

# Perry Public Library Storytime

## It's Egg Time!



### **Stories we shared:**

Owen's Marshmallow Chick: by Kevin Henkes  
Max's Chocolate Chicken: by Rosemary Wells

Painted Eggs and Chocolate Bunnies: by Toni Parker

### **Other books you may enjoy sharing:**

Easter Mice: by Bethany Roberts  
Easter Parade: by Mary Chalmers  
Spot's First Easter: by Eric Hill  
Big Fat hen: by Keith Baker  
Happy Easter Biscuit! By Alyssa Capucilli  
Pooh and the Easter Egg Hunt: by Isabel Gaines  
Peter Cottontail: by Karen Schmidt  
Legend of the Easter Egg: by Lori Walburg  
Peter Cottontail's Easter Book: by Lulu Delacre  
Clifford's Happy Easter: by Norman Bridwell  
Home for a bunny: by Margaret Wise Brown  
It's not easy being a bunny: by Marilyn Sadler  
Are you asleep rabbit? by Alison Campbell  
Humbug rabbit: by Lorna Balian  
The Dumb Bunnies Easter: by Dav Pilkey  
A rabbit for Easter: by Carol Carrick  
Big bunny and the Easter eggs: by Steven Kroll  
The Golden Egg: by Maggie Kneen  
I need an Easter egg! By Harriet Ziefert

Minerva Louise and the Colorful Eggs: by Janet Stoeke  
Easter Egg Farm: by Mary Jane Auch  
My First Easter: by Tomie DePaola  
The bunny who found Easter: by Charlotte Zolotow  
Corduroy's Easter party  
Our Easter Book: by Jane Moncure  
The Magic Babushka: by Phyllis Tildes  
The Bird's Gift: by Eric Kimmel  
The night before Easter: by Natasha Wing  
Chicken Sunday: by Patricia Polacco  
Runaway bunny: by Margaret Wise Brown  
The very bad bunny: by Marilyn Sadler  
Clifford's first Easter: by Norman Bridwell  
Silly Egg: by Nancy Reese  
Easter Egg Artists: by Adrienne Adams  
The April Rabbits: by David Cleveland  
Silly Tilly and the Easter Bunny: by Lillian Hoban  
Happy Easter Maisy: by Lucy Cousins  
Max Counts His Chickens: by Rosemary Wells



### **Early Literacy Extras:**

-  Talk about the word "Rabbit" sound out the different parts of the word "ra-bit"  
– 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 words like "Easter, candy, chocolate, jelly bean."
-  Help your child think of words that rhyme with "candy" like "handy, sandy, dandy, Andy" – make up silly rhymes with these words. Try rhyming "spring" bring, thing, sing, ring, wing, king, string, sting too!
-  Help your child think of words that start with the long "E"- sound (eat, evening, ear) and the short "E" sound (egg, elbow)
-  Help your child think of other Easter words (bonnet, basket, bunny, dye, coloring)
-  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. Songs and rhymes will also help your child to identify patterns, like rhyming words, which will help them learn to read. Try the songs and rhymes on the following pages.
-  Look at the treats in the Easter basket with your child. Count them and sort them by flavor, shape, color, and by size. Noticing these differences helps in learning the different shapes of letters and numbers.
-  Learn new names for colors by reading the color names on crayons. These creative and unusual names are a great vocabulary booster.

## ***Songs and rhymes to share:***

### **Little Easter Rabbit**

Little Easter rabbit goes hop hop hop  
(hop hand)  
See how his ears go flop flop flop  
(put hands on head like ears)  
See how his eyes go blink blink blink  
(point to eyes and blink)  
See how his nose goes twink twink twink  
(wiggle nose)  
Pet his white coat so soft and furry  
(pretend to pet bunny)  
Hop hop hop he's off in a hurry!  
(hop hand away)

### **Here is a Bunny**

Here is a bunny  
With ears so funny (hold up 2 fingers)  
And here is his hole in the ground  
(make O shape with hand)  
When a noise he hears, he perks up his ears  
(make finger ears jump)  
And runs to his hole in the ground  
(put ears in hole)

### **Ten Fluffy Chicks**

Five eggs (hold up 5 fingers)  
And five eggs (hold up 5 more fingers)  
That makes ten  
Sitting on top is the mother hen  
(lock fingers, knuckles up)  
Crack, crack, crack, what do I see? (wiggle fingers apart)  
Ten baby chicks as yellow as can be (hold up 10 fingers)

### **Eggs**

Eggs come in many sizes  
Eggs hold some big surprises  
Speckled, brown, white, or blue  
Eggs hold babies that are new  
Chicks from eggs are fluffy yellow  
Chicks from eggs are funny fellows!

### **Two Easter Baskets**

Two Easter baskets under a tree  
One for you (hold up right fist)  
And one for me (hold up left fist)  
I peeked in one basket (pretend to peek in basket)  
And what did I see?  
A new baby chick smiling at me! (pop thumb out of fist)  
Then I looked in the other (peek in other basket)  
And what do you think?  
Out popped a bunny (pop thumb out of other fist)  
Quick as a wink!

### **Little Bunny**

There was a little bunny  
Who lived in the wood (make finger ears)  
He wiggled his ears  
Like a good bunny should (wiggle fingers)  
He hopped by a squirrel (hop fingers)  
He hopped by a tree  
He hopped by a duck  
And he hopped by me!  
He winked at the squirrel (point to eye)  
He winked at the tree  
He winked at the duck  
But he made faces at me! (wiggle nose)

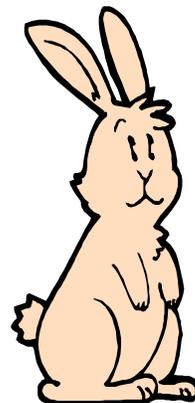
### **Mr. Rabbit**

Mr. Rabbit has a habit  
That is very cute to see  
He wrinkles up and crinkles up  
His little nose at me!

### **Easter Bunny Hippity Hop**

*Sung to Pop! Goes The Weasel*

Easter bunny, hippity hop  
Hide 'til Easter morning  
Easter bunny, hippity hop  
UP! Pops the bunny



### **Easter Fingerplay**

Five little Easter eggs, lovely colors wore  
Mother ate the blue one, then there were four  
Four little Easter eggs, two and two you see  
Daddy ate the red one, then there were three  
Three little Easter eggs, before I knew  
Sister ate the yellow one, then there were two  
Two little Easter egg, Oh what fun  
Brother ate the purple one, then there was one  
One little Easter egg, see me run  
I ate the last one, and then there were none

### **Easter Bunny Chant**

Funny little bunny  
Sat on a stump  
Flicked his floppy little ears  
And then he gave a jump!



### **Rabbit Has No Tail At All**

Rabbit has no tail at all  
Tail at all, tail at all  
Rabbit has no tail at all  
Just a powder puff  
His ears are longer than his tail  
Than his tail, than his tail  
His ears are longer than his tail  
It's just a powder puff

### **Did You Ever See A Bunny?**

*Song - Sung to Did You Ever See A Lassie?*

Did you ever see a bunny, a bunny, a bunny  
Did you ever see a bunny that hops so slow  
He hops, and hops, and hops, and hops  
Did you ever see a bunny that hops so slow

*- Additional Verses:*

That hops so fast  
That hops backwards  
That hops on one foot

### **Easter Bunny**

*Sung to Ten Little Indians*

Hop along little Easter bunny  
Hop along little Easter bunny  
Hop along little Easter bunny  
Hop along your way  
Hide all the eggs and Easter candy  
Hide all the eggs and Easter candy  
Hide all the eggs and Easter candy  
Hop along your way

### **Easter Eggs**

*tune: Jingle Bells*

Easter eggs, Easter eggs  
Eggs of orange and blue.  
Here' are lots of colored eggs  
All for me and you.  
Chocolate eggs colored brown,  
Jelly beans bright green  
Aren't these the nicest eggs  
That you have ever seen?

### **Hippety Hop** *(sing while hopping around)*

Hip, hip, hippety hop  
Hippety, hippety, hop  
We'll hop around the room today  
Until it's time to stop  
*(stop hopping, pause, and sing again!)*

## Bunny, Bunny

Bunny, white bunny

*(Place pointer fingers beside head)*

With ears so tall.

And your two pink eyes

And a mouth so small. *(Make O with mouth)*

Wiggle goes one ear. *(Wiggle one finger)*

Wiggle goes the other. *(Wiggle other finger)*

Hop, hop, hop, hop Home to your mother! *(Hop away in four hops)*

## I Had an Easter Bunny

I had an Easter bunny. *(Hold up one finger)*

One day she ran away. *(make fingers "run")*

I looked for her by moonlight. *(Hand shading eyes)*

I looked for her by day.

I found her in the meadow

With her babies 1, 2, 3.

So now I have four rabbit pets

To run and jump with me!

## Jelly Bean Countdown

*(Use jelly beans of 5 different colors)*

5 little jelly beans, I wish I had more! I'll eat the *(color)* one - Now there are four!

4 little jelly beans, tasty as can be. I'll eat the *(color)* one - Now there are 3!

3 little jelly beans, only a few. I'll eat the *(color)* one - Now there are 2!

2 little jelly beans, eating them is fun. I'll eat the *(color)* one - Now there is one.

1 little jelly bean, the last one for me. I'll eat the *(color)* one - I'm as happy as can be!

\* *you can also say this rhyme counting colored Easter eggs*

## Finding a Treat

Hippy hop, hippity hop.

Will the Easter Bunny stop?

Will he leave a treat behind,

An Easter basket for me to find?

I'll look over here, I'll look over there,

I'll look behind things, I'll look everywhere

I'll look until I find my treat,

And then I'll sit right down and eat.

## See the Easter Bunny

*Tune - Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush*

See how the bunny hops along, hops along, hops along.

See how the bunny hops along, *(children crouch and hop)*

On an Easter morning.

This is the way he wiggles his nose, wiggles his nose, wiggles his nose

This is the way he wiggles his nose, *(children wiggle nose)*

On an Easter morning.

This is the way he flops his ears. *(waggle hands above head).....etc..*

This is the way he flops his tail *(wave hand behind you) ...etc*

## Egg Poem

Eggs come in many sizes.

Eggs hold some big surprises,

Speckled, brown, white, or blue.

Eggs hold babies that are new.

Chicks from eggs are fluffy yellow,

Chicks from eggs are funny fellows!

## Easter Hat

I'll make a pretty Easter hat,

To wear at Easter time

I'll put some flowers on it,

And a bow will make it fine.

We'll fasten on some ribbons,

All pretty pink and blue,

Then we'll take a picture,

And I'll give it to you.

