



For ages
3-5

The Bookworm



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local library
and Idaho's Read
to Me program

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Easy Ways to Keep Your Kids 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!
- 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 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 preschoolers.
- Read to your child every day. Children who are read to every day do better when they begin school.
- Set a good example: read on your own and talk to your child about what you are reading.
- Have books everywhere - in the car, in front of the TV, in the kitchen, on the porch...

**FIZZ
BOOM
READ**

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

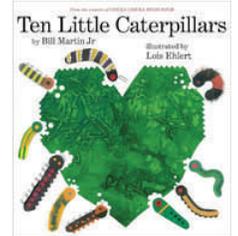
summer reading programs, so put on your lab coat and check out your local library's summer calendar for free children's events, storytimes, prizes, and more!



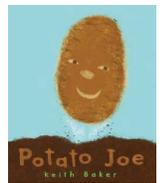
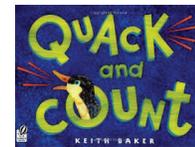
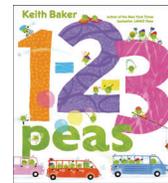
Book of the Month

Ten Little Caterpillars, by Bill Martin, Jr.

Children will catch on quickly to the pattern of counting up to 10 in this story. Scientific facts about caterpillars and butterflies are told in a playful way, and illustrated with simple, colorful artwork.



Additional counting books by Keith Baker:



More good books to build preschool science and math skills...

Ten Black Dots, by Donald Crews

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, by Bill Martin, Jr. and John Archambault

Counting in the Garden, by Emily Hruby

Fish Eyes: A Book You Can Count On, by Lois Ehlert

Exactly the Opposite, and More, Fewer, Less, by Tana Hoban

The Button Box, by Margarett Reid

Lots and Lots of Zebra Stripes: Patterns in Nature, by Stephen Swinburne

More fun with *Ten Little Caterpillars...*

Science and nature... Next time your child sees a caterpillar outside bring it indoors on a piece of paper. Observe the insect together and ask some of these questions: How does the caterpillar's skin feel? How does it move? Can a caterpillar move backward? Have your child draw a picture of the caterpillar before placing it back in the yard in a nice, cool, leafy spot!

A trip to the library... What exactly is that caterpillar doing inside its cocoon? Help your child find out more about caterpillars by finding information books at your library.

Counting Song

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...

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>

Song

"The Little Caterpillar"

(Sing to the tune of "Itsy Bitsy Spider")

The little caterpillar crawled up into a tree.
Spun his cocoon and slept so quietly.
All through the winter he didn't make a sound.
He dreamt of his new life
when he could fly around.

While he was sleeping the snow did gently fall.
Winter came and went,
then he heard the robin's call.
Come on, Mr. Butterfly, out of your cocoon.
Spread your wings and fly for me,
while I sing my tune.



Brooklyn Public Library
"First Five Years"



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 be sure to visit www.stemgame.lili.org for a fun online game to play with your child!

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