



# Perry Public Library Storytime



## Sunflowers are for the Birds

### **Stories we shared:**

Max Loves Sunflowers: by Ken Wilson-Max  
The Surprise Garden: by Zoe Hall  
The Reason for a Flower: by Ruth Heller

The Missing Sunflowers: by Maggie Stern  
Feathers for Lunch: by Lois Ehlert

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

Flower Garden: by Eve Bunting  
It Could Still Be a Bird: by Allan Fowler  
How my garden grew: by Anne Rockwell  
In a spring garden: by Richard Lewis  
Planting a rainbow: by Lois Ehlert  
Everything grows: by Raffi  
Why do birds sing? by Chris Arvetis  
Crinkleroot's guide to knowing the birds: J.Arnosky  
Robin at hickory street: by Dana Rau  
This year's garden: by Cynthia Rylant  
Owl Babies: by Martin Waddell  
Berentsain Bears Grow-it: by Stan Berenstain

Parable of the Sunflower: by Liz Higgs  
Plants (What's Inside Series)  
Titch: by Pat Hutchins  
The carrot seed: by Ruth Kraus  
The Tiny Seed: by Eric Carle  
Where do birds live? by Ron Hirschi  
Stellaluna: by Janell Cannon  
Songbirds: by Alice Flanagan  
Magic School bus plants seeds: by Joanna Cole  
Flowers, Fruits, Seeds: by Jerome Wexler  
Outside the window: by Anna Smucker  
What happens when flowers grow? by Daphne Butler

### **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 two fingers)  
Here is a bud (cup hands together)  
That makes a flower (slowly open hands)  
Watch it bloom for you! (open hands wide)

#### **Little Robin Redbreast**

Little robin redbreast  
Sat upon a rail  
Niddle noodle went his head  
(nod head side to side)  
Wiggle waggle went his tail  
(wiggle bottom)

#### **Little Birdie**

I saw a little birdie go hop, hop, hop  
(hop hand)  
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 hand)  
But he shook his little tail  
(wiggle bottom)  
And away he flew! (flap arms)

#### **Five Little Sunflowers**

Five little sunflowers, growing in the ground (crouch down)  
Five little sunflowers yellow and brown  
The sun began to shine - The rain began to fall (arms over head - fingers flutter down)  
And the five little sunflowers grew up tall (pretend to grow - stretch arms up - stand on tiptoe)

#### **Two Little Blackbirds**

Two little blackbirds sitting on a hill  
(hide hands behind back)  
One named Jack, and the other named Jill  
(bring out thumbs one at a time)  
Fly away Jack, fly away Jill  
(hide thumbs one at a time)  
Come back Jack, come back Jill  
(bring out thumbs again)  
*-British version-*  
Two little dicky birds sitting on a wall  
One named Peter, and the other named Paul  
Fly away Peter, fly away Paul  
Come back Peter, come back Paul

#### **Five Pretty Sunflowers** (hold up 5 fingers)

Five pretty sunflowers standing in the sun  
Now their heads are nodding (bend fingers)  
And bowing one by one  
Down, down, down, down  
Comes the gentle rain  
(raise hands, then lower,  
wiggling fingers)  
And the five pretty sunflowers  
Lift up their heads again  
(raise up 5 fingers)