing:** Rhymes to do at Home

**Play:** Give your child a "phone" and have conversations with friends. Encourage your child to tell their friends about their day.

**Write:** Practice the American Sign Language sign for "Friend". Hold out both index fingers hooked in a curved or 'C'-like shape. Holding one hand with the hook index facing up, hook the second index into the first. Then reverse the position for the hands and do it again.

### Rhymes to do at Home

#### "Let's Be Friends"

*(Tune: London Bridge)*

Let's be friends with one another  
One another, one another  
Let's be friends with one another  
Let's be friends today

*(You can sing with a friend, you can shout with a friend, you can hum with a friend, you can jump with a friend, you can clap with a friend, you can hop with a friend)*

#### Will You Come and Play With Me?

*(Tune: Mary Had a Little Lamb)*

Will you come and play with me?  
Play with me, play with me?  
Will you come and play with me?  
Will you be my friend?