



# Perry Public Library Storytime

## A Little Monkey Business



### **Stories we shared:**

Ten naughty Little Monkeys / Suzanne Williams  
Naughty Little Monkeys / Jim Aylesworth

Monkey and Me / by Emily Gravett  
More Spaghetti I Say! / by Rita Gelman

### **More stories to share:**

Good Night Monkey Boy: by Jarrett Krosoczka  
Curious George (series) / H.A. Rey  
What time is it Mr. Crocodile? / Judy Sierra  
Chimp and Zee / Catherine Anholt  
Joseph wants to read / Fabienne Teyssède  
Monkey Business / David Martin  
Do Monkeys Tweet / Melanie Walsh  
Magic Monkey / Neil Morris  
At the Zoo / Paul Simon  
Day the teacher went bananas / James Howe  
10 little sock monkeys / William Winburn  
Five little monkeys / by E. Christelow  
Double those wheels / by Nancy Day  
Archie and the Pirates / by Marc Rosenthal  
What do you say when a monkey acts this way? / J. Moncure

Escape of Marvin the ape / Caralyn Buehner  
Koko's Kitten / Francine Patterson  
Wild about Books / Judy Sierra  
Busy Monkeys / John Schindel  
Tom and Pippo's Day/ by Helen Oxenbury  
Spunky Monkeys on Parade / Stuart Murphy  
Caps for Sale / Esphyr Slobodkina  
Monkey With a Tool Belt / Chris Monroe  
Good night gorilla / Peggy Rathman  
Monkey Business / Edward Wallace  
Monkeys are a lot like us / Allan Fowler  
Color Box : by Dayle Ann Dodds  
Kiki's Blankie / by Jane Bynum  
See Otto / David Milgrim



### **Early Literacy Extras:**

- Talk about the word “Monkey” sound out the different parts of the word “mon-key” – 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 “jungle, banana, silly, etc..”
- Help your child think of words that rhyme with “ape” like “shape, grape, tape, scrape” – make up silly rhymes with these words. Try rhyming “paw” too!
- Help your child think of words that start with the “M”- “muh” sound (mommy, money, more, mud,) or think of other animal names that start with “M” (moose, mouse, )
- Help your child think of other animals that live in trees (squirrels, birds, pandas)
- Read a book on apes, monkeys, or jungle animals and practice saying the unfamiliar names (baboon, orangutan, gorilla, hippopotamus, panther, lemur, sloth, rhinoceros, chameleon).
- Play “Monkey See - Monkey Do”: have your child copy your movements (hopping, tip-toe, marching, clapping, waving, etc.) – let your child be the leader too.
- 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:**

### **Five Little Monkeys**

Five little monkeys jumping on the bed  
(*bounce fingers on opposite palm*)

One fell off and bumped his (or her) head  
(*tap head*)

Mama called the doctor and the doctor said...  
(*pretend to talk on the phone*)

"No more monkeys jumping on the bed!"  
(*shake index finger*)

also... 5 little monkeys sitting in a tree,  
teasing Mr. Crocodile, "Can't catch me!"  
Along came Mr. Crocodile, quiet as can be,  
And SNAP!...(clap hands once loudly)  
4 little monkeys...

### **Monkey see, monkey do**

Monkey see, monkey do,

Little monkey in the zoo

Monkey, monkey, in the tree.

Can you jump around like me?

Also ...swing your tail, clap your hands,  
nod your head, etc.

### **Pop Goes the Weasel**

All around the Cobbler's bench

The monkey chased the weasel.

The monkey thought 'twas all in fun.

Pop! Goes the weasel (*jump or lift baby up high*)

All around the mulberry bush

The monkey chased the weasel.

In and out and 'round about

Pop! Goes the weasel (*jump or lift baby up high*)

A penny for a spool of thread

A penny for a needle

That's the way the money goes

Pop! Goes the weasel (*jump or lift baby up high*)

Half a pound of tupenny rice

Half a pound of treacle

Mix it up and make it nice

Pop! Goes the weasel (*jump or lift baby up high*)

The painter needs a ladder and brush

The artist needs an easel

The dancer needs a fiddler's two

Pop! Goes the weasel (*jump or lift baby up high*)

I've no time to wait or sigh

I've no time to wheedle

Kiss me quick, I'm off - "goodbye!" (*give a kiss*)

Pop! Goes the weasel (*jump or lift baby up high*)

### **Little monkeys swinging in the tree**

Little monkeys swinging in the tree,

All hold hands and swing with me

Swing up high and swing down low,

Swing in the tree, now don't let go!

Swing, swing, like I do.

Swing like monkeys in the zoo

### **Three Little Monkeys**

Three little monkeys sitting in a tree

(*hold up 3 fingers*)

Eating bananas just like me

(*pretend to eat a banana*)

One had a frown (*make a frown face*)

One had a grin (*make a smile*)

One had banana all over his chin! (*rub chin*)

### **What can a monkey see from a tree?**

(*sing to "Skip to My Lou"*)

What can a monkey see from a tree?

What can a monkey see from a tree?

What can a monkey see from a tree?

It can see ----- from a tree. (*have child fill in the blank*)

