Family Reading Week:
November 14—20

Many parents become library users when their children are toddlers and preschoolers. Many also know how important it is to read aloud to children in order to support their reading development. However, as their children get older and become readers themselves, parents often depend more on teachers for reading support, and become less aware of how libraries can continue to support their children and themselves through the years.

There’s so much to see and do at your library! The library is a place the whole family can enjoy. In addition to reading and storytimes, many libraries offer game nights, arts and crafts, workshops, kids’ clubs, adult clubs, teen programs, computer access, video games, movies, music, and more...at no cost!

Family Reading Week is an annual statewide celebration of reading as a family activity. The theme this year is “Join the Curious Crowd—Read Aloud.” Libraries across the state are planning exciting events celebrating curiosity and reading aloud. So Join the Curious Crowd this November and have fun reading aloud with your child!

Book of the Month

Toes, Ears, Nose! by Karen Katz

Baby is bundled in a mountain of clothes! Babies love nothing more than pointing out their heads, shoulders, knees, and toes. Lift the flap of a sleeve to discover an elbow, pull up the boots to discover tiny toes!

You can find lots of great Karen Katz books at your local library! Here are just a few...

More great read-alouds for babies and toddlers:

Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes, Mem Fox
Peek-A-Moo, Marie Torres Cimarusti
I Love You As Much, Laura Krauss Melmed
All Fall Down, Helen Oxenbury
Goodnight Moon, Margaret Wise Brown
Big Fat Hen, Keith Baker
Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed, Eileen Christelow
More fun with *Toes, Ears, Nose!*

**Talk about it...** As you read the book with your baby or toddler, make connections between the pictures and your child. “Inside my mittens I have... (lift the flap) fingers! Where are your fingers?”

**Make your own book...** You will need an old photo album from around the house or from a thrift/dollar store or yard sale. Insert photos of your baby/toddler and use stickers or file labels to write a caption such as “Happy,” or “Sleepy.” You could also make a book of your family, labeling “Dad,” or “cat.” Your child will love “reading” these books with you over and over again!

**Out and about...** Take this book or others with you in your travel bag. Pull it out at the doctor’s office, the restaurant, the grocery store, the car or bus, Grandma’s house, the park, anytime you’re on the move!

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**Rhyme for Baby**

**Touch**

*(Touch each part of baby as named in the poem)*

Touch your nose,
Touch your chin,
That’s the way the game begins.
Touch your eyes,
Touch your knees,
Now pretend you’re going to sneeze!
ACHOO!
Touch your hair,
Touch one ear,
Touch your two red lips right here.
Touch your elbows where they bend,
That is how this game will end.

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**Song for Toddlers**

**Head and Shoulders**

*Touch the different parts of the body when singing about them.*

Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes
Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes
Eyes and ears and mouth and nose,
Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes!

**Suggestions:**
Sing the song again and again, each time singing a little bit faster!

You can hear the tune to this song at:
www.kididdles.com/lyrics/h002.html

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

Ask your librarian about special events and programs planned for Family Reading Week, November 14—20.

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