

Madison Public Library's
Storytime Starters

Zebras and Giraffes

Books For Toddlers:

Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing by Judi Barrett, 1991.

Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell, 1982.

Goodnight Gorilla by Peggy Rathman, 1994.

One Day in the Jungle by Colin West, 1995.

Books For Preschoolers:

The Baby Beebeebird by Dianne Redfield Massie, 2000.

Bedtime Hullabaloo by David Conway, 2010.

Carlo Likes Counting by Jessica Spanyol, 2002.

Giraffes by Judith Jango-Cohen, 2002.

Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae, 2001.

Gigi and Zachary's Around-the-World-Adventure by Gilles Eduar, 2003.

Mommy Mine by Tim Warnes, 2005.

Rescue Bunnies by Doreen Cronin, 2010.

The Surprise by Sylvia van Ommen, 2003.

Wild About Books by Judy Sierra, 2004.

Zebras by Lola Schaefer, 2002.

Zee by Michael Gay, 2003.

Zigby Camps Out by Brian Paterson, 2003.

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Fingerplays & Songs :

At the Zoo

(From: [Preschool Rainbow](#))

At the zoo we saw a bear.

He had long, dark fuzzy hair.

Pretend to walk like a bear.

We saw a lion in a cage.

He was in an awful rage.

Pretend to be an angry lion.

We saw the big, long-necked giraffe.

And, the silly monkeys made us laugh.

Everybody laugh.

But my favorite animal at the zoo,

Is the elephant--how about you?

Giraffe

(From: [Round Rock Public Library](#))

The giraffe is as tall, as tall can be,

Stretch arms up.

He eats the leaves right off the trees.

*Hold hand over head and open and
close hand like a mouth.*

His neck is long and his legs are, too.

Point to neck and legs.

And he can run faster than me or you.

Run in place.

A Knotty Problem

(From: [Funny Poems](#))

A scarf for a giraffe

Would be forty feet long

But how would a giraffe

Know how to put one on?

Zoo Animals

(From: [Whatcom County Library](#))

Tune: If You're Happy and You Know it

If you want to be a monkey, jump up

high. If you want to be a monkey, jump

up high. If you want to be a monkey, if

you want to be a monkey, if you want to

be a monkey, jump up high.

parrot...flap your wings

elephant...swing your trunk

lion...roar out loud

giraffe...stand up tall

Literacy Tip:

Make a trip to the zoo a literacy-rich experience by pointing out the signs and other print listing the animals' names and other information.