

# Ruby's Report

Activities for Babies & Toddlers  
from Ruby the Raccoon and the  
Saint Paul Public Library



**Welcome Parents and Caregivers!** - The activities, rhymes, and songs in this newsletter are designed not only to be fun for you and your child, but also to be tools for building your child's speaking and reading skills. As you read this with your child, remember that you are your child's first and most important teachers, and that the Saint Paul Public Library is here to support you.

## Ruby's Antics



It's gardening season, and Ruby has been planting seeds in her vegetable garden. She started by digging in the dirt to loosen it up enough to plant her favorite seeds - like peas, lettuce, and carrots. Then she carefully covered the seeds with soil and watered them gently. She can hardly wait for the seeds to sprout! Maybe you can plant some seeds too - either in a garden or a flower pot!

Can you find a worm, a seed packet, and a carrot on this page?

## Ruby's Rhyme



**Literacy Note for Grown-Ups** - When you recite this rhyme, start by tapping the beat with your feet. The steady beat will help your child to hear all of the individual sounds that make up the words, encouraging speech in young children and reading in older children.

I'll plant a little seed in the dark, dark ground. *(Pretend to plant a seed in your upturned palm.)*  
Out comes the yellow sun, big and round. *(Make a big circle with your arms over your head.)*  
Down comes the cool rain, soft and slow. *(Wiggle your fingers down from the sky, like rain.)*  
Up comes the little seed, grow, grow, grow! *(Move your arm up, opening your hand like a sprout.)*



Ruby is a Folkmanis puppet who loves books, songs, the library, and learning new things.

## Ruby's Nature Corner

Ruby likes to dig in the dirt, using spoons and measuring cups from the kitchen. She even dug up a worm! It was super wiggly, but she made sure to leave it in the garden, since worms help plants grow. What can you find in the dirt?

