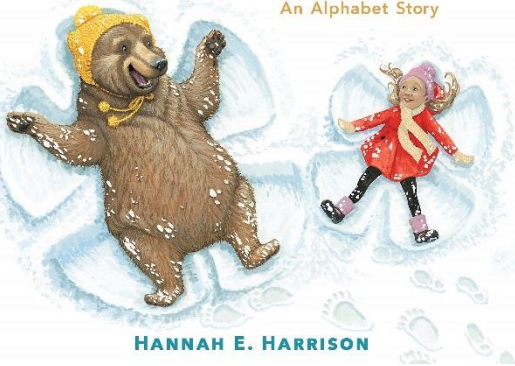


## Bear Is Awake!

An Alphabet Story



### BOOK OF THE MONTH

**Bear is Awake! An Alphabet Story by Hannah E. Harrison** – I just discovered this book published in 2019 and it is my new favorite! Clever use of the Alphabet to tell a winter story of a bear who is awake when he should be hibernating. Lovely, silly illustrations make this story so fun to read aloud. Ages 3-7.

### OTHER BOOKS ABOUT WINTER

**Bunny Slopes by Claudia Rueda** - Funny and interactive book about a bunny skiing. Best for sharing one on one or with very small groups. Ages 3-6.

**Cat Knit by Jacob Grant** – Cat and yarn are the best of friends – until the day the girl takes yarn away. When yarn comes back, he looks nothing like he did before but cat begins to adjust to the new “look” of his friend...Ages 4-6.

**Red Sled by Lita Judge** – A little boy leaves his sled outside of his house and, that night, woodland animals have a little adventure on the sled! The next night, the boy stays up to see just who has been having fun without him on the sled... ages 3-6.

**The First Day of Winter by Denise Fleming** – This story is both cumulative and a guessing game. “On the first day of winter, my best friend gave to me a red cap with a gold snap.” What is being built in this story? Can you guess? Ages 3-6.

**Tracks in the Snow by Wong Herbert Yee** – A gentle story that talk about animals in snow and how you can tell much more easily where the animals have been when you look at the tracks they leave... Ages 3-5.

**Under My Hood I Have a Hat by Karla Kuskin** – This is a picture book of Kuskin’s poem by the same name. Clever rhymes make it a fun read aloud for toddlers and preschoolers as they call out the different winter clothes that are put on! Ages 2-5.

**Walk and See: Opposites by Rosalind Beardshaw** – A darling board book that teaches about an important concept – OPPOSITES – in a fun setting of a snow day. Ages 1-4.

FREE STARS trainings are listed at [www.piercecountylibrary.org](http://www.piercecountylibrary.org).

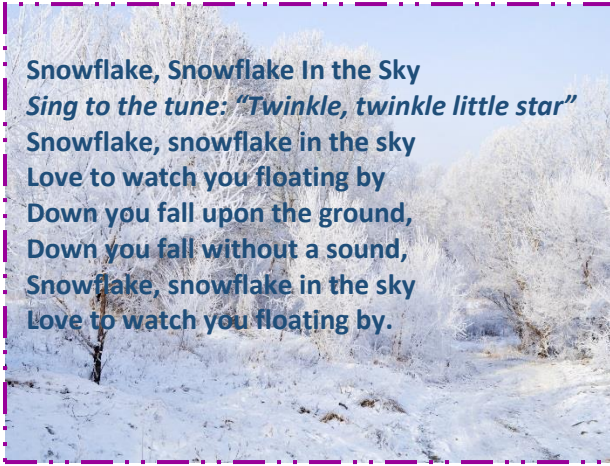
You may register for STARS classes by clicking on the date of the class on the Calendar of the Pierce County Library website – [www.piercecountylibrary.org](http://www.piercecountylibrary.org)

The next STARS Class will be on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> – topic is “Movement and Literacy!”

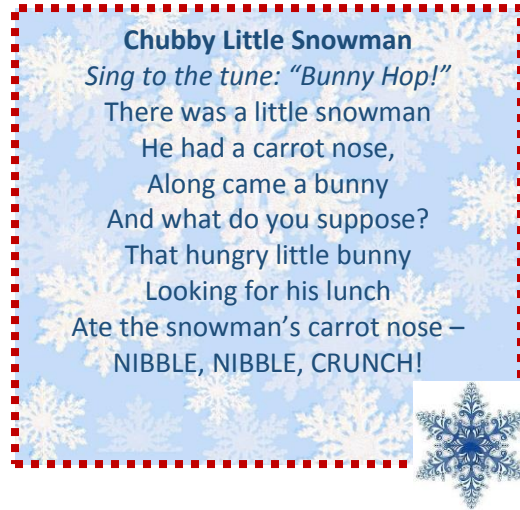
Online registration begins on Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

## Songs of the Month

**Snowflake, Snowflake In the Sky**  
*Sing to the tune: "Twinkle, twinkle little star"*  
Snowflake, snowflake in the sky  
Love to watch you floating by  
Down you fall upon the ground,  
Down you fall without a sound,  
Snowflake, snowflake in the sky  
Love to watch you floating by.



**Chubby Little Snowman**  
*Sing to the tune: "Bunny Hop!"*  
There was a little snowman  
He had a carrot nose,  
Along came a bunny  
And what do you suppose?  
That hungry little bunny  
Looking for his lunch  
Ate the snowman's carrot nose –  
NIBBLE, NIBBLE, CRUNCH!



## Learning Activities for February

### Name Snowmen

#### What you need:

White paper  
Colorful paper  
Markers, crayons, or colored pencils  
Glue  
Decorations! – buttons, sequins, stickers, etc.

Build a snowman out of the letters in each child's name – one snowball for each letter in their name (some snowmen will be tall!)

See if children can count how many letters are in their name? This is how many circles they will need for their snowman. On each circle, write a letter. Glue each letter circle in name order from top to bottom. Children can cut out their own circles OR you can give them already prepared circles. Children can cut out hats for the top of the snowmen and decorate the hats and the rest of the snowmen however they like!

If children aren't yet writing their names, put out letter stickers or stamps for them. You can also just put out pencils or markers for them to practice with as this is writing too!



name  
snowmen



### Yarn Wrapped Letters and Yarn Pictures

(source: [www.bouncebackparenting.com](http://www.bouncebackparenting.com))

#### For older children –

What you need:  
Cardboard capital letter  
Glue and scissors  
Yarn

Put some glue down on the letter first to help hold the yarn in place. With a long piece of yarn, begin to wrap it around the letter (some letters will be easier to try than others). If children need help getting started, cut a little groove in a small corner of the cardboard to slip the yarn into. Keep going until you have covered the letter or as much of the letter as you wish.

#### For younger children –

Same supplies as above, except use yarn pieces instead of a long strand. Let children put on the glue and decorate with pieces of yarn however they like. They can glue the yarn onto letter shapes OR just onto a piece of cardboard. Have fun!