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**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...

## One World, Many Stories

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

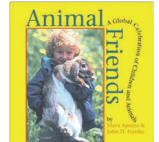
## Book of the Month

*Global Babies/ Bebés del mundo*, a Global Fund for Children book by Maya Ajmera



Young children love to look at baby faces, and this bilingual book celebrates children from all over the world.

The Global Fund for Children supports programs that help needy children all over the world. Here are more Global Fund for Children books:



## "One World, Many Stories" books your little one will enjoy this summer:

*Baby Faces* series, Roberta Grobel Intrater

*Babies*, Susan Canizares

*Big Book of Beautiful Babies*, David Ellwand

*Carry Me* and *Families (Babies Everywhere series)*, Star Bright Books

*Hands Can*, Cheryl Willis Hudson

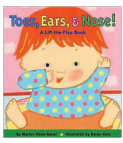
*I Can, Can You?* Marjorie W. Pitzer (all babies in this book have Down Syndrome)

*What I Like About Me!* Allia Zobel Nolan

*Whoever You Are*, Mem Fox

*Whose Knees Are These?*





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

**Storing Your Child's Books:** Keep your child's books on a low shelf or 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.

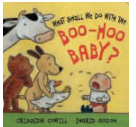
**6 Early Literacy Skills:** Each month *The Bookworm* has featured one of the six skills your baby or toddler should develop in order to be ready to read when he is older:

**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.

**Print Awareness (using books):** Point to words



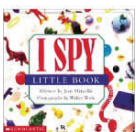
and pictures as you read, and let your child hold the board books, turn pages, and even chew on them!

**Letter Knowledge (ABC's):** Help your child



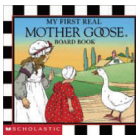
see and feel different shapes as you play, explain how things are the "same" and "different," and point out letters on toys and boxes.

**Vocabulary (words):** Talk with your child



about what is going on around them or what you are doing, teach them the names of objects, and ask him lots of questions.

**Phonological Awareness (sounds):** Sing songs,



play games, and share rhymes to help your child hear and play with the smaller sounds in words.

**Narrative Skills (storytelling):** Tell stories



together, encourage pretend play, and let your child be a storyteller. Ask your little one lots of questions that need more description than just a "yes" or "no."

## 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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