

Madison Public Library's

Storytime Starters

Wheels

Books for Toddlers:

*New Red Bike! by James E. Ransome, © 2011

Ten black dots by Donald Crews, © 1968. (CONCEPTS, Crews)

*What do wheels do all day? by April Jones Prince, © 2006. (GO, Prince)

*Fire engine no. 9 by Mike Austin, © 2015. (GO, Austin)

Meeow and the big box by Seastien Braun, © 2009. (CHARACTERS, Braun)

Everyone can learn to ride a bicycle by Chris Raschka, © 2013. (FAVORITES, Raschka)

Books for Preschoolers:

What is a wheel and axel? by Lloyd G. Douglas, © 2002

*¡Vámanos! Let's go! by René Colato Laínez, © 2015.

*The Wheels on the Bus by Melanie Williamson, © 2014. (+BOOK/CD SET, Williamson)

Don't let the pigeon drive the bus by Mo Willems, © 2003. (FAVORITES, Willems)

*Messenger, messenger by Robert Burleigh, © 2000. (GO, Burleigh)

Night sky wheel ride by Sheree Fitch, © 2012.

School-Age Extension:

Mr. Ferris and his wheel by Kathryn Gibbs Davis, © 2014. (+791.0680284 D294m)

*Emmanuel's Dream by Laurie Ann Thompson, © 2015. (+362.4092Y34t)

* books with an asterisk include diverse characters

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Fingerplays & Songs :

Drive, Drive, Drive

(Tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat")

Credit: Sunflower Storytime

Drive, drive, drive your car,

All around the town.

Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily,

Up the hills and down.

Turn, turn, turn the key,

Make the engine roar. VROOOOM!

Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily,

Let's go to the store.

Press, press, press the pedal,

Give the engine gas.

Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily,

Now we're going fast.

Turn, turn, turn the wheel,

That is how we steer.

Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily,

Make a turn right here.

Action Rhyme: "Bicycle"

I have a little bicycle (hold hands together for little)

I ride it to and fro (rolls hands)

And when I see that big green light

I know it's time to go! (pedal in air fast)

I have a little bicycle (hold hands together for little)

I took it to the shop (rolls hands)

And when I see that big red light

I know it's time to STOP! (freeze)

Credit: **First Steps Ann Arbor**



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Bumping up and down in my little red wagon.

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Bumping up and down in my little red wagon.

Won't you be my darling?

One wheel's off and the wagon's dragging (repeat 3 times)

Won't you be my darling?

Other wheel's off and the wagon's dragging (repeat 3 times)

Won't you be my darling?

Bumpety bump bump ba dump bump bump bump (repeat 3 times)

Won't you be my darling?

The wheels on the bus go round and round, round and round, round and round.

The wheels on the bus go round and round, all through the town!

The doors on the bus go open and shut...

The windows on the bus go up and down...

The horn on the bus goes beep, beep, beep...

The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish...

The babies on the bus go bumpety bump...

The grownups on the bus say "I love you"...

Action Rhyme: "Riding"

(roll hands) Riding on my bike today

Pedal, pedal all the way

Pedal fast and pedal slow

Riding on my bike I go

(fly around room) In an airplane I fly

Up, up, up into the sky

Up, up, up so very high

In an airplane I fly

(rock side to side) Riding in a car I go

Rocking, rocking, to and fro

Side to side and to and fro

Riding in a car I go.

Modified from: [Youth Literature](#)



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Song: "Wheels on the Bike"

The wheels on the bike go round and round, round and round, round and round

The wheels on the bike go round and round, all through the town

(Pedals on the bike go up and down, streamers on the bike go swish swish swish, bell on the bike goes ding-ding-ding)

Credit: Storytime Katie

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Big Book:

Flannel Boards:

Wheels on the bus, not a box, Lots of cars, colored bikes

Movies:

Changes, changes

App:

Toca Cars, Crazy Gears

Stamps: wheel, car, dump truck, bus

Craft suggestion:

Use the included toy cars to paint with wheels. Put small amounts of paint on paper plates, or use ink pads, and let kids run the wheels through the paint/ink, then on paper.

Play Literacy:

Laminated pictures of different wheels can be used as a scavenger hunt or played with on a flannel board. Use them for counting, sorting, telling stories, etc.

Early Learning Tip: Singing with your child is a great way for them to learn new vocabulary, learn about language, and have fun with you! Sing the wheels on the bus together and make up new funny verses.