

DECEMBER 2025

Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.



DAYTON
METRO
LIBRARY

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1 WRITING

Make a winter card to send to someone special. Who will you send it to? Use a stamp and post the card in a mailbox.

2 PLAYING

Make an indoor tent with blankets and furniture. Cuddle together and read favorite books.

3 TALKING

Plan a real or imagined party together and make a list of everything you'll need and everything you will do at the party.

4 SINGING

Change the way you sing a familiar song. Sing it faster or slower. Change up the words.

5 COUNTING

Weigh your child and write it here: _____ Compare it to January and June.

6 READING

Read books about different holidays and how people celebrate them.



7 WRITING

Wrap and unwrap blocks with tin foil. This helps strengthen writing muscles and manual dexterity.

8 PLAYING

Pretend to be an animal that likes cold weather. Who will you be?

9 TALKING

Talk about your feelings. What made you happy today?



10 SINGING

Sing "The Frost Song."
(Words are on the back. ➡)

11 COUNTING

Measure your child's height and write it here: _____ Compare it to January and June.

12 READING

Read stories and then talk about them. Ask, 'What was your favorite part of the story?' or 'Which character did you like best?'

13 WRITING

Use words or drawings to label objects and create signs for different areas of the house.

14 PLAYING

Trace a variety of different objects on a piece of paper.

15 TALKING

At mealtimes, talk about the food that you are preparing, what tools you are using, how you are making it, and how it will taste.

16 SINGING

Recite "Three Little Kittens."
(Words are on the back. ➡)



17 COUNTING

Make a high tower with blocks. How many blocks did you use?

18 READING

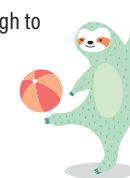
Be a reading role model. Let your child see you reading a book, magazine, or newspaper.

19 WRITING

Create a Menu: Discuss what you'll have for dinner (or any meal). Help your child write and draw a menu.

20 PLAYING

Use play dough to make a snowman.



21 TALKING

Encourage family members to share stories about their day during dinner or before bedtime.

22 SINGING

Sing "Cold and Snowy Morning"
(Words are on the back. ➡)

23 COUNTING

Name three things you have to wear in winter.



24 READING

Read a variety of books about winter.

25 WRITING

With your child, make a book of words and drawings of things they are interested in.



26 PLAYING

Go for a short walk after dark. What do you see? What does it feel like outside?

27 TALKING

Talk about favorite things that happened in the past year.

28 SINGING

Sing nonsense words to a familiar tune. Sha la la. Doo bee doo bee doo bee doo wop bop, etc.

29 COUNTING

Work together to put a stack of children's books in order from largest to smallest.

30 READING

Read a book of nursery rhymes. The library can help you find one.

31 WRITING

Write a list of things to do in 2026.



Your library helps children get ready to read.

- The library has many materials and ideas you can use to talk, sing, read, write, play, and count with your child. It doesn't matter if your child is four days old or four years old, we have books, music, programs, and services to help your child develop language and prereading skills.
- We have books to read together, music to borrow, places where you can write, places to play and learn, and programs for all ages.

THE THREE LITTLE KITTENS

The three little kittens, they lost their mittens,
And they began to cry,
"Oh, mother dear, we sadly fear,
That we have lost our mittens."
"You lost your mittens?
You poor little kittens.
Well, let us have some pie.
Meow, Meow, Meow
Let us have some pie."

THE FROST SONG *Sing to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell"*

The frost is in the air.
The frost is in the air.
It's wintertime, it's wintertime,
The frost is in the air.

The frost tells me it's cold.
The frost tells me it's cold.
It's wintertime, it's wintertime,
The frost tells me it's cold.

SING OTHER VERSES IN WHICH THE
FROST IS "ON THE ROOF," "ON THE
WINDOWS," AND "ON THE GROUND"

COLD AND SNOWY MORNING *Sing to the tune of "Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush"*

This is the way we put on our mittens	This is the way we shovel the snow
Put on our mittens	Shovel the snow
Put on our mittens	Shovel the snow
This is the way we put on our mittens	This the way we shovel the snow
On a cold and snowy morning	On a cold and snowy morning

This the way we put on our coats	This is the way we build a snowman
Put on our coats	Build a snowman
Put on our coats	Build a snowman
This is the way we put on our coats	This is the way we build a snowman
On a cold and snowy morning	On a cold and snowy morning.

This is way we put on our hats
Put on our hats
Put on our hats
This is the way we put on our hats
On a cold and snowy morning



Books to Read this Month

Check out these books at the Library!

You can find a new list of recommended books each month at
DaytonMetroLibrary.org/EarlyLiteracy

FOR READERS AGES 0-3

I'm a Little Snowman by Hannah Eliot

A Winter Walk in the City
by Cathy Goldberg Fishman

FOR READERS AGES 3+

*Snow Birds:
A Picture Book*
by Kirsten Hall

*Hiders Seekers Finders
Keepers How Animals
Adapt in Winter*
by Jessica Kulekjian

