



Perry Public Library Storytime

Yee Haw!



Stories we shared:

That's Not My Pony: by Fiona Watt
One Good Horse : by Ann Herbert Scott

Cowboy Small: by Lois Lenski

Other books you may enjoy sharing:

Rodeo Cowgirl / Alison Inches
A brown cow / Bijou Le Tord
Cowboy / David Murdoch
Cowboys / Lucille Penner
The Gingerbread Cowboy / Janet Squires
The Dirty Cowboy / Amy Timberlake
The Toughest Cowboy / John Frank
Cowboy Camp / Tammi Sauer
A Wild Cowboy / Smith, Danna
Cowboy Up! / Larry Dane Brimmer
Apples to Oregon / Deborah Hopkinson
B Is for Buckaroo! / Gleaves Whitney
The Dinosaur Tamer / Carol Greathouse
Ollie Jolly, Rodeo Clown / Jo Harper
Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa / Erica Silverman
Born to be a cowgirl / Candace Savage
Cattle Kids / Cat Urbigkit
Meanwhile Back at the Ranch / Trinka Noble

Why Cowboys Sleep with Their Boots on / Laurie Knowlton
Going West, Cowboys & Pioneers / M. Courtault
Cowboys / Martin Sandler
Cowboy & Octopus / Jon Scieszka
The Legend of Ninja Cowboy Bear / David Bruins
Every Cowgirl Needs a Horse / Rebecca Janni
I Want to Be a Cowboy
A Cowboy Christmas / Audrey Wood
The Cowboy and the Black-eyed Pea / Tony Johnston
Scooby-doo! and the Phantom Cowboy / Jesse McCann
Jess and the Stinky Cowboys / Janice Lee Smith
Yippee-yay! / Gail Gibbons
Sixteen Cows / Lisa Wheeler
The One That Got Away / Percival Everett
I want to be a cowgirl / Jeanne Willis
Cowgirl Rosie and her five baby bison / Stephen Gulbis
Lasso Lou and Cowboy McCoy / Barbara Failing



Early Literacy Extras:

- Talk about the words “cowboy” and “cowgirl” sound out the different parts of the word “cow-boy” – 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 “rancher, lasso, horses.”

- Help your child think of other compound words like “rainbow, footprint, keyboard, railroad, rattlesnake, and grasshopper.” Say them in parts and then together, clapping out the sounds.
- Help your child think of words that rhyme with “cow” like “bow, sow, now, how, plow” – make up silly rhymes with these words. Try rhyming “boy” too!
- Help your child think of words that start with the “C”- “kuh” sound (cat, cake, candy, cookie, camera, calendar, cup)
- Help your child think of other types of other animals that you might find on a ranch (coyote, rattlesnake, bison, steer). Learning these unusual names is a great way to expand your child’s vocabulary!
- Very young children are fascinated by books featuring animals. Remember, it isn’t just the book that builds early literacy skills; it’s how the book is used. Be enthusiastic and get your child involved when choosing and reading books together. The library has a wide variety of animal books. 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 below.

Songs and rhymes we shared:

This Little Cow (count on fingers)

This little cow eats grass
 This little cow eats hay
 This little cow looks over the hedge
 This little cow runs away
 And this BIG cow does nothing at all (touch thumb)
 But lie in the fields all day! (lay thumb down)

The Farmer

Here is the farmer
 What does he do?
 He feeds the cows
 And milks them too
 Chickens and pigs
 Horses and sheep
 He puts in the barn
 So they can sleep

Five Spotted Cows (count on fingers)

Five spotted cows standing in a line.
 The first one said, "I'm feeling fine!"
 The second one said, "How do you do?"
 The third one said, "Moo! Moo! Moo!"
 The fourth cow said, "I'm grazing in this grass."
 The fifth cow said, "I'm getting full at last."
 The cows stood together and said, "We are through.
 So let's take a bow and all say MOOOOO!"

Western Animals Song

The coyotes on the prairie go.
 Howl, howl, howl.
 Howl, howl, howl.
 Howl, howl, howl.
 The coyotes on the prairie go,
 Howl, howl, howl.
 All day long.

The rattlesnakes on the prairie go,
 Rattle, rattle, rattle,....

The horses on the prairie go,
 Neigh, neigh, neigh,....

The cows on the prairie go,
 Moo, moo, moo....

The jackrabbits on the prairie go,
 Jump, jump, jump...

Cows

Here is the barn (form roof with fingertips together)
 So big you see
 In walk the cows
 One, two, three (hold up 3 fingers one at a time)
 Soon there'll be milk (pretend to drink from a glass)
 For you and me (point to others and self)

I'm a Little Cowboy (to the tune of I'm a Little Teapot)

I'm a little cowboy
 Here is my hat (touch head)
 Here are my spurs (touch heels)
 And here are my chaps (touch legs)
 As soon as I get up, (stretch up high)
 I work all day.
 I get on my horse, (swing leg over pretend saddle)
 And ride away. (gallop around the room)

Five Little Cowboys (count on fingers)

This little cowboy rode into town.
 This little cowboy stayed home.
 This little cowboy ate some beans.
 This little cowboy had none.
 This little cowboy yelled "Yeehaw!"
 All the way home

Five Little Ponies (count on fingers)

Five little ponies, tan, brown and gray.
 Down to the meadow, they went to play.
 The first one said, "Let's roll in this field."
 The second one said, "Let's kick up our heels!"
 The third one said, "Let's run, run, run!"
 The fourth one said, "That sounds like fun!"
 The fifth pony said, "I'd like some hay."
 So the five little ponies galloped away.
 (run fingers away behind your back)