



# WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

# JULY 2021 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
				<b>1 Talking</b> Talk about the things you see that are hot from the sun.	<b>2 Singing</b> Sing the <i>5 Little Ducks</i> song. How loud can you quack to help momma duck get her ducklings back?	<b>3 Reading</b> Read a book published this year.
<b>4 Writing</b> Draw squiggly lines with red, silver and blue crayons to make your own fireworks.	<b>5 Counting</b> Count bubbles in the sky as you blow bubbles outside.	<b>6 Playing</b> Fill a bucket with water and use cups and spoons to play and measure.	<b>7 Talking</b> Talk about the bugs you see out during the summer.	<b>8 Singing</b> Sing your ABC's fast and then try it slow.	<b>9 Reading</b> Have a reading party with your family. Pick favorite books and have fun reading them together.	<b>10 Writing</b> It's <i>Teddy Bear Picnic Day!</i> Have a drawing party picnic with your stuffed friends. Draw a picture of one of your stuffed friends.
<b>11 Counting</b> Count the clouds in the sky.	<b>12 Playing</b> Create an obstacle course outside with toys and other outside items.	<b>13 Talking</b> Talk about the different shapes you see around you.	<b>14 Singing</b> Sing a song about the sun, <i>Mr. Golden Sun</i> .	<b>15 Reading</b> Read a book about the outdoors, like the beach, camping or the lake.	<b>16 Writing</b> Draw a self-portrait.	<b>17 Counting</b> Count how many times you can jump in a row.
<b>18 Playing</b> Decorate your sidewalk with sidewalk chalk.	<b>19 Talking</b> Tell your own story using today's weather as part of the story.	<b>20 Singing</b> Sing your favorite song outside to the birds.	<b>21 Reading</b> Have a read-a-thon outside and bring out as many books as you can to read.	<b>22 Writing</b> Practice writing your name.	<b>23 Counting</b> Count the windows in your house. From which ones can you see the sun?	<b>24 Playing</b> Go on a bug hunt and search for bugs in your yard.
<b>25 Talking</b> Talk about the colors around you.	<b>26 Singing</b> Turn on the music and have a sing-along dance party.	<b>27 Reading</b> Read a book and look for the first letter of your name throughout the book.	<b>28 Writing</b> Use a stick to draw letters or shapes in the sand or mud around your house.	<b>29 Counting</b> Cut a piece of string or yarn and take it outside to measure things that are longer or shorter than the string.	<b>30 Playing</b> Make leaf rubbings! Pick up some leaves and place them under your paper. Use your crayon to color over the paper.	<b>31 Talking</b> Talk about different types of fruit. How do they taste, feel, smell?

# 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 July: Playing & Counting

- Play helps children develop the ability to solve problems. When children act out life's problems when pretend-playing, it helps them cope with the struggles in their own ways. It also provides a safe opportunity for children to rehearse skills and future social roles.
- While children do need time to play alone and with other children without adult intervention, research shows that playtime with parents is also important. Children crave time with parents. It makes them feel special. Parents are encouraged to find time to spend playing with their kids on a regular basis.
- Math can be fun for you and your child to learn together. Counting is a basic skill your child will need and can build on later. The earlier a child is taught to count, the better prepared they will be when they start school. Begin counting as early as possible. You can start by counting things that you see every day.

## Book Suggestions for July:

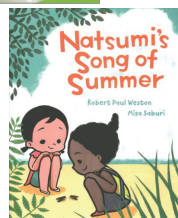
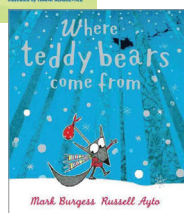
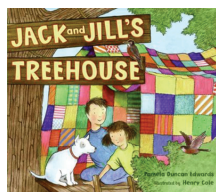
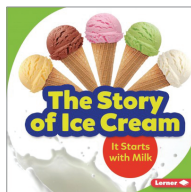
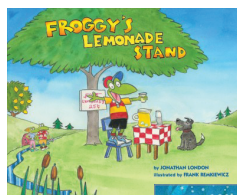
*Where Teddy Bears Come From*  
by Mark Burgess

*The Story of Ice Cream: It Starts With Milk*  
by Stacy Taus-Bolstad

*Froggy's Lemonade Stand*  
by Jonathan London

*Jack and Jill's Treehouse*  
by Pamela Duncan Edwards

*Natsumi's Song of Summer*  
by Robert Paul Weston



## Five Little Ducks



Five little ducks went out to play.  
Over the hill and far away.  
When the momma duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack"  
four little ducks came waddling back.

Four little ducks went out to play.  
Over the hill and far away.  
When the momma duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack"  
three little ducks came waddling back.

Three little ducks went out to play.  
Over the hill and far away.  
When the momma duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack"  
two little ducks came waddling back.

Two little ducks went out to play.  
Over the hill and far away.  
When the momma duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack"  
one little duck came waddling back.

One little duck went out to play.  
Over the hill and far away.  
When the momma duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack"  
none of the ducks came waddling back.

To help momma duck get her ducklings back, let's all give a loud  
"QUACK, QUACK, QUACK!"  
And 5 little ducks come waddling back.



**Summer reading is more important than ever.** The West Bloomfield Township Public Library continues its commitment to offering an interactive and entertaining program for you and your family to enjoy this summer! Sign up and keep track of the time you spend reading. Earn books from the book fair for your summer reading. Have fun doing Read, Learn, and Create activities to earn points towards rewards.

Talk to a librarian for more information or visit the Summer Reading website at [www.westbloomfieldlibrary.org/summer](http://www.westbloomfieldlibrary.org/summer).



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