Reading To Your Baby

Reading aloud to your baby, even a newborn infant, is the most important action you as a parent can take to set your child up for a lifetime of literacy, learning, satisfaction and success. Your baby simply needs to hear the sound of your voice and be held close. Any reading goes! A newspaper, a magazine, a grocery list—as long as you are talking, your infant will gaze lovingly at you and listen (when they aren't crying). At this stage, they are listening to the sounds of language. Young babies may not know what the pictures in a book mean, but they can focus on them, especially faces, bright colors, and contrasting patterns. When you read or sing lullabies and nursery rhymes, you can entertain and soothe your infant. By the time your child is one year old, they are beginning to learn words and pick up vocabulary, and over the next few years their brain will be growing fast! Talking and reading to your young child introduces words and concepts, builds listening and memory skills, and introduces the child to the world around them. Young children who are exposed to books, songs, and nursery rhymes in their native language develop strong pre-reading skills, which is the key to school readiness. Take time every day to talk and read to your child.
**Recommended Titles**

**Infant List:**
*Some of these titles are board books. Board books cannot be placed on hold and their availability is subject to each library location.*

- **Allen, Kathryn Madeline**
  I Am a Baby
  E Allen

- **Atinuke**
  B Is for Baby
  E Atinuke
  Board Book

- **Bolling, Valerie**
  Let's Dance!
  E Bolling

- **Burach, Ross**
  Hi-Five Farm
  Board Book

- **Canty, John**
  Shapes and Colors
  E Canty

- **Day, Nancy Raines**
  Baby's Firsts
  E Day

- **Day, Nancy Raines**
  Baby's Opposites
  E Day

- **Dempsey, Kristy**
  Ten Little Toes, Two Small Feet
  E Dempsey
  Board Book

- **Dominguez, Angela**
  Maria Had a Little Llama / María Tenía una Llamita
  WLC E Dominguez

- **Fallon, Jimmy**
  This Is Baby
  E Fallon

- **Genthart, Michael**
  Rainbow: A First Book of Pride
  E Genhart

- **Hepworth, Amelia**
  Hello, You!
  Board Book

- **Kashiwara, Akio**
  Baby Sees Colors!
  E Board Book

- **Katz, Karen**
  Ten Tiny Babies
  E Katz
  Board Book

- **Lo, Rich**
  Chinese New Year Colors
  j394.261 L7955c
  Board Book

- **Macdonald, Maryann**
  Playdate
  E Macdonalda

- **Magnuson, Molly, illus.**
  Making Faces
  Board Book

- **Miura, Taro**
  There, There
  Board Book

- **Pippins, Andrea**
  Hey, Baby!: A Baby's Day in Doodles
  Board Book

- **Rodriguez, Patty**
  Loteria
  Board Book

- **Shiefman, Vicky**
  Who Has Wiggle-Waggle Toes?
  E Shiefman

- **Silver, Skye**
  Baby Play
  Board Book

- **Ward, Jennifer**
  Feathers and Hair, What Animals Wear
  j591.47 W2593f

- **Wenzel, Brendan**
  Hello Hello
  E Wenzel

- **Williams, Vera B.**
  "More More More," Said the Baby
  E William
  Board Book

- **Toddler List:**
  **Arena, Jen**
  Marta! Big and Small
  E Arena

- **Bass, Jennifer Vogel**
  Edible Numbers
  j513.2 B317e

- **Brown, Tameka Fryer**
  Brown Baby Lullaby
  E Brown

- **Detlefsen, Lisl H.**
  On the Go Awesome
  E Detlefs

- **Feder, Tyler**
  Bodies are Cool
  E Feder

- **Flett, Julie**
  We All Play = Kimêtawânaw
  E Flett

- **Gardner Middlemiss, LaRonda**
  I Love Me!
  E Gardner

- **Gee, Kimberly**
  Mad, Mad Bear (series)
  E Gee

- **Gerber, Carole**
  A Band of Babies
  E Gerber

- **Godwin, Jane**
  Red House, Tree House, Little Bitty Brown Mouse
  E Godwin

- **Grimes, Nikki**
  Off to See the Sea
  E Grimes

- **Guest, Elissa Haden**
  Baby Builders
  E Guest

- **Harrison, David L.**
  I Want an Apple: How My Body Works
  j613 H3187i

- **Lebeuf, Darren**
  My City Speaks
  E Lebeuf

- **Lendroth, Susan**
  Here We Go Digging for Dinosaur Bones
  j567.9 L564h

- **Madison, Megan and Ralli, Jessica**
  Our Skin: A First Conversation about Race
  j305.8 M1827o
  Board Book

- **Martin Jr, Bill**
  Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?
  E Martin

- **Morley, Taia**
  Wake Up, Color Pup
  E Morley

- **Nichols, Grace**
  Whoa, Baby, Whoa!
  E Nichols

- **Norman, Kim**
  One-osaurus, Two-osaurus
  E Norman

- **Orozco, José-Luis**
  Sing with Me = Canta Conmigo
  WLC Reader Ziefert

- **Patkau, Karen**
  Triceratops Stomp
  E Patkau

- **Saito, Maki**
  Animals Brag About Their Bottoms
  E Saito

- **Saltzberg, Barney**
  One of These Is Not Like the Others
  E Saltzbe

- **Sayre, April Pulley**
  Bloom Boom!
  j581 S2754b

- **Sehgal, Kabir**
  Festival of Colors
  E Sehgal
  Board Book

- **Shang, Wendy Wan Long**
  The Rice in the Pot Goes Round and Round
  E Shang

- **Shannon, George**
  One Family
  E Shannon

- **Sze, Gillian**
  My Love for You Is Always
  E Sze

- **Tarsky, Sue**
  The Wheels on the...Uh-Oh!
  E Tarsky

- **Ziefert, Harriet**
  10 Little Fish = 10 Pececitos
  WLC Reader Ziefert