



# Stories from the Sandbox

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## Mother Goose on the Loose!: How These Rhymes Help with \*Literacy Skills



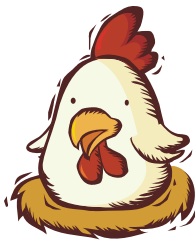
Attention! Research has found that Mother Goose Rhymes help build the needed literacy skills in babies, toddlers, and preschoolers. How you may ask? The rhythm and rhyme found in these traditional rhymes aid children in understanding oral language. For example, the phrase “Humpty

Dumpty sat on a wall; Humpty Dumpty had a great fall” has 2 sets of rhyming words in these 2 lines—Humpty Dumpty and wall/fall. Children enjoy repeating these lines because of the rhythm, but they are learning about words that have the same ending. This skill is important to phonological awareness—one of the \*6 early literacy skills.

### Sharing rhymes with your child will help improve his/her learning skills!



One, two,  
Buckle my shoe;  
Three, four,  
Shut the door;  
Five, six,  
Pick up sticks;  
Seven eight,  
Lay them straight;  
Nine, ten,  
A good fat hen.



### Mother and Father

*(set child on your legs and sway side to side)*

Mother and Father and Uncle John  
Went to town one by one.

Mother fell off ,

*(Lean child to the far left)*

And Father fell off,

*(lean child to the far right)*

But Uncle John went on, and on, and  
on, and on!

*(move child quickly from side to side)*

## I'm Going on a Letter Hunt

This game can be played several ways.

- On a blank sheet of paper, glue letters that you find in magazines, cereal boxes, newspapers, etc. You can help your child find the letters in his/her name or just one specific letter.
- Have your child point out letters and words that he/she sees around your home. Instead of using a finger to point, you could make a pointer from things around your home (a stick, a doll rod, vacuum attachment, etc.)
- In the car, look at the license plates of other cars and identify the letters.

\*The six early literacy skills include: print awareness, print motivation, phonological awareness, vocabulary, narrative skills, and letter knowledge

Defiance—Mother Goose is on the loose at Defiance Public Library! For the next 5 week session of Read, Rhyme, and Romp and Storytime, the theme is Mother Goose. We have opened 1 more session for each group. **Read, Rhyme, and Romp (ages 0-3yrs.)** will now be held Mondays at 6:15 p.m. and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. **Storytime (ages 3-Kindergarten)** will be Monday nights at 7 and Thursday mornings at 9. All programs are free and include information and ideas for encouraging early literacy skills in the home. Registration begins November 3rd! If you have any questions please call Defiance Public Library @ 419-782-1456 or e-mail [tiptonre@oplin.org](mailto:tiptonre@oplin.org).

**November**

3-7—Registration for Read, Rhyme, and Romp (RRR) & Storytime  
 4—The Very Very Story Show @ 6:30 pm  
 10, 17, 24— RRR @ 6:15 pm & Storytime @ 7 pm  
 13, 20, 27—Storytime @ 9 am & RRR @ 10:30 am

**December**

1, 8—RRR @ 6:15 pm & Storytime @ 7 pm  
 2—The Very Very Story Show @ 6:30 pm  
 4, 11, 18—Storytime @ 9 am & RRR @ 10:30 am  
 13—Christmas Storyteller @ 11am & 2 pm  
 27-30—Enjoy Stories and Crafts @ your library

**January**

6—The Very Very Story Show @ 6:30 pm



Hicksville—Celebrate the holidays at the Johnson Memorial Library with *The Teacher from the Black Lagoon*, turkeys, snowmen, and, of course, Max & Ruby.

All of the story times are free and are open to children three and over. The programs will include stories, activities, movies, sing-alongs & crafts.

If you would like additional information about the story times or a complete program schedule, please call the Johnson Memorial Library at 419-542-6200 or e-mail [murphyam@oplin.org](mailto:murphyam@oplin.org).

**November**

11—*Teacher from the Black Lagoon* @ 6:30 pm  
 12—*Teacher from the Black Lagoon* @ 10:00 am  
 17-22—Scholastic Book Fair  
 25—Thanksgiving Story Time @ 6:30 pm  
 26—Thanksgiving Story Time @ 10:00 am

**December**

2—Kids Christmas Craft @ 6:30 pm  
 9—Christmas Story Time @ 6:30 pm  
 10—Christmas Story Time @ 10:00 am

**January**

21—Max & Ruby @ 10:00 am  
 22—Max & Ruby @ 6:30 pm



Sherwood—Check out our new Early Literacy Station that has been set up in our Children’s Room. The Color Match game allows children to identify 9 different colors by matching objects of the same color. This will help with your child’s vocabulary (an \*early literacy skill).

Please contact Sherwood Branch Library at 419-899-4343 or e-mail [hullca@oplin.org](mailto:hullca@oplin.org) for information on upcoming programming.

As we head into the holiday season, these books may interest you and your child.

**Thanksgiving**

*Over the River: A Turkey’s Tale* by Derek Anderson  
*I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Pie* by Alison Jackson

**Christmas**

*Snowmen at Christmas* by Caralyn Buehner  
*Mrs. Wishy-Washy’s Christmas* by Joy Cowley

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