



Perry Public Library Storytime

Shhh...The Bears are Sleeping

Stories we shared:

Bear Snores On: by Karma Wilson
In The Snow: by Sharon Denslow

Sleepy Bear: by Lydia Dabcovich

Other books you may enjoy sharing:

We're going on a bear hunt: by Michael Rosen
Every Autumn Comes the Bear: by Jim Arnosky
Little Fern's First Winter: by Jane Simmons
When Will it be Spring? By Catherine Walters
Jamberry: by Bruce Degen
The Three Bears: by Paul Galdone
Lost! by David McPhail
Deep in the forest: by Brinton Turkle
Bertie and the bear: by Pamela Allen
Two bear cubs: by Ann Jonas
Berlioz the bear: by Jan Brett
Let's go home little bear: by Martin Waddell
Big bad Bruce: by Bill Peet
It's the bear! by Jez Alborough
Bear Dance: by Chris Ridell
Corduroy: by Don Freeman
Valentine Bears: by Jan Brett
Animals in Winter: by Ronald Fisher
Deer at the Brook: by Jim Arnosky

Snow Bears: by Martin Waddell
The mitten: by Jan Brett
Bears: by Paul Stickland
A little bit of winter: by Paul Stewart
Dear Bear: by Joanna Harrison
Bear Shadow: by Frank Asch
When I'm Sleepy / by Jane Howard
The Bear who came to stay: by Allen Woodman
Bear Hunt: by Anthony Browne
Could it be? by Joanne Oppenheim
Good as new: by Barbara Douglas
Where's the bear: by Charlotte Pomerantz
The Bear: by Raymond Briggs
The bear that heard crying: by N. Kinesy-Warnock
Moondance: by Frank Asch
Mr. Bear's Chair: by Thomas Graham
Jesse Bear's Yum Yum Crumble: by Nancy White Carlstrom
Owl Babies: by Martin Waddell
Creatures of the Woods: by Toni Eugene



Early Literacy Extras:

- ✓ Talk about the word "hibernate" sound out the different parts of the word "hi" "ber" "nate" – 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 "sleepy, winter, ,"
- ✓ Help your child think of words that rhyme with "bear" like "chair, care, stair, hair" – make up silly rhymes with these words. Try rhyming "den" and "sleep" too!
- ✓ Help your child find things that start with the "B"- "buh" sound (bed, bear, ball, baby, book, blocks) all around the house.
- ✓ Make a list with your child of all of the animals that sleep (hibernate) during the winter. Then, make a list of the ones that stay awake. You can write out the list, draw pictures, use photographs...etc. You can also talk about how some animals travel to warmer homes for the winter and then come back in the spring (migration).
- ✓ Talk with your child about how the weather changes from fall to winter and then winter to spring. Look outside, or walk outside and see if you can notice any of these changes together.
- ✓ 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:

Time for Sleeping

Now its time for sleeping
The bears go in their caves
Keeping warm and cozy
Time for lazy days
When the snow is gone
And the sun comes out to play
The bears will wake up from their sleep
And then go on their way

Teddy Bear Teddy Bear

(suit actions to words)

Teddy bear teddy bear turn around
Teddy bear teddy bear touch the ground
Teddy bear teddy bear reach up high
Teddy bear teddy bear touch the sky
Teddy bear teddy bear show your shoe
Teddy bear teddy bear I Love you (big hug)
Teddy bear teddy bear turn out the light
Teddy bear teddy bear say goodnight
-make up your own verses!-

The North Wind Doth Blow

The north wind doth blow and we shall have snow
And what will poor Robin do then?
He'll sit in a barn and keep himself warm
And hide his head 'neath his wing

(flutter fingers)
(shrug shoulders)
(hug self)
(arm over head)

Honey Bears *(count on fingers)*

This little honey bear was playing peek-a-boo
Here is another, now there are two
Two little honey bears said "lets climb a tree"
Up came another, now there are three
Three little honey bears looking out the door
Along came another, now there are four
Four little honey bears found a beehive
Here comes another, now there are five!

A Little Brown Bear

A little brown bear, went in search of some honey
(shade eyes with hand)
Isn't it funny, a bear wanting honey?
(shrug shoulders)
He sniffed at the breeze
(lift head and pretend to sniff)
And listened for bees *(hold hand to ear)*
And wouldn't you believe it,
(shake index finger)
He even climbed trees! *(pretend to climb)*

The Bear

Here is a cave *(make a fist)*
Inside is a bear *(put thumb inside fist)*
Now he comes out *(pop out thumb)*
To get some fresh air
Snow covers the cave *(flutter fingers down)*
Like a fluffy white rug *(cover fist with other hand)*
Inside the bear sleeps *(tuck thumb in)*
All cozy and snug
When spring comes again
And the snow melts away *(take hand off fist)*
Out comes the bear *(pop thumb out)*
Ready to play!

Bears are Sleeping

(sing to "Frere Jacques")
Bears are sleeping
Bears are sleeping *(pretend to sleep)*
In their lairs
In their lairs
Soon it will be springtime
Soon it will be springtime
Wake up bears! *(pretend to wake up)*
Wake up bears!

Ten Bears In My Bed

(count on fingers)

Ten bears in my bed and the little one said
Roll over! Roll over! *(roll hands)*
So they all rolled over and one fell out
(drop one hand to the side)
Nine bears in my bed...
- repeat down to one-
One bear in my bed and the little one said
I'm lonely, come back!

Berries! *(count on fingers)*

One berry, two berries
Three berries, four!
Five berries, six berries
Seven berries, more!
Eight berries, nine berries
Ten berries, then.....
We count them all over again!
1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10!

The Bear Went Over The Mountain

The bear went over the mountain
The bear went over the mountain
The bear went over the mountain
To see what he could see
-name things he might see-
He saw a great big river
He saw a great big river
He saw a great big river
And that is what he saw

When Cold Winds Blow

When cold winds blow *(blow)*
And bring us snow *(flutter fingers down)*
What I like most *(point to self)*
Is to climb in bed *(pull up covers to chin)*
And hide my head *(pull covers over head)*
And sleep as warm as toast *(sleep head on hands)*

Here is a Bunny

Here is a bunny
With ears so funny (hold up 2 fingers)
And here is his hole in the ground
(other hand on hip, elbow out)
When a noise he hears, he perks up his ears
(make finger ears jump)
And runs to his hole in the ground
(put hand with ears in hole under arm)

Two Little Bear Cubs

Two little cubs went out to play (hold up 2 fists)
Over the hill and far away
(wave hand away from body)
They tumbled and rolled in the grass so sweet
(roll fists around each other)
They sniffed around for some honey to eat (sniff)
They went back home and curled up in a heap
(put fists together)
Then closed their eyes and went to sleep
(rest head on hands with eyes closed)

Color the Sleeping Bear!

