

Madison Public Library Storytime Kit (all ages)

Opposites 2023

BOOKS

Books for babies

[*Flora and the Ostrich*](#), Idle - BOARD

[*Playdate*](#), Macdonald - BOARD

[*Opuestos*](#), Weill - BILING

[*Opuestos*](#), Boynton - WRLDLNG

[*Opposites/Opuestos*](#), Dicmas - BOARD

Books for toddlers

[*Up, up, up down*](#), Gee - CONCEPTS

[*The opposite zoo*](#), Na - FAVORITES

[*Music is...*](#), Stosuy - BOARD

[*Where is the Green Sheep?*](#) - CONCEPTS

[*Opposnakes*](#), Yoon - CONCEPTS

[*Opuestos animales*](#), Ranchetti - BILING

Books for preschoolers

[*I like this, you like that*](#), Ashman - FAVORITES

[*The wet dry book*](#), Spohn - CONCEPTS

[*Black cat, white cat*](#), Borando - CONCEPTS

[*To & fro, fast & slow*](#), Bernhard - CONCEPTS

[*Marta big & small*](#), Arena - CONCEPTS

[*Big bug*](#), Cole - CONCEPT

[*You are not small*](#), Kang - FAVORITES

[*Big bear, small mouse*](#), Wilson - CHARACTERS

[*Big and Little: a story of opposites*](#), Pilgrim - CONCEPTS

[*Chicos y altos*](#), Olson - BILING

[*Pesados y ligeros*](#), Olson - BILING

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Books for school-age

[Near, far](#), Borando - CONCEPTS

[Exactly the Opposite](#), Hoban - CONCEPTS

[Double Take](#), Hood - CONCEPTS

SONGS, RHYMES & FELT BOARDS

This is Big Big Big

This is big, big, big (open arms wide)

This is small, small, small (bring palms together)

This is short, short, short (scrunch down)

This is tall, tall, tall (stand up and reach up)

This is fast, fast, fast (spin arms fast)

This is slow, slow, slow (spin arms slow)

This is yes, yes, yes (nod head)

This is no, no, no (shake head)

Roly Poly

Roly poly, roly poly (spin arms)

up, up, up! Up, up, up! (lift arms up)

Roly roly poly, roly roly poly (spin arms)

Down, down, down. Down, down, down (gesture palms down)

Roly poly, roly poly (spin arms)

Fast, fast, fast! Fast, fast dast (spin arms fast)

Roly roly poly, roly roly poly (spin arms)

Slow, slow, slow. Slow, slow, slow (spin arms slow)

Roly poly, roly poly (spin arms)

Loud, loud, loud! Loud, loud, loud! (speak loudly!)

Roly roly poly, roly roly poly (spin arms)

Soft, soft, soft. Soft, soft, soft (whisper)

(Add other concepts that fit!)

Bread & Butter

Bread and butter

Marmalade and Jam

Let's say hello as quiet as we can

(whisper: hello)

...loud as we can

...slow as we can

...fast as we can

...high as we can

...low as we can

...nice as we can

A Bumpy Road

A smooth road, a smooth road, a smooth road,
(rock baby gently on lap)

A bumpy road, a bumpy road, a bumpy road, (bounce baby gently)

A rough road, a rough road, a rough road,
(bounce baby big!)

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A hole!

(have baby “fall” back into your lap or forward)

Tall as a tree

Tall as a tree, (stretch arms overhead)

Wide as a house, (stretch arms out to sides)

Thin as a pin, (arms tight against sides)

Small as a mouse. (crouch)

Two Little Black Birds

Two little black birds sitting on a hill

One named Jack and one named Jill

Fly away Jack, fly away Jill

Come back Jack, come back Jill

Two little black birds sitting on a car

One named near and one named far

Fly away near, fly away far

Come back near, come back far

Two little black birds sitting on a stick

One named slow and one named quick

Fly away slow, fly away quick

Come back slow, come back quick

Two little black birds sitting on a cup

One named down and one named up

Fly away down, fly away up

Come back down, come back up

Two little black birds sitting on a cloud

One named quiet and one named loud

Fly away quiet, fly away loud

Come back quiet, come back loud

Two little black birds sitting on a lily

One named serious and one named silly

Fly away serious, fly away silly

Come back serious, come back silly

Two little black birds sitting on a gate

One named early and one named late

Fly away early, fly away late

Come back early, come back late! (Late? Late! Come back!)

The Itsy Bitsy Spider (and variations)

(tiny voice)

The itsy bitsy spider

went up the water spout.

Down came the rain

and washed the spider out!

Out came the sun

and dried up all the rain.

And the itsy bitsy spider

went up the spout again!

(Deep voice)

The big furry spider

climbed up the water spout.

Down came the rain

and washed the spider out!

Out came the sun

and dried up all the rain.

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And the big furry spider
climbed up the spout again!

(lazy daisy - go SLOW)

The lazy daisy spider
went up the water spout.
Down came the rain
and washed the spider out!

Out came the sun
and dried up all the rain.
And the lazy daisy spider

went up the spout again!

(speedy!)

The speedy weedy spider
climbed up the water spout.
Down came the rain
and washed the spider out!

Out came the sun
and dried up all the rain.
And the speedy weedy spider
climbed up the spout again!

ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS

2 little black birds

Little Mouse - Opposite edition

CAREGIVER TIPS

Opposites are a key childhood concept and one of the first ways children learn to make sense of differences in their world! Have fun pointing out opposites and using them to describe things you see.