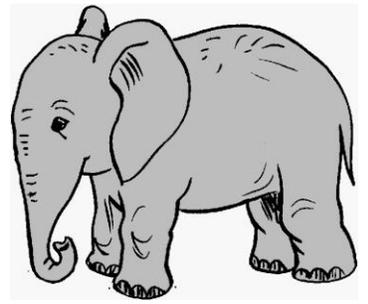


Perry Public Library Story Time



Elephants! Elephants!

Stories we shared:

I Love My Mama Kavanagh, Peter
Dancing Feet! Craig, Lindsey

Elephants Can Paint, Too!

Arnold, Katya

Other books you may enjoy sharing:

With A Little Help from Daddy	Andreasen, Dan
Elephant in the Bathtub	Andres, Kristina
Hiding Phil	Barclay, Eric
Monkey See Monkey Draw	Beard, Alex
Babar's Yoga for Elephants	Brunhoff, Laurent
Ed and Kip	Chorao, Kay
The Little Elephant With the Big Earache	Cowan, C.
Dumbo	Disney
The Biggest Animal on Land	Fowler, Allan
Tua and the Elephant	Harris, R. P.
Oliver	Hoff, Syd
Petal and Poppy and the Penguin	Jahn-Clough, Lisa
How to Cheer up Dad	Koehler, Fred
Hurty Feelings	Lester, Helen
Elephants on Board	MacDonald, Suse
Great Migrations - Elephants	Marsh, Laura F. Book
Five Minutes' Peace	Murphy, Jill
The Thingamabob	Na, Il Sung
Elephants Calling	Payne, Katharine
Emma Kate	Polacco, Patricia
Horton Hears a Who	Seuss, Dr.
The Right Number of Elephants	Sheppard, Jeff
African Elephants	Smith, Roland
Elephant & Piggie series	Willems, Mo
Seven Blind Mice	Young, Ed

Little Elephants	Base, Graeme
Babar	Brunhoff, Jean
Tug-of-war	Burningham, John
Maisy Makes Lemonade	Cousins, Lucy
Elephants	Dudley, Karen
Laura Charlotte	Galbraith, Kathryn
Can You Move Like An Elephant?	Hindley, Judy
Petal and Poppy	Jahn-Clough, Lisa
I Took My Frog to the Library	Kimmel, Eric
Ollie - The Purple Elephant	Krosoczka, Jarrett
Meet Me at the Moon	Marino, Gianna Book
Monkey With A Tool Belt and the Noisy Problem	Monroe, C.
Hide & Seek	Na, Il Sung
Engelbert the Elephant	Paxton, Tom
The Ant and the Elephant	Peet, Bill
The Song of the Zubble-wump	Rabe, Tish
Horton Hatches an Egg	Seuss, Dr.
Circus Caps for Sale	Slobodkina, Esphyr
Elephants	Stewart, Melissa
Elephant Joe, Brave Knight!	Wojtowycz, David
Cousins of Clouds - Elephant Poems	Zimmer, Tracie



Early Literacy Extras:

- ☸ Talk about the word "Elephant" sound out the different parts of the word "el-e-phant" – 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 "monkey, jungle, crocodile."

- ☸ Help your child think of words that start with the "short E"- "Eh" sound as in elephant (egg, elbow, elevator, engine, empty, envelope, energy, explore, exercise) and the "long E"- "Ee" sound (eat, each, evening, eagle, ear, eat, email, east, even, eel). Help them listen for the differences.
- ☸ Very young children are fascinated by books featuring infants, baby animals, and facial expressions. However, it isn't really the book that builds early literacy skills, it's how the book is used. Be enthusiastic and get your child involved when reading books together. You will both enjoy this special time you share together!
- ☸ 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.

Songs and rhymes to share:

Ernest was an Elephant: by A. A. Milne

Ernest was an elephant, a great big fellow
(round arms in front of tummy)
Leonard was a lion, with a six foot tail
(hold arms out wide)
George was a goat, and his beard was yellow
(stroke pretend beard on chin)
And James was a very small snail
(hold out thumb and index finger like pinching)

Way Down South

Way down south where bananas grow
A grasshopper stepped on an elephant's toe
The elephant said, with tears in his eyes,
"Pick on somebody your own size!"

One Elephant by Sharon, Lois and Bram

One elephant went out to play
Upon a spider's web one day
She had such enormous fun
That she called for another elephant to come
...repeat with two, three, four ..etc.

The Elephant

The elephant has a trunk for a nose,
And up and down is the way it goes;
He wears such a saggy, baggy hide;
Do you think two elephants would fit inside?

Elephant by Iram Khan

(to the tune of "Here we go 'round the Mulberry Bush")

This is the elephant's tail so thin,
Tail so thin, tail so thin,
This is the elephant's tail so thin,
Swish, swish, swish.

These are the elephant's feet so huge,
Feet so huge, feet so huge,
These are the elephant's feet so huge,
Stomp, stomp, stomp.

This is the elephant's nose so long,
Nose so long, nose so long,
This is the elephant's nose so long,
Blow, blow, blow.

These are the animals all around,
All around, all around,
These are the animals all around,
Run, run, run!

What A Nose!

An elephant stomps like this and that(stomp feet)
He's terribly big (hands up high)
And he's terribly fat (hands out wide)
He has big ears (hands by ears)
And he has big toes (touch toes)
And goodness gracious! What a nose!
(hold arms together and swing like a trunk)

Eletelephony by Laura E. Richards

Once there was an elephant
Who tried to use the telephant
No! No! I mean an elephone
Who tried to use the telephone
Dear me! I am not certain quite
That even now I've got it right
However it was, he got his trunk
Entangled in the telephunk
The more he tried to get it free
The louder buzzed the telephee
I fear I'd better drop the song
Of elephop and telephong!

An Elephant by Iram Khan

An elephant is fat and strong,
His trunk is very, very long,
His tail and ears flap bugs away,
And keep him cool on hot, hot days.

Say Elephant in Sign Language!

Put the back of your hand against your nose, then wave it up and down towards the floor

