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.

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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

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

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

Visit any of NPL’s 21 locations for personalized help from your librarian.