**Read a Story:**

Read a story with your child! Asking children what they think might happen in the story or what they notice in the illustrations are great ways to build pre-literacy skills while reading at home. Use your own favorite book about dinosaurs, or use your South Kingstown Public Library card to download one of these suggestions from HooplaDigital (https://www.hoopladigital.com/) or RI eZone (https://riezone.overdrive.com/library/kids) via the websites or free downloadable apps.

- *T.Rex Time Machine* by Jared Chapman (Hoopla)
- *Here Comes Destructosaurus!* by Aaron Reynolds (Hoopla & eZone)
- *Pete the Cat: Cavecat Pete* by James Dean (Hoopla)
- *When Sue Found Sue* by Toni Buzzeo (Hoopla)
- *Tiny T. Rex and the Impossible Hug* by Jonathan Stutzman (Hoopla & eZone)
- *We Don’t Eat Our Classmates* by Ryan T. Higgins (Hoopla & eZone)

**Sing a Song:**

Play music that you have at home and just dance your crazy sillies out (and don’t be shy—the sillier you dance and the more you get into it, the more fun you and your child will have!).

You can also dance to one of our favorite storytime songs, *We Are the Dinosaurs* by Laurie Berkner!

And just like dancing, don’t be shy! Just have fun and sing! But if you do need some help getting started, click here to follow along!

*We Are the Dinosaurs*

We are the dinosaurs, marching, marching
We are the dinosaurs
Whaddaya think of that?
We are the dinosaurs, marching, marching
We are the dinosaurs
We make the earth flat, we make the earth flat
We stop and eat our food when we’re in the mood
We stop and eat our food on the ground
We stop and eat our food when we’re in the mood
We stop and eat our food and then we march around
Cause we are the dinosaurs marching, marching
We are the dinosaurs
Whaddaya think of that?
Did you know...a tyrannosaurus rex was up to 40 feet long, about and 15 to 20 feet tall. The arms were only about 3 feet long. Their enormous skull was about 5 feet long. Their feet about 3.3 feet long; and had a stride length of up to 12 to 15 feet!

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**Activities:**

**Dinosaur Movement:**

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**Arts & Crafts:**

Create a paper plate dinosaur!

**Supplies:**

1. paper plate
2. Toilet paper tube (optional)
3. Scissors
4. Crayons
5. Glue or tape

**Steps:**

1. Cut your paper plate in half. One half will be the body.
2. Using the other half, cut along the outside edge of the paper plate to create a neck/head piece, and a tail piece.
3. Use the of the half you cut the head and tail from to cut out feet; or, if you have a toilet paper roll tube, cut it into 1” sections, and create two slits along the top edges. Slide the dinosaur body into the slits to make him stand up (see illustration).
4. Customize your dinosaur with colors, patterns, spikes...be creative!