



WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

# FEBRUARY 2018 Early Literacy At Home Learning

Help your child develop early literacy skills and Grow Up Reading™. Enjoy a fun, family activity each day that helps teach important pre-reading skills.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



@ the West Bloomfield Township Public Library  
www.growupreading.org



## 1 Talking

Talk about words that start with the letter F, like "February."

## 2 Singing

Sing your favorite song fast. Now try to sing it slow.

## 3 Reading

It's Elmo's Birthday! Read a Sesame Street book today.

## 4 Writing

Make a valentine for someone you love.

## 5 Counting

Grab your favorite blocks and count them. How high can you count?

## 6 Playing

Put items into a pillowcase. Reach inside and feel them. Can you guess what they are?

## 7 Talking

Talk about the textures you felt on the items in the pillowcase yesterday.

## 8 Singing

Sing a song in different animal voices.

## 9 Reading

Have a friend or family member read you a book over the phone.

## 10 Writing

It's VIP Day at the Westacres Branch. Visit with your special person and make them a special craft.

## 11 Counting

Mix up colorful socks and match them back up. Count how many socks you matched correctly.

## 12 Playing

Gather a bunch of toys and sort them into categories by size.

## 13 Talking

Talk about all the things you LOVE about your family.

## 14 Singing

It's Valentine's Day. Sing Skidamarink together to show your love for one another.

## 15 Reading

Celebrate love by reading Love Bug by Rachel Bright today.

## 16 Writing

Help write a grocery list. Draw pictures instead of words.

## 17 Counting

Count the number of items on your lunch plate today.

## 18 Playing

Dance to a song and pause the music randomly for a freeze dance!

## 19 Talking

Talk about the weather outside.

## 20 Singing

Visit the Main Library for Story Stretchers and sing along.

## 21 Reading

Tell your favorite story in your own words.

## 22 Writing

Draw a picture together.

## 23 Counting

Guess how many steps it takes to walk to your mailbox. Then count the steps. Were you right?

## 24 Playing

Check out a new music CD from the Library. Choose a song and dance.

## 25 Talking

Talk about something that made you happy today.

## 26 Singing

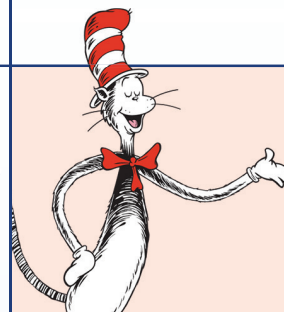
Sing the Hokey Pokey and act it out.

## 27 Reading

Tell a story about a pet you have or want to have.

## 28 Writing

Practice writing your name in the snow.



## Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

(Recommended for ages 2 to 5)

**Friday, March 2 at 11 AM**

Main Library Youth Activity Center

Join us for games, songs and crafts to celebrate the birthday of this beloved author. **Registration is required.**

Register at [www.WB-Buzz.org/programs](http://www.WB-Buzz.org/programs)

# The Library partners with parents to help children Grow Up Reading™

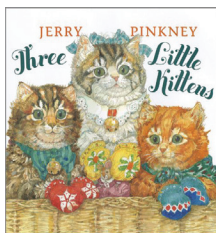
Parents are a child's first teachers. Help your child develop essential early literacy skills and build a strong foundation for future reading success with these six powerful practices.

**Talking** | **Singing** | **Reading** | **Writing** | **Playing** | **Counting**

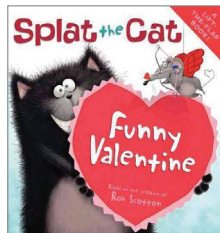
## Grow Up Reading™ Tips for February: Singing

- Music plays a vital role in the growth and development of young children. Music encourages children to express themselves through movement and play. The physical play stimulates the part of the brain that regulates emotions.
- Using different voices for different characters makes a difference when reading a story with your child. Your child will become more engaged in the story almost immediately and can help you make sounds throughout the story.
- The brain is formed during the very early years. The interactions you have before the age of three really do matter to a child's early literacy development. Begin reading with your child from infancy and make reading a fun family time.

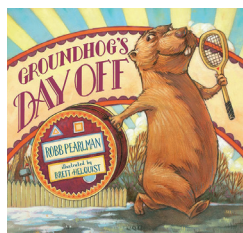
## Book Suggestions for February



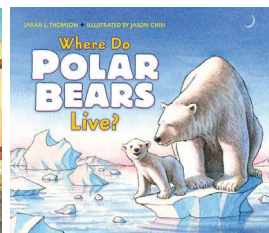
*Three Little Kittens* by Jerry Pinkney



*Splat the Cat: Funny Valentine* by Rob Scotton



*Groundhog's Day Off* by Robb Pearlman



*Where Do Polar Bears Live?* by Sarah L. Thomson

Children begin developing emotional skills from birth. Emotional skills include being able to recognize, express, understand and manage a wide range of feelings. These skills are important for children's developing ability to interact successfully with others and their physical world. Children who can understand and manage their feelings, stay calm and enjoy their experiences, are more likely to develop a positive sense of self and be confident and curious learners.

### Skidamarink

Skidamarink a dink a dink,  
Skidamarink a doo,  
I love you.  
Skidamarink a dink a dink,  
Skidamarink a doo,  
I love you.

I love you in the morning  
And in the afternoon,  
I love you in the evening  
And underneath the moon;  
Oh, Skidamarink a dink a dink,  
Skidamarink a doo,  
I love you!

### The Hokey Pokey

You put your right foot in,  
You take your right foot out.  
You put your right foot in  
And you shake it all about.  
You do the hokey pokey  
And you turn yourself around.  
That's what it's all about.

*(Repeat with "left foot," "right hand," "left hand," "whole self"!)*



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