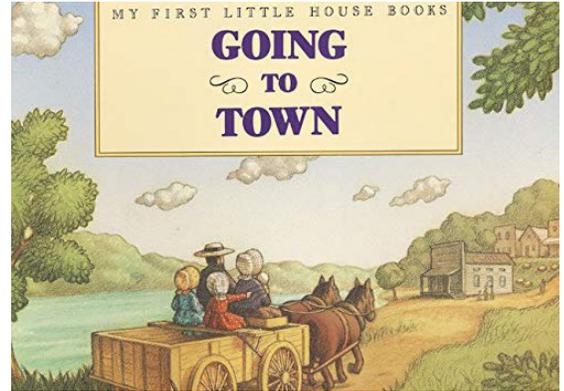


# Going to Town (adapted from the Little House books) by Laura Ingalls Wilder

**Book Synopsis:** Going to Town (adapted from the Little House books) by Laura Ingalls Wilder tells the story of Laura Ingalls' first trip to the town of Pepin. Follow along as Laura and her family prepare for the trip, enjoy a sweet treat from the general store and hold a picnic next to the lake.

A recorded reading of this book is [available here](#).



## Connection to Iowa History

Laura Ingalls Wilder, writer of the Little House book series, lived in Burr Oaks, Iowa with her family in 1876-1877. The family ran the town's Masters Hotel, which still stands today as the Laura Ingalls Wilder Park & Museum, a must-see destination for "Little House on the Prairie" fans. In fact, it is Laura's only childhood home that still stands at its original site.

## Goldie's Kids Club Storytime Activity

After reading the story, create a construction paper basket like Laura might need to carry everything she bought while visiting Pepin.

### Instructions

- 1 **Fold.** On a rectangular piece of construction paper, fold the edges up about one inch. Repeat this for all four sides. This will be the sides of the basket.
- 2 **Decorate.** Flip the paper over and decorate using markers or other decorative materials. Be creative with your designs!
- 3 **Pinch.** Flip the paper back over to the undecorated side. In each corner of the paper, pinch the corner together outwards (pointing outside the basket). This will create a corner seam to help the basket's sides to stand upright.
- 4 **Glue.** Using either glue or glue stick, apply glue to the corner seams to help the fold stick together.
- 5 **Handle.** To create a basket handle, cut a strip of construction paper one-inch wide. Apply to the sides of the basket with glue.
- 6 **Share!** After you complete your activity, share your work with the State Historical Museum of Iowa. Email a photo of your basket to [museum.education@iowa.gov](mailto:museum.education@iowa.gov). We want to share your creation with others!
- 7 **Questions to Spark Learning**
  - Do you like to go shopping? How do you think shopping today is different from how the Ingalls shopped?
  - Why do you think Laura and Mary cleaned themselves up before going to town?
  - Laura had never been to town. How do you think she felt arriving in Pepin? How would you feel?

### Materials

- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue or glue stick
- Markers