



For ages  
**Birth  
to 2**

# The Bookworm



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local library  
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## What is Early Literacy?

Early literacy is what children know about reading and writing before they actually learn to read and write. Helping your child develop early literacy skills will build a foundation for reading so that when they are taught to read they are ready. You can start at birth!

### Every Child Ready to Read®

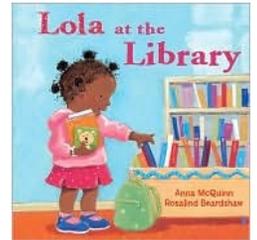
Reading with your little ones every day and teaching them about the world around them are practices that help prepare children to learn to read. This newsletter will help you become more familiar with early literacy skills, as well as share tips and activities you can try at home with your child. *The Bookworm* is published monthly for three age groups: Birth to 2; Preschool (3-5); and Kindergarten/First Grade. You can find more Bookworms at <http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/bookworm>, or ask your local librarian for additional copies.

## Book of the Month

### *Lola at the Library*, by Anna McQuinn

Lola loves Tuesdays because that is the day she and her mother go to the library.

Everything about the trip is an exciting adventure, but the best time of all is when Mommy reads her a story at bedtime. Simple text and large, bright pictures make this book just right for sharing.



### More books by author Anna McQuinn

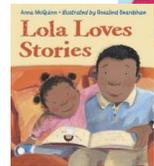
*Lola en la biblioteca*

*Wanda's Washing Machine*

### New in 2010

*Lola Loves Stories*

*The Sleep Sheep*



## 10 good reasons to read to babies:

1. Baby associates your voice with warmth, comfort, and security.
2. Reading has a calming effect on a restless baby.
3. Baby is entertained by nursery rhymes and songs.
4. Holding the baby while reading to him/her creates a close, loving bond between parent and baby.
5. Baby makes an association between reading and being held.
6. The pleasure of being held transfers to the desire to be read to.
7. Baby will learn to listen and will grow up ready to read.
8. Baby will begin imitating sounds and words.
9. Baby must hear English (or French, Spanish or other languages) in order to learn that language.
10. It's fun to read to a baby!



## More fun with *Lola at the Library*

**Talk and point...** Talk about some objects in the story and ask your child to find them on the page. "Where is the book? Here it is! Lola is going to put it in her backpack. See her backpack? It has little stars on it."

### A Word About Board Books

Board books have pages that are heavy, sturdy and laminated. They are perfect for little hands. The pictures are simple and clear and the designs are bright and fun.

Babies explore their world by putting things into their mouths, including books! This is normal and board books are made for little hands and mouths because they are harder to damage than other books.



Clean books by wiping with 1/2 cup bleach per gallon of water. You can also wipe with a little window cleaner or rubbing alcohol.

We hope you and your little one have fun exploring and playing with board books!

### Fingerplay for Toddlers

#### "Storytime"

When the sun lights up the sky  
*(wave arms above head)*

I sit right up and rub my eyes  
*(rub eyes)*

I dress myself with greatest care  
*(pretend to step into pants)*

I brush my teeth and comb my hair  
*(pretend to brush teeth and comb hair)*

Then off to story hour I go,  
*(march in place)*

To hear the stories  
that I love so.



## Song for Babies

"Did You Ever See a Baby?"

*(Tune: Did You Ever See a Lassie?)*

*(Holding baby on your lap, gently sway from side to side)*

Did you ever see a baby, a baby, a baby?

Did you ever see a baby go this way and that?

Go this way and that way,

and this way and that way.

Did you ever see a baby go this way and that?

*(Holding baby, gently bounce up and down.)*

Did you ever see a baby, a baby, a baby?

Did you ever see a baby

bounce this way and that?

Bounce this way and that way

and this way and that way.

Did you ever see a baby

bounce this way and that?



### What your library can do for you...

Your library offers many free resources to help you build your child's early literacy skills: age-appropriate books, music CDs, storytimes, parent workshops, booklists, take-home information, and events for the whole family!

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