



For ages
**Birth
to 2**

The Bookworm



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Keep Reading This Summer!

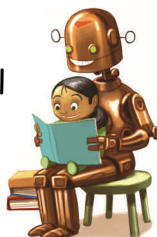
Summertime can mean new schedules, new caregivers, traveling, get-togethers, and lots of outdoor play... Here are some ways to make reading a part of your family's summer fun:

1. Let your children pick out books they enjoy, even if you read them over and over again! When children choose books they enjoy, they learn to love reading and become better readers when they begin school.
2. Get your child (or family) a library card at your local public library. It's **free!** Many libraries offer free summer cards for those who live out of the district.
3. Sign up your child for summer reading at your library and enjoy **free** programs with fun activities, storytelling, crafts and more. Many libraries have special reading programs for babies and toddlers.
4. Read to your child every day. Children who are read to every day do better when they begin school!
5. Have books everywhere - in the car, in front of the TV, in the kitchen, on the porch...



This year's summer reading theme will certainly appeal to your young scientist. Most libraries offer

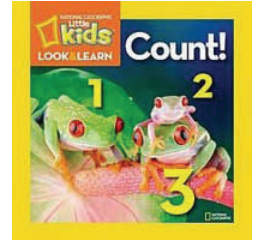
summer reading programs, so put on your lab coat and check out your local library's summer calendar for free children's events, storytimes, prizes, and more!



Book of the Month

Look and Learn: Count! by National Geographic

Babies and toddlers love photographs, so what better way to teach counting than pictures of animals. The animals are counted up to five, with an activity for each number. Toddlers can start to identify that each number represents an amount by touching and counting the pictures on each page.



More "Look and Learn" books from National Geographic Kids:



More books to build counting skills:

- Ten Black Dots*, by Donald Crews
- Counting Kisses*, by Karen Katz
- Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes*, by Mem Fox
- Big Fat Hen*, by Keith Baker
- One Duck Stuck*, by Phyllis Root
- Goodnight Moon 123*, by Margaret Wise Brown
- Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed*, by Eileen Christelow

More fun with *Look and Learn: Count!*

Talk about it... Babies will love the bright and colorful photographs in this book. As you turn the pages, point and talk about the animals with baby. "Oh, look at the pretty stripes on these zebras." "Look at the colorful frogs! This one is red. This one is blue. Frogs go hop, hop, hopping through the forest!"

Count me in! As you read this book with your toddler help her count the items on each page. Touch (or help her touch) each item as you count it aloud. "Let's count the zebras: 1, 2, 3." Being able to touch an item and count it out loud is an important skill for young children to develop.

Sing counting songs and play counting games with your baby or toddler, such as these:

This Old Man



This old man, he played one,
He played knick knack with his thumb,
With a knick, knack, paddy whack,
Give the dog a bone;
This old man came rolling home.

This old man, he played two,
He played knick knack on my shoe,
With a knick, knack, paddy whack,
Give the dog a bone,
This old man came rolling home.

Three, on his knee	Seven, up to heaven
Four, on the door	Eight, on my gate
Five, on my hive	Nine, on my spine
Six, with his sticks	Ten, all over again



See a version of "This Old Man" at
<http://tinyurl.com/RIF-thisoldman>

One Little Baby

One little baby, rocking in a tree.
(Hold up finger then rock in palm.)

Two little babies, splashing in the sea.
(Hold up two fingers, splash hands.)

Three little babies, crawling on the floor.
(Three fingers, make crawling motions.)

Four little babies, banging on the door.
(Four fingers, pound on imaginary door.)

Five little babies, playing hide and seek.
(Five fingers, cover up eyes.)

Keep your eyes closed tight
now, until I say...

PEEK!

(Hands away from eyes)



What your library can do for you...

Libraries are helping young children develop science, technology, engineering, and mathematics skills. Contact your library to learn more about STEM programs and to check out lots of great math and science picture books!

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