

Madison Public Library's  
**Storytime Starters**

Theme: Holes (Fall 2018)

**Books For Toddlers:**

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*I can roar!* – by Frank Asch ©2015  
*I have a balloon*– by Ariel Bernstein ©2017  
*Inside, Outside* – by Lizi Boyd ©2013  
*One hole in the road* – by W. Nikola-Lisa ©1996  
*Now* – by Antoinette Portis ©2017  
*A hole in the wall* – by Hans Wilhelm ©2016

**Books For Preschoolers:**

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*My Rhinoceros*– by Jon Agee ©2011  
*Sam and Dave dig a hole* – by Mac Barnett ©2014  
*The Lion and the Mouse* – by Jenny Broom ©2013  
*Oh, No!* – by Candace Fleming & Eric Rohmann ©2012  
*It's an orange aardvark* – by Michael Hall ©2014  
*Donuts: the hole story* – by David Miles ©2018

**Books For Elementary:**

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*The Hole* – by Oyvind Torseter ©2013  
*The hole story of the doughnut* – by Pat Miller ©2016

**Fingerplays & Songs :**

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**Here is a bunny**

From: [King County Library System](#)

Here is a bunny with ears so funny.  
(hold up 2 fingers like bunny ears)  
And here is a hole in the ground.  
(finger and thumb of other hand together to make circle)  
When a noise he hears  
(hold one hand to ear)  
He pricks up his ears  
(hold up 2 fingers like bunny ears)  
And jumps in the hole in the ground!  
(hand with finger-ears "jumps" into hand with hole)

**Whole body variation**

Here's a bunny with ears so funny.  
(wave hands above head for ears)  
And here is a hole in the ground  
(use hands to form a circle).  
When a noise he hears,  
(clap hands)  
He perks up his ears,  
(make ears stand up straight)  
And jumps in a hole in the ground.  
(dive towards the floor)

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**There's a hole in the bucket**

From: [ScoutSongs](#)

There's a hole in the bucket,  
dear Liza, dear Liza,  
There's a hole in the bucket,  
dear Liza, a hole.

Then mend it, dear Henry,  
dear Henry, dear Henry,  
Then mend it, dear Henry,  
dear Henry, mend it.

With what shall I mend it, dear Liza...

With a straw, dear Henry...

The straw is too long, dear Liza...

Then cut it, dear Henry...

With what shall I cut it, dear Liza...

With a knife, dear Henry...

The knife is too dull, dear Liza...

Then sharpen it, dear Henry...

On what shall I sharpen it, dear Liza...

On a stone, dear Henry....

The stone is too dry, dear Liza...

Well wet it, dear Henry...

With what shall I wet it, dear Liza...

Try water, dear Henry...

In what shall I fetch it ...

In a bucket, dear Henry....

There's a hole in my bucket, dear Liza...

**Dig a little hole**

From: [King County Library System](#)

Dig a little hole, (*pretend to dig*)  
Plant a little seed, (*pretend to drop in seed*)  
Pour a little water, (*pretend to pour*)  
Pull a little weed. (*pretend to pull up weed*)  
Chase a little bug, (*flick hand to one side*)  
Oh! There he goes ! (*cup hand over eye*)  
Give a little sunshine, (*circle arms overhead*)  
Grow a little rose! (*pretend to smell sweet flower*)

**Literacy Tip:**

~~Rhyming and alliteration are ways that children learn to hear that words are made up of~~  
smaller parts. This helps them when they later try to sound out words to read. The Cat and Hat game that we played today is one way to have fun with phonological awareness—you can do this anytime and you don't need to use pictures or other props, just talk about the world around you.

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Theme: Hats

**STAFF ONLY (this theme last done, Fall 2018)**

**Big Book:**

Sparky's Bone (HPB)

**Flannel Boards:**

Mrs. McMurphy's Pumpkin

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

A hole in the bottom of the sea

Please Mr. Panda

**Prop Stories:**

Pretty much any "Cut and tell" story would be great in this storytime, but if you need an example, try this one: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mr-q5atmdLc>

**Movies:**

Harry the Dirty Dog, Joseph had a little overcoat, Mike Mulligan and his steam shovel

**Craft/Hands-on activity:**

Challenge kids to make a hole in a piece of paper. Provide a variety of tools (scissors, pencils, hole punches) OR provide no tools at all, just the paper. Consider also offering markers or crayons for them to illustrate what's happening around the hole in their paper.

**Stamps:**

The letter O

**Apps:**

*Where's my Hat* by Comomola (has characters popping up in various holes)

*Busy Shapes* by Edoki Academy (put shapes into matching shaped holes)