

# May 2024

Early Literacy activities you can do at home, school, or the library with young children. Read, write, sing, play, and talk all week long!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>We are STEAM-ing ahead through spring and summer! STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. Each month will have a different focus. May is all about <b>technology</b>.</p>			<p>1 <b>SING</b> Sing a favorite song, but change the lyrics. Make up something silly!</p>	<p>2 <b>PLAY</b> Make a machine or pretend robot out of household objects.</p>	<p>3 <b>TALK</b> Plan to do something new this month with your grown-up.</p>	<p>4 Visit EVPL McCollough (in Washington Square Mall) and read to Jack the therapy dog! From 10am-11am.</p>
<p>5 Word of the Week: <b>Computer</b> “A lot of people need to use a computer daily at work.”</p>	<p>6 <b>READ</b> <i>Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type</i> by Doreen Cronin</p>	<p>7 <b>WRITE</b> What kinds of websites, videos or apps do you like to visit online or on a tablet? Write a list.</p>	<p>8 <b>SING</b> “The Penguin Dance” by Pinkfong. Notice how each verse builds on the previous one.</p>	<p>9 <b>PLAY</b> Visit the library and check out a Playaway Launchpad or Playaway View.</p>	<p>10 <b>TALK</b> Talk with your grown-up about being safe online. What kinds of things can you do to stay safe?</p>	<p>11 Join us at the airport for Second Saturday Stories! From 10am-11am.</p>
<p>12 Word of the Week: <b>Information</b> “The library is a good source of reliable information.”</p>	<p>13 <b>READ</b> <i>How To Code A Sandcastle</i> by Josh Funk</p>	<p>14 <b>WRITE</b> Write or scribble some information about yourself. What’s your favorite color? What’s your favorite food?</p>	<p>15 <b>SING</b> Sing the ABCs. See if you can recite it for your grown-up.</p>	<p>16 <b>PLAY</b> Pretend to be a detective. What kind of information can you find?</p>	<p>17 <b>TALK</b> Talk and share the list of information you wrote earlier in the week.</p>	<p>18 Stretch and move with us on the lawn at EVPL Oaklyn for Yoga Storytime. From 11am-11:45am.</p>
<p>19 Word of the Week: <b>Search</b> “The biologist searched for the rare bird species.”</p>	<p>20 <b>READ</b> <i>We’re Going On A Bear Hunt</i> by Michael Rosen</p>	<p>21 <b>WRITE</b> Create a scavenger hunt! Hide toys and make a list of what you’ve hidden.</p>	<p>22 <b>SING</b> Find a sing-a-long version of <i>We’re Going On A Bear Hunt</i> on YouTube.</p>	<p>23 <b>PLAY</b> Go outside and see if you can find all the colors of the rainbow in nature.</p>	<p>24 <b>TALK</b> Talk with a sibling or friend about a time you lost something. Did you find it? How long did you search?</p>	<p>25 Stop by EVPL West during the Franklin Street Bazaar for a family craft. From 10am-12pm.</p>
<p>26 Word of the Week: <b>Robot</b> “We have a robot vacuum that cleans while we are out of the house.”</p>	<p>27 <b>READ</b> <i>Boy + Bot</i> by Ame Dyckman</p>	<p>28 <b>WRITE</b> Draw a picture of a robot and write a short story about it.</p>	<p>29 <b>SING</b> “Robot Dance” by the Kiboomers</p>	<p>30 <b>PLAY</b> Pretend to be a robot. What tasks are you programmed to do? How would you act or communicate?</p>	<p>31 <b>TALK</b> If you were to build a robot, what kind of robot would you build? Talk about it with your grown-up.</p>	<p>1 Visit EVPL Red Bank and play Life-Sized Candyland! From 2pm-4pm.</p>