



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: **Hiking**

Read: Watch Miss Karin read *The Great Bear Brigade: Lost in the Woods* by Jason Kutasi on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

Talk: Talk about what you can sense while hiking. What can you see? What do you hear? Can you smell things? Touch things?

Sing: Rhymes to do at Home

Play: Go for a hike! Even if it's just a walk around the block, get your hiking boots on and experience the outdoors.

Write: Create a list of things you need for a hiking trip. Write or draw out all the supplies you'll need.

Rhymes to do at Home

Over the River and Along the Trail

(Tune: Over the River and Through the Woods)

Over the river and along the trail
the hikers hike and sing
they walk along the rocky path
they love to hike and sing

Over the river and along the trail
they sing their favorite songs
As they go near and far
they will sing all day long!

Let's Go Hiking

(Tune: Frère Jacques)

Let's go hiking, Let's go hiking
Along the trail, Along the trail
I like to hike fast, I like to hike fast
(move arms fast)
I like to hike slow, I like to hike slow
(move arms slow)
Along the trail, Along the trail