



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: **Halloween**

Read: Watch Miss Sherry read *The Little Old Lady Who was Not Afraid of Anything* by Linda Williams on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

Talk: Exploring emotions through stories and books is a safe way to process potentially fearful situations and feelings. Kids can feel safe when reading these stories with trusted adults while at the same time still developing the critical thinking and problem solving skills needed to navigate unknown situations. Talk about things that might make them scared in a book or in the world around them.

Sing: Rhymes to do at Home

Play: Make your own scarecrow! Gather some old clothes and let your child make a scarecrow just like the one in the story.

Write: Give your child a sheet of paper and crayons or markers and allow them to create a drawing showing bravery. Once they are finished, help them finish their artwork by writing a paragraph on the bottom of the artwork describing their brave picture.

Rhymes to do at Home

If You're Brave and You Know It

(tune: If You're Happy and You Know It)

If you're brave and you know it, clap your hands. *(clap, clap)*

If you're brave and you know it, clap your hands. *(clap, clap)*

If you're brave and you know, then your face will surely show it.

If you're brave and you know, clap your hands. *(clap, clap)*

...Stomp your feet *(stomp, stomp)*

...Say "I am!" *(say "I am!" and stand up tall)*

10 Little Scarecrows

One little, two little,
Three little scarecrows
Four little, five little,
Six little scarecrows
Seven little, eight little,
Nine little scarecrows
Ten of them can't scare me!