

Madison Public Library's

Storytime Starters

Unusual Pets (Spring 2018)

Books for Toddlers:

Hondo and Fabian by Peter McCarty, 2002.
Yip! Snap! Yap! By Charles Fuge, 2001.
Me Want Pet! by Tammi Sauer, 2012
How to Lose a Lemur by Fran Preston-Gannon, 2014

Books for Preschoolers:

If I had a Raptor by George O'Connor, 2014 (being processed, may join late)
Have You Seen My Dragon by Steve Light, 2014
Children Make Terrible Pets by Peter Brown, 2010
A Pet for Petunia by Paul Schmid, 2011
One Word From Sophia by Jim Averbeck & Yasmeen Ismail, 2015
Jacob O'Reilly Wants a Pet by Lynne Richards, 2010
Melissa's Octopus and other Unsuitable Pets by Charlotte Voake, 2015
I Won a What? by Audrey Vernick, 2016 (being processed, may join late)
The Best Pet Ever by Victoria Roberts, 2010
Woops! By Suzi Moore 2015

School Age Extensions

Sparky! By Jenny Offill & Chris Appelhans, 2014
The Pet Project by Lisa Wheeler, 2013
Worst in Show by William Bee, 2015

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Fingerplays & Songs

I Had a Little Bunny*

(From: Tracy Moore, MPL Librarian)

I had a little bunny who went hop, hop, hop.

Hop up and down

I told that little bunny to stop, stop, stop!

Hold hand out in "stopping motion"

He looked at me, I looked at him,

Point to self, then point forward

Then he wiggled his nose and wiggled his chin!
Wiggle nose and chin!

My Cow Bess

(from www.poetry4kids.com Ken Nesbit)

I'd like to introduce you to my cow.

Her name is Bess.

She has a special talent which

I know you'd never guess.

She's fond of eating chocolate
which I feed her every day.

The chocolate makes her happy so
she starts to swing and sway.

She jiggles and she joggles.

She wiggles and she whirls.

She boogies and she bounces.

She taps and twists and twirls.

She shivers and she shudders.

She quivers and she quakes.

I feed her chocolate candy and
she gives me chocolate shakes!

The Elephant

The elephant has a trunk for a nose,
And up and down is the way it goes,

*Clasp hands together, extend arms and raise and
lower them*

He wears such a saggy, baggy hide!

Relax body

Do you think two elephants would fit inside?

Hold up two fingers

(From: www.preschoolrainbow.org)

I had a little Turtle (includes flannel board)

From www.jbrary.com

I had a little turtle

His name was Tiny Tim

I put him in the bathtub

To see if he could swim

He drank up all the water

He ate up all the soap

And now he's sick in bed

With Bubbles in his throat

Bubble bubble bubble, Bubble bubble POP!

Bubble bubble bubble, Bubble bubble POP!

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Big Book:

Miss Mary Mack by Mary Ann Hoberman

Flannel Boards:

Dear Zoo (SEQ)

Five Elephants/Bath (LAK)

Tiny Tim Turtle (SEQ)

Oh me, Oh My, Oh! (HPB)

Movies:

Children Make Terrible Pets

Bark, George*

App:

Rhino Hero by Fox & Sheep

Miximal (or *Drawnimal*) by YatatoY

The Hippo, the Rhino, The Elephant and Me by Ink Robin

Stamps:

Dragon, whale, skunk, octopus x 2

Craft: Create your own pet (using feathers, construction paper, google eyes etc)

Play Literacy: Encourage the kids to name their pet (that they create for the craft project.) Talk about different ideas or possibilities. What is a funny or silly pet name? What are the names of some of the pets you know?

Literacy Tip: Reading books about animals is a great way to build vocabulary around texture, shape, and color. Not to mention practicing animal sounds and sound effects is a great way to build phonics and language skills for distinctive letter noises.