



For ages
**Birth
to 2**

The Bookworm

From your
local library
and Idaho's Read
to Me program

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Easy Ways to Keep Reading Over the 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:

- 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.
- 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.
- Sign your child up 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.
- Read to your child every day. Children who are read to every day do better when they begin school!
- Have books everywhere - in the car, in front of the TV, in the kitchen, on the porch...

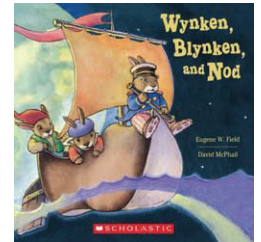


Dream Big—Read!

This year's summer reading theme is all about nighttime and achieving dreams. Many libraries offer summer reading programs, so check out your local library's summer calendar for free children's events, storytimes, prizes, and more!

Book of the Month

Wynken, Blynken, and Nod, by Eugene W. Field, illustrated by David McPhail

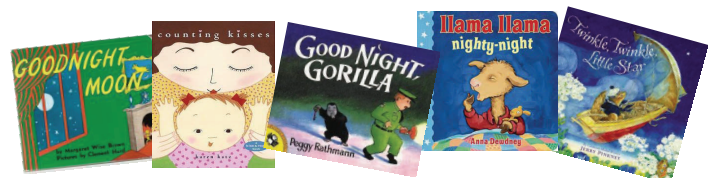


"Wynken, Blynken, and Nod" is a much liked children's poem written by American poet Eugene Field in 1889. The poem is a lullaby about three fishermen sailing in a boat the shape of a wooden shoe. The fishermen, named Wynken, Blynken, and Nod, stand for a sleepy child's sleepy eyes and nodding head.

You can hear the lullaby and watch a video at <http://bussongs.com/songs/wynken-blynken-and-nod.php>.

Some Favorite "Night" Books:

- Counting Kisses*, by Karen Katz
- The Going to Bed Book*, by Sandra Boynton
- Goodnight Gorilla*, by Peggy Rathmann
- Goodnight Moon*, by Margaret Wise Brown
- Goodnight Spot*, by Eric Hill
- Hush Little Baby: A Folk Song with Pictures*, by Marla Frazee
- Llama Llama Nighty-Night*, by Anna Dewdney
- Sleepy, Oh So Sleepy*, by Denise Fleming
- Twinkle Twinkle, Little Star*, by Jerry Pinkney

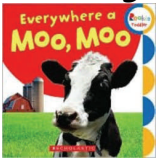


More fun with *Read to Me First Books*...

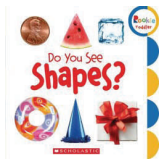
Storing Your Child's Books: Keep your child's books on a low shelf or in a basket where she can see them and get them herself. Encourage her to look through them often and talk about them with you or others.

Six Early Literacy Skills: Each month *The Bookworm* featured one of the six skills your baby or toddler should develop in order to be ready to read when he is older:

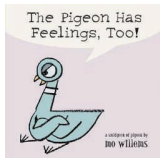
Phonological Awareness (sounds): Sing songs, play games, and share rhymes to help your child hear and play with the smaller sounds in words.



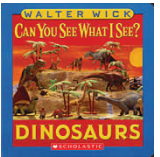
Letter Knowledge (ABC's): Help your child see and feel different shapes as you play, explain how things are the "same" and "different," and point out letters on toys and boxes.



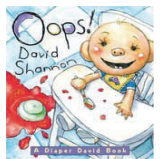
Narrative Skills (storytelling): Tell stories together, encourage pretend play, and let your child be a storyteller. Ask lots of questions that need more description than just "yes" or "no" responses.



Vocabulary (words): Talk with your child about what is going on around him or what you are doing, teach him the names of objects, and ask him lots of questions.



Print Awareness (using books): Point to words and pictures as you read, and let your child hold the board books, turn pages, and even chew on them!



Print Motivation (loving books): Begin reading to your child when she is a baby; make reading a special, cozy experience, and let your child see you reading, too.



Hush Little Baby

Hush, little baby, don't say a word,
Papa's gonna buy you a mockingbird.
And if that mockingbird won't sing,
Papa's gonna buy you a diamond ring.
And if that diamond ring turns brass,
Papa's gonna buy you a looking glass.
And if that looking glass gets broke,
Papa's gonna buy you a billy goat.
And if that billy goat won't pull,
Papa's gonna buy you a cart and bull.
And if that cart and bull turn over,
Papa's gonna buy you a dog named Rover.
And if that dog named Rover won't bark,
Papa's gonna buy you a horse and cart.
And if that horse and cart fall down,
You'll still be the sweetest
little baby in town.

What your library can do for you...

Did your child like the books he/she received this year? How can we make the *Read to Me First Book* program better? Be sure to fill out your **First Book Parent Survey** and return it to your child's teacher or local librarian!

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