Books to Share with Your Baby

Atinuke. B IS FOR BABY
Boynton, Sandra. SILLY LULLABY
Doerrfeld, Cori. WILD BABY
Godwin, Jane. BABY DAY
Knisley, Lucy. YOU ARE NEW
Hunter, Anne. WHERE’S BABY
Murray, Diana. FIVE FUZZY CHICKS

Classic Titles

Hill, Eric. WHERE’S SPOT?
Hills, Tad. DUCK & GOOSE
McBratney, Sam. GUESS HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU

Tips For Baby

Talk
- Your touch and voice help your baby learn. Listen to the fun sounds your baby makes and repeat them back. Cooing and baby language are the first steps in talking.
- Talk to your baby continually during the day.

Read
- Read to your baby every day in the language you are most comfortable with.
- Point to pictures in books and describe what you are seeing.
- Pick books from this list or ask your librarian for suggestions.

Sing
- Singing helps comfort and soothe your baby. It strengthens the bond with your baby.
- Sing silly songs while changing baby’s diaper or feeding your baby. Describe what you are doing in song!

Play
- Play simple games like peek-a-boo and open-shut-them with your baby.
- Use toys that focus your baby’s attention such as soft puppets and stuffed animals.
- Make everyday routines playful.
Books to Share with Your Toddler

Alexander, Lori. **FUTURE ASTRONAUT**
Cabrera, Jane. **ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT**
Cousins, Lucy. **SPLISH, SPLASH, DUCKY!**
Gee, Kimberly. **GLAD, GLAD BEAR!**
Gomi, Taro. **LITTLE BOAT**
Murray, Diana. **FIVE FUZZY CHICKS**
Orozvo, Jose-Luis. **SING WITH ME=CANTA CONMIGO**
Puck. **LIBRARY BABIES**
Shiefman, Vicky. **WHO HAS WIGGLE WAGGLE TOES**

**Classic Titles**

Carle, Eric. **THE VERY BUSY SPIDER**
Dewdney, Anna. **LLAMA LLAMA RED PAJAMA**
Rathmann, Peggy. **GOOD NIGHT, GORILLA**
Shaw, Nancy. **SHEEP IN A JEEP**

Tips For Toddlers

**Talk**
- Talk about what you see during your daily activities and surroundings.
- Take your child to the grocery store and talk about what you are seeing and buying.
- Ask your child simple questions that they can answer.

**Read**
- Read together every day.
- Point to pictures in books. Ask your toddler what they see.
- Let your little one turn the pages or hold the book if they are able to.

**Sing**
- Singing slows down language so children can hear the different sounds that make up words.
- Clap along to the rhythms in songs so they can hear the syllables in words.
- Act out songs like Itsy Bitsy Spider with your fingers and hands. This helps your child learn how to use their hands—a skill they need to write.

**Play**
- Make time to explore and experiment every day. Let them stack plastic measuring cups, pour and dump water in the tub, dig in sand and climb in and out of a cardboard box.
- Let them straddle simple riding toys they can move by using thier feet. Blow bubbles that they can chase and pop.
- Encourage pretend play. This helps them explore aspects of everyday life and stretch their imagination about what other people might do and feel.