

Madison Public Library Storytime Kit (all ages)

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Books for babies

[Whose Tools?](#) - BOARD Buzzeo

[Dig, dump, roll](#) - BOARD Sutton

[Blocks](#) - GROWING Dickson

[Tip tip, dig dig](#) - BOARD Garcia

[Tap tap, bang bang](#) - CONCEPTS Garcia

Books for toddlers

[Construyendo](#) - BOARD WRLDLANG Sutton

[Construction](#) - GO Sutton

[Demolicion](#) - BOARD WRLDLANG Sutton

[Rosa's Big Bridge Experiment / Rosa yel experimento del gran puente](#) - BILING PICTBK Spanyol

[Builders & Breakers](#) - GO Light

[Push, dig, scoop!](#) - GO Greene (to the tune of over in the meadow!)

[Rex wrecks it!](#) - FAVORITES Clanton

[Smashy Town](#) - GO Zimmerman

[Brick by brick](#) - STORIES Sheffield

[Little Excavator](#) - GO Dewdney

Books for preschoolers

[Diggersaurs](#) - GO Whaite

[Bulldozer's Big Day](#) - GO Fleming

[What we'll build](#) - FAVORITES Jeffers

[Buenas noches construccion, buenas noches diversion](#) - WRLDLANG Rinker

[Someone builds the dream](#) - FAVORITES Wheeler

Books for school-age

[Tools Rule!](#) - FAVORITES Meshon

[Billions of Bricks](#) - CONCEPTS Cyrus

[Building our House](#) - GO Bean

[Carpenter's Helper](#) - STORIES Rosen

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SONGS, RHYMES & FELT BOARDS

For Babies/Toddlers:

Five little nails finger play

(hold 5 fingers up and "pound" them with your other fist)

Five little nails, standing straight and steady.

Here I come, with my hammer ready...

Bam, bam, bam that nail goes down

Now there are just four nails to pound.

(Four little nails, 3 little nails, etc)

Construction Worker Song

This is the way we pound the nails,

pound the nails, pounds the nails

This is the way we pound the nails so early in the morning.

This is the way we saw the wood,

saw the wood, saw the wood.

This is the way we saw the wood so early in the morning.

Other Verses: Stack the bricks, Stir the paint, Paint the wall

Off to work bear goes flannel board

Tune: Hi Ho from Snow White

Hi Ho, Hi Ho, it's off to work Bear goes

With thick work pants and a safety vest

Hi Ho! - Hi Ho, Hi Ho, Hi Ho

Hi Ho, Hi Ho, it's off to work Bear goes

With steel toed boots and an orange hard hat

Hi Ho! - Hi Ho, Hi Ho, Hi Ho

Hi Ho, Hi Ho, it's off to work Bear goes

With safety glasses and a measuring tape

Hi Ho! - Hi Ho, Hi Ho, Hi Ho

Hi Ho, Hi Ho, it's off to work Bear goes

With a big long level and a workman's hammer

Hi Ho! - Hi Ho, Hi Ho, Hi Ho

Judy had one hammer

TUNE: "There's a Hole in My Bucket."

(Make hammering motion with one fists)

Judy had one hammer, one hammer, one hammer

Judy had one hammer then she had Two

(Make hammering motion with both fists)

Judy had two hammers, two hammers, two hammers,

Judy had two hammers then she had Three.

(Make motion with both fists and one leg.)

Judy had three hammers,

three hammers, three hammers,

Judy had three hammers then she had Four

(Make motion with both fists and both legs)

Judy had four hammers, four hammers, four hammers,

Judy had four hammers then she had Five

(Make motion with both fists and both legs and head.)

Judy had five hammers, five hammers, five hammers

Judy had five hammers, then she went to sleep

(lay hands like sleeping)

Dump Truck - (to the tune of "Ten Little Indians")

Bumpity-bumpity goes the dump truck,

Bumpity-bumpity goes the dump truck,

Bumpity-bumpity goes the dump truck,

Duuuump out the load!

(go FAST, and SLOW like you are carrying a heavy load!)

Building a House

Building a house is lots of work,

(wipe brow.)

First, you dig up lots of dirt.

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(Pretend to dig.)

Then you pour a concrete floor,

(Touch floor.)

And pound boards with nails galore.

(Pretend to hammer.)

Doors and windows go in fast,

(Draw squares in air with finger.)

Now your house is done at last.

(Clasp hands together above head.)

My Little House

I'm going to build a little house

With windows wide and bright.

(stretch arms out to sides.)

With chimney tall and curling smoke

Rising out of sight.

(stand tall, spiral hand upward.)

In winter when the snowflakes fall,

(twinkle fingers down like falling snow.)

Or when I hear a storm,

(cup hand behind ear.)

I'll go and sit inside my house

Where I'll be snug and warm.

(hug self.)

Building a Skyscraper

Brick by brick

My building's so high

It's scraping the sky.

(Place fists one on top of the other, going higher each time.)

Brick by brick

My Building will sway

When the wind blows this way.

(Sway left, then right.)

Brick by brick

Now I'm ready to stop

And a flag goes on top.

(Open one fist and wave hand left and right.)

The Carpenter

The carpenter's hammer goes rap, rap, rap.

(pretend to hammer.)

And their saw goes see-saw-see.

(Pretend to saw.)

They hammer and hammer, and saw and saw,

(Pretend to hammer, then saw.)

To build a house for me.

(Form roof shape with fingers.)

Cranes

Cranes reach up

(reach up)

Cranes reach down

(reach down)

Cranes reach out,

(reach straight out.)

And all around.

(turn around).

ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS

Construction worker action cards - Get up and move! Do an action, then add a new one to the rotation each time!

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CAREGIVER TIPS

Point out Words! Point out other words, such as signs and labels, when you are with your child. This helps them see the print all around and not just in books.

Answer Their Questions! Respect your child's curiosity of the world around them by answering their hard and sometimes embarrassing observations. "Let me think about that for a while," or "That is a good question---and I do not know." are great starting responses.