Books Babies Enjoy

- Peek-a-Boo!
- Hug
- Blue Hat, Green Hat
- Ten Little Fingers
- Goodnight Moon
- From Head to Toe
- The Everything Book
- Where's Baby's Belly Button?
- Pat the Bunny
- The Arnold Lobel Book of Mother Goose
- Baby Faces
- On the Night You Were Born
- The Baby Goes Beep
- I Can
- First 100 Words

Books Toddlers Enjoy

- Ten, Nine, Eight
- But Not the Hippopotamus
- So Much!
- Jamberry
- Is Your Mama a Llama?
- Where's Spot?
- Night Night Farm
- There's a Bear on My Chair
- Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?
- Good Night, Gorilla
- One Duck Stuck
- Whose Nose is This?
- ABC: An Amazing Alphabet Book
- The Wonky Donkey
- Fuzzy Yellow Ducklings
- Scoop The Digger!

There are 100s of excellent books. Choose ones that interest you and your child. Enjoy!

How do families get books?
At the library, yard sales, and stores. They trade with friends and ask for books as gifts.

It's the most important 20 minutes of your day.
A WORD TO PARENTS

IT’S NEVER TOO EARLY TO BEGIN READING WITH YOUR CHILD

Every time you read and talk with your little one, you are building a stronger brain for your rapidly growing child and laying the foundation for a lifelong love of reading.

Plus, this cozy lap time fosters a nurturing relationship that lays the groundwork for raising a happy, confident child!

Reading aloud with your baby promotes bonding, which is essential for healthy emotional development. Your tender voice calms your infant so he/she feels safe and secure. Your baby learns all the sounds and patterns of language just by listening to you.

Reading aloud with your toddler develops vocabulary and language skills. Reading together teaches new concepts – like colors and foods – and stimulates your child’s imagination and brain development.

Aim to read books 20 minutes a day, for 5 or 10 minutes at a time when your child is interested. Just a few minutes at various times during the day provides your child big benefits!

READ WITH YOUR BABY

Snuggle with your baby so he can feel and hear your voice.

Hold your baby so she can see the pictures and pat the pages. Linger on pages that interest her.

Read in a soothing tone that expresses love and security. Slow down and speak clearly.

Try to give your baby your full attention. Make eye contact and smile.

READ WITH YOUR TODDLER

Talk about the simple, colorful pictures in the book. Name and point to objects and colors.

Let your child help choose books, turn the pages, and “read” words.

Change your voice for different characters and emotions. Help your child make the sounds of animals.

Ask “Where is...” questions. Together point to answers in pictures.

Read favorite books again and again.

Relax and enjoy reading together. Be enthusiastic!

CHOOSING BOOKS

Playful words and rhythms appeal to young children. Books based on well known songs and poems, such as The Wheels on the Bus, are popular choices.

Predictable patterns and repeated words delight toddlers. They enjoy chiming in on the familiar phrases.

Pictures of everyday objects allow children to participate by naming and pointing. Select books with simple, colorful drawings or photographs.

Board books, made from heavy cardboard with a plastic coating, can withstand rough treatment and be wiped clean.

Cloth books are soft enough for infants to handle and strong enough to be washed.

Touch-and-feel books invite hands-on exploration, such as feeling textures and sticking fingers in holes.

Interactive books or “Busy Books” engage children with flaps or other moving parts, such as zippers. They are best when used with an adult.

Learn more at ReadingFoundation.org