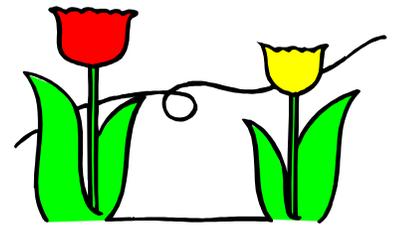


# Perry Public Library Storytime



## Spring is Here!

### **Stories we shared:**

Flowers and Showers: by Rebecca Davis  
Mouse's First Spring: by Lauren Thompson

My Spring Robin: by Ann Rockwell

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

Rabbit's Good News: by Ruth Bornstein  
Come to the Meadow: by Anna Hines  
It's Spring: by Linda Glaser  
Splosh: by Mick Inkpen  
Jack's Garden: by Henry Cole  
When Spring Comes: by Natalie Kinsey-Warnock  
Simon Welcomes Spring: by Giles Tibb  
One Step Two: by Charlotte Zolotow  
Listen to the rain: by Bill Martin Jr.  
Winter's Child: by Mary Whittington  
Growing Colors: by Bruce McMillan  
The Gardener: by Sarah Stewart  
Titch: by Pat Hutchins  
Planting a rainbow: by Lois Ehlert  
In my Mother's Garden: by Melissa Madenski  
In a spring garden: by Richard Lewis  
Everything Grows: by Raffi  
Spring is here: by Jane Moncure

Spring is here: by Taro Gomi  
It's Spring: by Samantha Berger  
Countdown to spring: by Janet Schulman  
In the tall tall grass: by Denise Flemming  
This Year's Garden: by Cynthia Rylant  
First comes spring: by Anne Rockwell  
A Springtime walk: by Lucille Wood  
It could still be a flower: by Allan Fowler  
How do you know it's spring? By Allan Fowler  
Flower Garden: by Eve Bunting  
Miss Emma's Wild Garden: by Anna Hines  
The day the daisies danced: by Dee Lillegard  
The carrot seed: by Ruth Kraus  
The Tiny Seed: by Eric Carle  
Magic School bus plants seeds: by Joanna Cole  
Growing Vegetable Soup: by Lois Ehlert  
How my garden grew: by Anne Rockwell  
Mother Earth: by Nancy Luenn



### **Early Literacy Extras:**

- ☼ Talk about the word "Flower" sound out the different parts of the word "flow-er"  
– 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 "robin, sunshine, rabbit, and rainbow."
- ☼ Help your child think of words that rhyme with "spring" like "bring, thing, sing, ring, wing, king, string, sting"  
– make up silly rhymes with these words. Try rhyming "flower" too!
- ☼ Help your child think of words that start with the "Sp" - "Spuh" sound (spot, spill, spring, space, spider, sponge, spoon, spool, spine, sparkle, sparrow, spatula)
- ☼ Help your child think of other spring time words (sunny, warm, flowers, thaw, blooms, breeze, shower,)
- ☼ 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 outside for spring flowers starting to bloom with your child. Count them by shape, by color, by size. Noticing these differences helps in learning the different shapes of letters and numbers.
- ☼ Learn the names of the flowers and other plants in your yard, at the park, in your neighborhood. Learning these names is a great way to expand your child's vocabulary!
- ☼ 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:**

### **Watch it Bloom**

Here is a green leaf (hold out one palm)  
And here is a green leaf (hold out other palm)  
That, you see, makes two. (hold up 2 fingers)  
Here is a bud (cup hands together)  
That makes a flower (slowly open hands)  
Watch it bloom for you! (slowly open hands)

### **Cheer up!**

The robin came and sang cheer-up, cheer-up, cheer-up  
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The robin came and sang cheer-up, cheer-up, cheer-up  
Spring is here spring is in the air!

### **Christopher Robin** by A. A. Milne

Christopher Robin goes hoppity, hoppity  
Hoppity, hoppity, hop (*hop fingers on palm*)  
Whenever I tell him politely to stop (*shake finger*)  
He says he can't possibly stop (*shake head "no"*)  
If he stopped hopping  
He couldn't go anywhere (*shake head "no"*)  
Poor little Christopher Robin  
Couldn't go anywhere (*shrug shoulders*)  
That's why he always goes  
Hoppity, hoppity  
Hoppity, hoppity, hop (*hop fingers on palm*)

### **Rain Rain** (*sing to "Row Row Row Your Boat"*)

Rain rain falling down (*flutter fingers down*)  
Falling on the ground  
Pitter patter pitter patter  
What a lovely sound!

### **Two Little Blue Birds** by Jean Warren

Two little blue birds (*hold up 2 fingers*)  
Up in a tree  
Built a nest (*rest fingers on other curved palm*)  
For all to see.  
Along came the babies,  
One, two, three. (*hold up 3 more fingers*)  
Now they're all  
A happy family! (*wiggle all 5 fingers*)

### **Flowers, flowers everywhere** by Jean Warren

*Tune: "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star"*

Flowers, flowers everywhere,  
In the garden, in my hair.  
In the vase, at the store,  
On the table, on the door.  
What a lovely time of year,  
Flowers blooming, bringing cheer.

### **Flower Fingerplay**

A hand is a bud  
Closed up tight (*close hand into a fist*)  
Without a tiny  
Speck of light.  
Then slowly the petals  
Open for me (*slowly open hand, one finger at a time*)  
And here is a beautiful  
Flower I see!

### **Planting Time** (*to the tune of "Row Row Your Boat"*)

Dig, dig, dig the earth (pretend to dig)  
Then you plant your seeds (pretend to plant)  
A gentle rain (fingers flutter down)  
The bright sunshine (arms circle overhead)  
And flowers you will see (open arms wide)

### **Little Robin Redbreast**

Little robin redbreast  
Sat upon a rail  
Niddle noodle went his head (nod head)  
Wiggle waggle went his tail (shake tail)

### **Little Birdie**

I saw a little birdie go hop, hop, hop  
(*hop fingers on palm*)  
I asked that little birdie to stop, stop, stop  
(*hold up hand, palm out*)  
I went to the window to say "how do you do?"  
(*wave hello*)  
But he shook his little tail (*wiggle bottom*)  
And away he flew! (*flap arms*)

### **Rain is Falling**

The rain is falling down (*flutter fingers down*)  
Splash! (*clap hands once loudly*)  
The rain is falling down (*flutter fingers down*)  
Splash! (*clap hands once loudly*)  
Pitter patter pitter patter (*flutter fingers down*)  
The rain is falling down (*flutter fingers down*)  
Splash! (*clap hands once loudly*)

### **Wind Wind** by Elizabeth Scofield

*Tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat"*

Wind, wind, blow the clouds  
Fast across the sky.  
Blow the branches back and forth  
In the trees so high.

### **Colors in the Air** by Jean Warren

Once I hung some ribbons, high up in a tree.  
I hung them on branches, for everyone to see.  
They were so very pretty, with colors everywhere.  
Now when it is windy, there are colors in the air.

### **Hats Are Blowing** by Jean Warren

*Tune: "Frere Jacques"*

Hats are blowing,  
Hats are blowing,  
In the air  
Everywhere  
Every time the wind blows,  
Someone's hat, away it goes.  
Hold on tight  
And you'll be all right!

### **Pussy Willow**

I have a pussy willow, her coat is silver grey  
She lives down in the meadow, not very far away  
Now she may be a pussy, but she'll never be a cat  
For she's a pussy willow, now what do you think of that!  
Meow, meow, meow, meow, meow, meow, ....scat!

# Handprint Tulips

This is a wonderful craft for kids who like to get messy.



## Materials you will need for the tulips are:

- white paper (we used construction paper)
- green finger paint and red finger paint (or pink, white or yellow...)

## Directions:

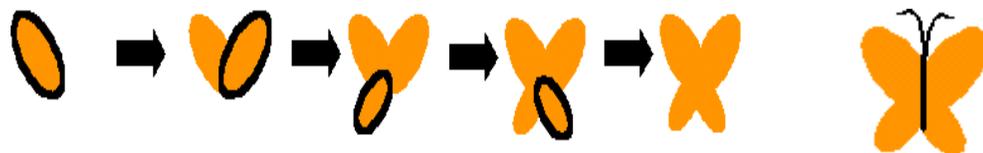
■ Dip the forearm (from elbow to wrist) in green finger paint. If you don't have a tray big enough to accommodate this, just paint the finger paint onto the forearm with a paintbrush.

■ Press the arm down 3 or 4 times onto a sheet of white paper (construction paper works great!) to make the stems of the tulips

■ Now dip the hand (excluding the thumb) into red finger paint and stamp on top of the stems (holding the thumb up) to make the tulip flowers.

■ Keep the fingers close together.

■ You can add fingerprint green stems, thumbprint green grass, thumbprint caterpillars and thumbprint butterflies...



With a black marker draw a body and antennae

