



# Perry Public Library Storytime



## Happy Valentine's Day!

### **Stories we shared:**

Guess How Much I Love You: by Sam McBratney  
Mouse's First Valentine: by Lauren Thompson

Lilly's chocolate heart: by Kevin Henkes

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

I love you just the way you are: by Virginia Miller  
Clifford I Love You: by Norman Bridwell  
Valentine's Day at the Zoo: by Nadine Westcott  
Sweet Hearts: by Jan Carr  
The day it rained hearts: by Felicia Bond  
The Kissing Monster: by Marion Bauer  
Little Mouse's Big Valentine: by Thacher Hurd  
Roses are pink your feet really stink: by D. deGroat  
One Zillion Valentines: by Frank Modell  
Happy Valentine's Day Emma: by J. Stevenson  
Valentine Mice: by Bethany Roberts  
Somebody Loves You Mr. Hatch: by Eileen Spinelli  
Valentine Bears: by Eve Bunting  
Happy Valentine's Day: by Carol Barkin  
Bee my valentine: by Miriam Cohen  
Valentine friends: by Ann Schweninger  
It's Valentine's Day! by Jack Prelutsky  
Bumpety Bump: by Kathy Henderson  
Clifford's First Valentine's Day: by N. Bridwell  
Lots of Hearts: by Maryann Cocca-Leffler  
The Very Special Valentine: by Maggie Keen

Hugs and Hearts: by Toni Parker  
I'll always love you: by Paeony Lewis  
Secret Valentine: by Catherine Stock  
What Kind of Kiss? By Alyssa Capucilli  
I love you so much: by Carl Norac  
Little Bear's Valentine: by Else Minarik  
Froggy's First Kiss: by Jonathan London  
How are you peeling? By Saxton Freyman  
I need a valentine: by Harriet Ziefert  
One Very Best Valentine's Day: by Joan Blos  
Yours 'Till the Ice Cracks: by Laura Geringer  
I love you as much...: by Laura Melmed  
Valentine: by Carol Carrick  
Cranberry valentine: by Wende Devlin  
Winnie the Pooh's Valentine: by BruceTalkington  
The hunt for rabbit's galosh: by Ann Schweninger  
Village full of valentines: by J. Stevenson  
Best Valentine in the world: by Marjorie Sharmat  
Great Valentines Day Balloon Race: by A. Adams  
Super Fine Valentine: by Bill Cosby



### **Early Literacy Extras:**

- ♥ Talk about the word "Valentine" sound out the different parts of the word "val" "en" "tine" – 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 "sweetheart."
- ♥ Help your child think of words that rhyme with "love" like "glove, above, dove" – make up silly rhymes with these words. Try rhyming "den" and "sleep" too!
- ♥ Help your child think of words that start with the "V"- "vuh" sound or have the "v" sound in them (vase, violin, glove, drive, very, give).
- ♥ Show your child that the letter "V" is like a triangle. Find other things around the house that have a triangle shape. Practice drawing a triangle and other letters with this shape such as A, M, N, and W.
- ♥ Make Valentines with your child out of scrap paper, stickers, and other supplies you may have around the house. Show your child how to spell each person's name on the valentine, naming each letter and saying the name as you read it. Learning to read and write the words "Mom" and "Dad" will make your child feel very proud.
- ♥ 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:**

### **You Are My Sunshine**

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine  
You make me happy when skies are gray  
You'll never know dear, how much I love you  
Please don't take my sunshine away

### **Bushel And A Peck**

I love you, a bushel and a peck!  
A bushel and a peck, and a hug around the neck!  
A hug around the neck, and a barrel and a heap  
A barrel and a heap, and I'm talkin' in my sleep.  
About you...  
You bet your pretty neck I do!

### **Valentine** (suit actions to words)

Snip, snip, snip the paper  
Press, press, press the paper  
Here's a valentine for you!

### **Come-A-Look-A-See**

Come a look a see  
Here's my mama (wiggle thumb)  
Come a look a see  
Here's my papa (wiggle pointer)  
Come a look a see  
Brother tall (wiggle middle finger)  
Sister, baby (wiggle ring finger & pinkie)  
We love them all! (fold hands and kiss thumb)

### **Look Who's Coming**

Look who's coming down the walk (shade eyes with hand)  
Oh, please, Mr. Mailman, won't you stop? (wave hand)  
With a knock, knock, knock (pretend to knock)  
Anyone at home? (cup and around mouth)  
A Valentine for you has come! (hold up pretend valentine)

### **Valentines**

Valentines, valentines, how many do you see?  
Valentines, valentines, count them all with me  
One for father, one for mother (count on fingers)  
One for grandma too  
One for sister, one for brother  
And here is one for you  
(make heart with thumbs and index fingers)



## **Say it in sign!**

**Love** = cross your arms over your chest  
- like a hug



### **If You're Happy and You know It Clap Your Hands**

### **I Love You You Love Me** (the "Barney" song)

### **Roses are Red**

Violets are blue  
Sugar is sweet  
And so are you!

### **I'm A Little Valentine** (sing to "I'm a Little Teapot")

I'm a little valentine,  
Red and white  
With ribbons and lace  
I'm a beautiful sight  
I can say "I Love You"  
On Valentine's Day  
Just put me in an envelope  
And give me away!

### **Little Miss Dimble** (clap & bounce to rhyme)

Little Miss Dimble  
Lived in a thimble  
Slept in a measuring spoon  
She met a mosquito  
And called him "My Sweet-o"  
And married him under the moon

### **Skinnamarink**

Skinnamarinky dinky dink  
Skinnamarinky do  
I love you  
(repeat)  
I love you in the morning and in the afternoon  
I love you in the evening, underneath the moon  
(repeat beginning 3 lines)

**I Love You** = hold hand up palm facing out – middle two fingers  
resting on your palm (combination of letters I, L, and Y)

