

Did you know...



Reading books together can open the door to new countries, new foods, new traditions, and new languages. Explore the world while sitting on your couch. Read as a family!

If your home language isn't English, it's important to speak, read, and sing to your child in the language you speak at home. If children learn the basics of speech in the language of their home, it makes it easier to learn English as they grow older. It's important that the culture of your native country is maintained. Children may switch words from both languages for a while, but they'll soon sort it out.

If your home language is English, consider teaching your child some simple words in sign language or another language you want to try. It's easier to learn a language when you are a young child than as an adult, and it will help them in this very diverse world we live in.

Here's how...

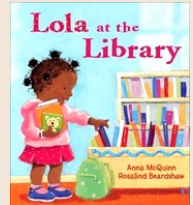


- ⊛ Watch children's shows that feature children from diverse backgrounds.
- ⊛ Listen to music or watch videos from different cultures. Your local library is a good source for CDs and DVDs to borrow.
- ⊛ Attend local cultural events in your community so your child can experience new food, new music, or new dancing. It is especially meaningful to attend events that reflect your family's heritage.

Read



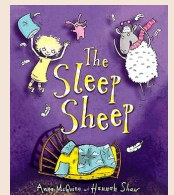
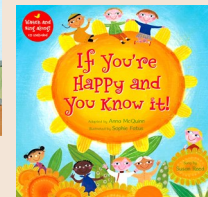
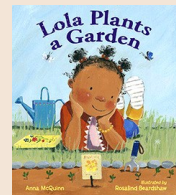
***Lola at the Library,* by Anna McQuinn**



Lola loves Tuesdays because that is the day she and her mother go to the library.

Everything about the trip is an exciting adventure, but the best time of all is when Mommy reads her a story at bedtime. Simple text and large, bright pictures make this book just right for sharing.

Other books by Anna McQuinn:



Choosing Books



More books to celebrate reading and diversity...

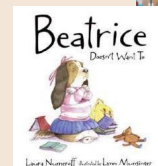
Rin, Rin, Rin: Do, Re, Mi, by Jose-Luis Orozco

Beatrice Doesn't Want To, by Laura Numeroff

Library Lion, by Michelle Knudsen

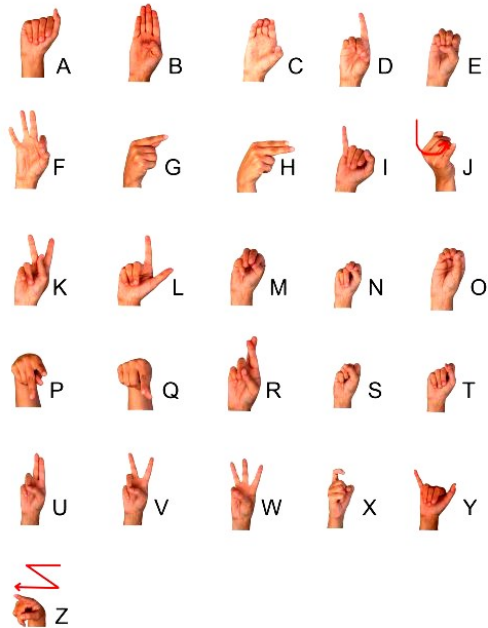
Book! Book! Book! by Deborah Bruss

I Got the Rhythm,
by Connie Schofield-Morrison





American Sign Language Alphabet



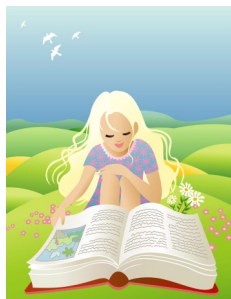
Help your child learn to spell their name in sign language. It's one more way to build letter knowledge.

[www.start-american-sign-language.com/
printable-sign-language-alphabet.html](http://www.start-american-sign-language.com/printable-sign-language-alphabet.html)



Storytime

When the sun lights up the sky,
(wave arms above head)
 I sit right up and rub my eyes.
(rub eyes)
 I dress myself with greatest care,
(pretend to step into pants)
 I brush my teeth and comb my hair.
*(pretend to brush teeth and
 comb hair)*
 Then off to story hour I go,
(march in place)
 To hear the stories
 that I love so.



Read to Me

Read to me riddles and read to me rhymes,
 Read to me stories of magical times,
 Read to me tales about castles and kings,
 Read to me stories of fabulous things.
 Read to me pirates and read to me knights,
 Read to me dragons and dragon-book fights.
 Read to me spaceships and cowboys and then,
 When you are finished, please read them again.

By Jane Yolen

At your library...



Your librarian can help you find books in other languages at the public library, get them on loan from other Idaho libraries, or help you access them online.