

Have fun with your little one exploring the library and the world of books. Bring in this booklet showing how many you've completed by **March 22** and receive a tote bag & patch.

You can find books and place holds by looking them up in our online catalog. Stuck? Ask one of our library staff.

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Think outside the book!

The FIVE early literacy practices are

**Sing, Talk, Read, Write, & Play.**

You can incorporate these practices into your day, every day!

Here's a simple Winter song you can sing to the tune of Frere Jaques:



Dance like snowflakes, dance like snowflakes  
In the air, in the air

Whirling, twirling snowflakes

Whirling, twirling snowflakes Here and there, here and there.

Try it with a scarf... can you make movements like whirling twirling snowflakes?



# GLIDE into LITERACY

Winter Reading Challenge



# LET'S READ TOGETHER THIS WINTER! HOW MANY CATEGORIES CAN YOU READ BEFORE SPRING?

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| <br>the moon       | a "New" book  | with a red cover   | fairy tale or folk tale<br>J 398.2  | cover is your favorite color   | friendship  | <br>a building          | Title starts with the letter E   | traveling<br>   | that has no words  |
| with a stuffy   | <br>during a storm     | a book someone else chooses  | a crustacean<br> | while wearing a hat  | <br>love | poetry<br>J 811  | an elephant<br> | by Gail Gibbons  | in a fancy outfit<br> |
| <br>feelings       | by Lucy Cousins   | <br>in a blanket fort   | cookies   | anything!  | has three words in the title  | something that hops<br> | by an author whose last name starts with an R  | hibernation<br> | the ocean<br>         |
| by Sandra Boynton   | <br>act out the story | illustrated by Christian Robinson  | migration<br>  | by an author whose last name starts with a G   | with a blue cover   | an award winner  | a machine<br> | Illustrated by Beth Kromes   | <br>a party          |
| the alphabet<br> | by an author whose last name starts with a D  | <br>a winter activity | a biography   | <br>elders | something that flies  | <br>polar bears       | Title starts with the letter K   | tools<br>     | something tiny   |



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