

Payson City Library

DIY Storytime

Let's Explore Owls!

Here are some songs to sing and a poem to read together:

Little Owl

(Sing to the tune of "This Old Man")

Little Owl, in the tree,
He is winking down at me.
With a wink, wink, wink, wink,
All through the night,
Little Owl is quite a site!

Little Owl, in the tree,
He is hooting down at me.
With a hoot, hoot, hoot, hoot,
All through the night,
Little Owl is quite a site!

Owl Song

(Sing to the tune of "I'm a Little Teapot")

I'm a great big owl, as you can see
I live high up in a tree.
All the other birds wake me up when they play,
Because I like to sleep in the day!

Wise Owl

A wise old owl lived in an oak;
The more he saw the less he spoke;
The less he spoke the more he heard.
Why can't we all be like that wise old bird?

Come pick up an owl paper bag puppet kit from the library and then share your own "owly wisdom"!



VIRTUAL READ ALOUD of Favorite Books

Hoot and Peep

by Lita Judge

Some questions to ask during or after the story:

- How do you feel when someone isn't listening to you?
- Do you think one owl is right and one owl is wrong?
- How do you think Hoot and Peep will make up?

Owl Babies

by Martin Waddell

This story is read by a naturalist with three real owl babies!

Some questions to ask during or after the story:

- Where do you think their mom went? Do you think she is coming back?
- Have you ever been brave like the owl babies?
- What did you notice about the real owls while you watched?

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Go on an owl prowling as a family!

Discover!

Visit [this link](#) to discover what owls live in Utah and listen to their calls.

- Practice copying the sounds of some of the owls. Can you make the same sound?
- How can you tell the difference between the calls of different owls?

Read books about owls! Here are some non-fiction books we have at the library that you can check out:

- *Owls* by Gail Gibbons
- *Night Creatures: A First Discovery Book*
- *All About Owls* by Jim Arnosky
- *Owls* by Diane Swanson
- *Owls and Other Birds of Prey* by Mary Reid
- *Owls: Birds of the Night* by Emily Sollinger
- *Baby Owls* by Christina Leaf.

Explore!

Go on a night-time walk to see whooooo's calling!

Here are some tips:

- Move slowly & quietly to not disturb wildlife.
- Listen up! Close your eyes and listen to the sounds around you. Cup your ears to hear even better! What do you hear? Where is each sound coming from?
 - You may not see an owl, but you very well could *hear* an owl
- If you don't see or hear any owls on your walk, that's okay! Learning where owls *aren't* is part of science too!

Write or draw about what you did or didn't see/hear on your walk. If you didn't see/hear owls, what did you see/hear?



Parent Tip:

Why should you explore plants and animals with young children?

"Early explorations of plants and animals... lay the foundation for your child's understanding of living things and how they change over time. They discover that all living things have needs... and depend on other living things and non-living things in their environment to meet their needs and survive." ([source](#))

Encourage your child's natural curiosity for the world by providing opportunities for them to explore the world around them. Go on nature walks & encourage questions. If you don't have an answer, tell them that and then work together to find the answer!