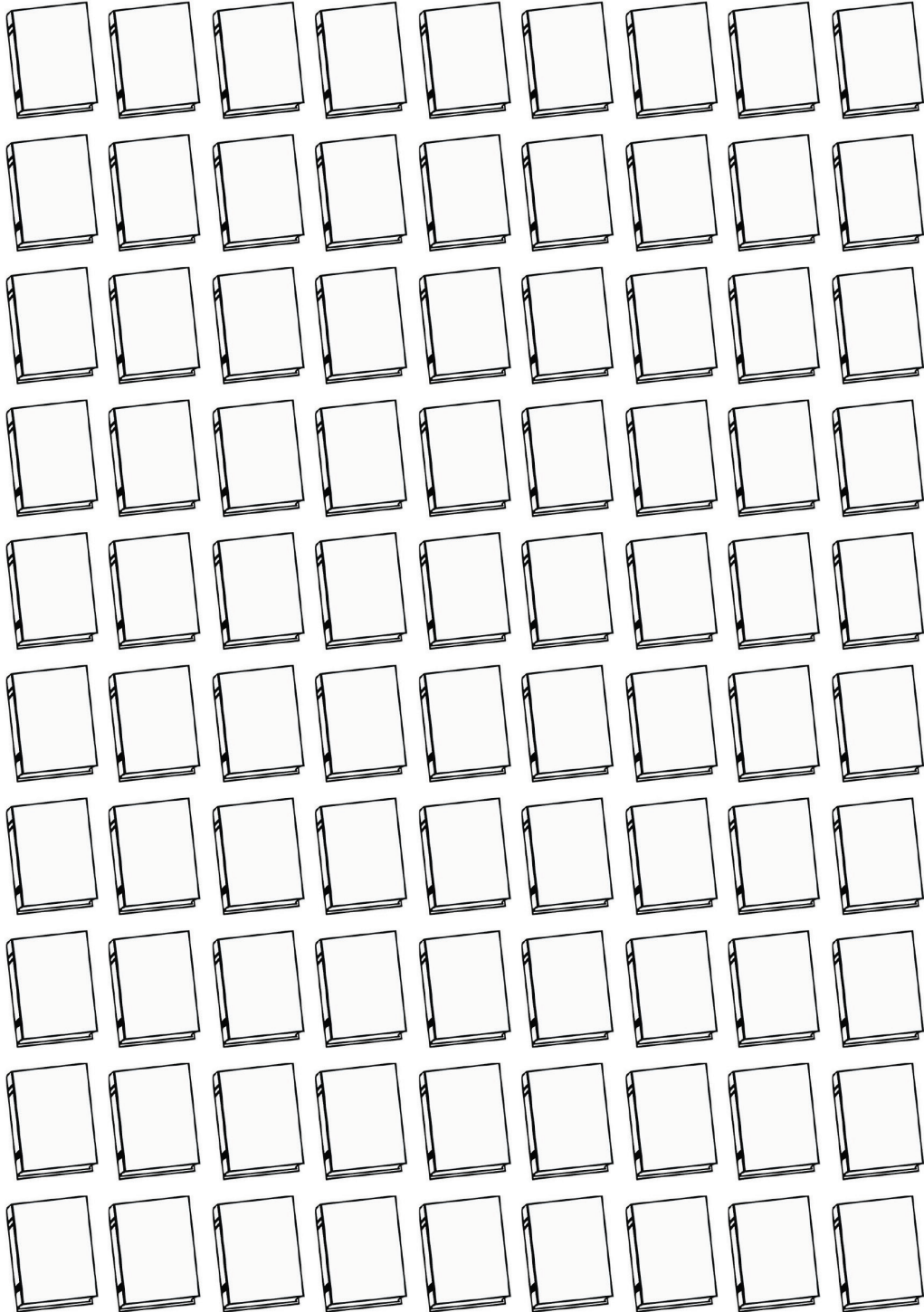




Color in a book for each day you read to your child. When this log is complete, bring it to your nearest library location for a prize.



Reading to your child 20 minutes a day exposes your little one to approximately 1.8 million words a year. Twenty minutes a day builds vocabulary, social and emotional skills, and early literacy skills. As you read together, you're preparing your child for success in school and beyond.

How do I choose books for my child?

For Infants (up to 18 months)

- Nursery rhymes and fingerplays
 - Simple, high-contrast pictures
 - Predictable patterns and repeated words
 - Pictures of babies and everyday objects
 - Board books that can be easily cleaned
 - Interactive books with fold-out pages or flaps
 - Cloth or soft vinyl books
 - Books with handles
 - Books you can sing
 - Animal sounds
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For Toddlers (1-2 years old)

- Simple plots and illustrations
 - Playful words and rhyming text
 - Stories relating to real life featuring every day objects
 - Familiar characters, such as animals, children, TV characters, or adults in familiar roles
 - Books that label objects
 - Books about bugs and “backyard” nature
 - Books that invite your child to participate in the story
 - 1-2 lines of text per page
 - Large, colorful pictures
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For Preschoolers (3-5 years old)

- Short paragraphs on each page
 - More elaborate plots and illustrations
 - Folktales and fairy tales
 - Factual books about the natural world
 - Short picture book biographies
 - Picture books without words
 - Poetry & song books
 - ABCs, Shapes, Numbers
 - Books that invite your child to participate in the story
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Visit any of NPL's 21 locations for personalized help from your librarian.