



Perry Public Library Storytime

Going Buggy!



Stories we shared:

Step by Step / Diane Wolkstein
The Very Hungry Caterpillar / Eric Carle

I love bugs / Philemon Sturges
Butterfly Butterfly / Petr Horacek

Other books you may enjoy sharing:

Waiting for Wings / Lois Ehlert
Ten Little Ladybugs / Melanie Gerth
Itsy Bitsy Spider / Iza Trapani
Two Bad Ants / Chris Van Allsburg
The Bee Sneeze / Beverly Keller
The Grouchy Ladybug / Eric Carle
The Clumsy Click Beetle / Eric Carle
The Rose in my Garden / Arnold Lobel
Caterpillar and the Polliwog / Jack Kent
The Lamb and the Butterfly / Arnold Sundgaard
Are You a Butterfly? / Judy Allen
From Caterpillar to Butterfly / Deborah Heiligman
Butterfly Story / Anca Hariton
Where Butterflies Grow / Joanne Ryder
Butterfly Count / Sneed Collard
Price of the Butterflies / Bruce Coville
The Things with wings / Gregory Holch
Caterpillar Caterpillar / Vivian French
The Very Busy Spider / Eric Carle

Over in the Garden / Jennifer Ward
The Very Lazy Ladybug / Isobel Finn
Miss Spider's Tea Party / David Kirk
Very Lonely Firefly / Eric Carle
Fireflies / Julie Brinkloe
The Very Quiet Cricket / Eric Carle
Crickwing / Janelle Cannon
Amazing Anthony Ant / Lorna Philpot
Butterfly Hunt / Yoshi
Butterfly / Mick Inkpen
Butterflies / Emily Neye
Butterfly Alphabet Book / Brian Cassie
Butterfly and the bog beast / Nancy Krulik
Butterfly House / Eve Bunting
Flutterby Fly / Steven Cosgrove
Clara Caterpillar / Pamela Edwards
Gotta Go Gotta Go / Sam Swope
Wings of Change / Franklin Hill
Beetle Bop / Denise Flemming

Early Literacy Extras:



- Talk about the word “Insect” sound out the different parts of the word “in-sect” – say them separately and then together again, first slowly and then faster. Clap once for each syllable of the word. Do the same thing with “butterfly, and caterpillar”

- Help your child think of words that rhyme with “bug” like “rug, mug, tug” – make up silly rhymes with these words.
- Help your child think of words that start with the “B”- “buh” sound (bear, box, baby, bike, bread) or think of other insect names that start with “B” (butterfly, beetle, bee)
- Help your child think of other insects (ants, crickets, fireflies, ladybugs) and other animals that go through a metamorphosis (frogs, bees, butterflies) .
- Read a book on spiders or insects and practice saying the unfamiliar names (tarantula, weevil, centipede, cicada, katydid) .
- The sense of rhythm obtained from listening to songs and rhymes will help your child to identify patterns, like rhyming words, which will help them learn to read. Because songs automatically break down words into smaller sounds through tones, singing with your child is one of the best ways develop early literacy skills. Try the songs and rhymes on the following pages.

Songs and rhymes to share:

Ency Weency Spider

Beehive

Here is a beehive (make a fist)
But where are the bees (shrug shoulders)
Hiding inside where nobody sees (point to fist)
Soon they'll come out
Of their hive
1,2,3,4,5 (open fingers one at a time)
BUZZZZZZZ! (fly fingers and tickle a friend!)

1,2,3

1,2, 3
There's a bug on me! (pretend to knock it off)
Where did it go? (look around)
I don't know! (shrug shoulders)



Spider on the Floor: by Raffi

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The Grasshopper

There was a little grasshopper, always on the jump (jump fingers forward)
He forgot to look ahead, and got a nasty bump! (bump hand into opposite palm)

Fiddle Dee Dee From "Playtime Songs"

Five Little Fireflies (count on fingers)

One little firefly shines very bright
Two little fireflies show their lights
Three little fireflies glimmer and glow
Four little fireflies watch them go!
Five little fireflies fly in the night
Blink! Blink! Blink! Blink! (open and close fingers)
My! What a sight!

Little Flea (crawl fingers up slowly from toes)

Creeping, creeping little flea, up my leg and past my knee
To my tummy, on he goes, past my chin and to my nose
Now he's creeping down my chin, to my tummy once again
Down my leg, and pat my knee, to my toe that little flea!
GOTCHA! (tickle toes)

Crawling Caterpillar a fun tickle rhyme

"Who's that climbing up my back?" said the wall
"It's me!" said the caterpillar "I'm learning to crawl!"

Five Little Butterflies

from Barney's – "Run Jump Skip and Sing"

Five little butterflies resting at the door,
One flew away and then there were four.
*Butterfly, Butterfly, happy all day,
Butterfly, Butterfly, fly fly away.
Four little butterflies sitting in a tree,
One flew away and then there were three*
Three little butterflies looking at you,
One flew away and then there were two*
Two little butterflies sitting in the sun
One flew away and then there was one*
One little butterfly left all alone,
One flew away and then there were none*

Flutter Flutter Butterfly (fly around like a butterfly)

Flutter, flutter butterfly- floating in the summer sky
Floating by for all to see- floating by so merrily
Flutter, flutter butterfly- floating in the summer sky

Fuzzy Wuzzy Caterpillar act out rhyme

Fuzzy wuzzy caterpillar into a corner will creep
He'll spin himself a blanket and then fall fast asleep
Fuzzy wuzzy caterpillar wakes up by and by
Stretches out his lovely wings , now he's a butterfly!

Arabella Miller Sing to "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star"

Little Arabella Miller
Found a fuzzy caterpillar (wiggle one finger)
First it crawled upon her mother (tickle mom)
Then upon her baby brother (tickle a friend)
Everyone said "Arabella Miller
Take away that caterpillar!" (shake finger)

Five Little Ladybugs

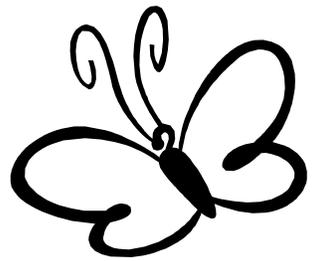
Five little ladybugs on our front door, (Hold up five fingers.)
One flew to Isaac, and that left four. (Hold up four fingers.)
Four little ladybugs, oh so wee,
One flew to Dad, and that left three. (Hold up three fingers.)
Three little ladybugs saying "howdy-do,"
One flew to Brian, and that left two. (Hold up two fingers.)
Two little ladybugs snoozing in the sun,
One flew to Sarah, and that left one. (Hold up one finger.)
One little ladybug alone on the door,
It flew to Mom, then there were no more. (Bend down last finger.)

*Substitute names of people in your family for those in the rhyme.

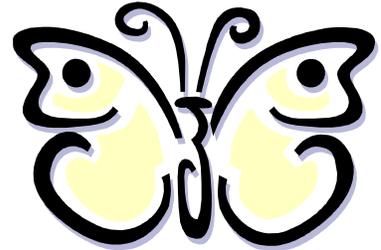
Colorful Butterflies

Say the rhyme and color the butterflies

The first to come to the garden bed
Is a lovely butterfly of brilliant RED



Then in comes another and that makes two
Fly right in my friend of BLUE

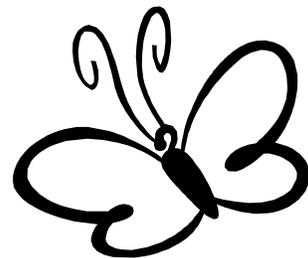


“The garden is fine, the best I’ve seen”
Says the butterfly of softest GREEN

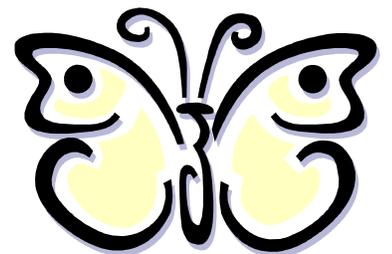


Our garden needs a sunny fellow
Fly in butterfly with wings of YELLOW

Little friend of PURPLE, fly in too
The garden is waiting for a color like you



ORANGE, orange you’ve waited so long
Fly right in where you belong



Butterflies, butterflies, you’re such a sight
Flying together – what a delight!

BUG ZOO

Let your children use their imaginations to create their own make-believe bugs. Set out such materials as empty yogurt and mayo tubs, cardboard tubes, egg cartons, pipe cleaners, yarn, pompoms, googly eyes, paper scraps, paint (mixed with drops of liquid soap), and glue. Then invite the children to use the materials to make "bugs." Display their creations together as a Bug Zoo.

BUG LOTTO

Purchase two identical sets of nine different bug stickers. For a gameboard, divide a piece of poster board into nine squares and attach one bug sticker to each square. For game cards, cut out nine identical squares of poster board and attach the second set of bug stickers. To play, invite your children to take turns placing the bug cards on top of the matching bug squares on the gameboard.

BUG SAFARI

Go with your children on a walk to search for bugs. Take along plastic magnifying glasses and an instant camera. Have the children look for bugs under leaves, small pieces of wood, or rocks, and encourage them to talk about any bugs they find. Instead of bringing back the bugs, "capture" them by taking instant photos to view and discuss when you return.

LADYBUG ART Let your children make ladybugs, using one of these ideas.

- Paint walnut shell halves red. When dry, add spots with black markers.
- Use tempera to paint round, smooth rocks red. Allow to dry, then glue on dots punched out of black paper for spots.
- Brush the backs of small paper plates with red paint. Use black markers to add spots when the paint has dried.

LADYBUG FINGER PUPPETS

Give your children 1-inch paper ovals or circles. Let them decorate their ovals with red and black markers to make ladybugs. Help them glue their ladybugs onto paper strips cut to fit around a finger. When the glue has dried, fasten the ends of each child's paper strip together to make a ring for wearing the ladybug puppet.

LIVE LADYBUGS

Ladybugs are prized by gardeners because they feed on unwanted insect pests, such as aphids. The little bugs are so popular that people often buy them to set free in their gardens. Ask at a local nursery if there is an outlet for ladybugs in your area, or check online references for live ladybugs. Then purchase an order of ladybugs for your family. When the bugs arrive, let the children help set them free in your garden and observe what happens.

LADYBUG SNACKS Try one of these snack ideas with your family

- Spread red jam on biscuit rounds and top with raisin "spots."
- Decorate round cookies with red frosting. For spots, add chocolate chips.

