



## Did you know ...



Studies show that children whose family and caregivers read with them every day become better readers, and children who visit their public library regularly are more likely to become library users when they grow up. When you cuddle up with your child to read a book together you are giving your child your full attention, which makes them feel safe and loved. Studies also show that children who have lots of books in their homes, which include books they own and books they borrow, have an easier time learning to read.

It's never too early to begin reading with your baby or toddler!

## Here's how your family can read more:



- ❖ **Collect more books.** You can find low-cost books at yard sales, thrift stores, and library book sales. Suggest books as gifts from family and friends. Make your own books using old photo albums or cardboard.
- ❖ **Build a home library.** Store books on a low shelf so your baby or toddler can reach them, or decorate a special box together. Pick a special place for your child's books so they know where to look for them, or put them in places where your family gathers together.
- ❖ **Visit your public library often.** Sign up for a library card if you don't have one. If you can't get one, you can still visit your library and read books together in the children's area.
- ❖ **Snuggle up!** Find time each day to hold your little one and share a book.

## Read



### Share This Book by Dr. John Hutton



Love and reading are gifts we can give to our children every day. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that parents begin reading with their babies as soon as possible, when their brains are growing fast. This book shows how the SHARE STEP method of reading to babies and toddlers can be used with any book you snuggle up to read with your baby or toddler.

## Choosing Books



### Great board books to snuggle up and read with your baby and family:

*Book! / Libro!* by Kristine O'Connell George

*Find Spot at the Library* by Eric Hill

*Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown

*Guess How Much I Love You* by Sam McBratney

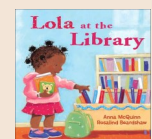
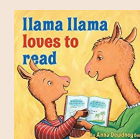
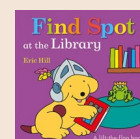
*Llama Llama Loves to Read* by Anna Dewdney

*Lola at the Library* by Anna McQuinn

*Love You, Hug You, Read to You* by Tish Rabe

*More, More, More, Said the Baby* by Vera B. Williams

*Read to Your Bunny* by Rosemary Wells



## Talk



“Reading” with a baby or toddler is more about talking and pointing to the pictures than actually reading. See this video from Scholastic about reading to your baby:



<https://tinyurl.com/Readtobaby>

## Ready to Write



You will need an old photo album from around the house or from a thrift/dollar store or yard sale. Insert photos of your family and use file labels or stickers to label the photos, such as “Dad,” “Sister,” “cat.” Let your baby/toddler hold the book and learn to turn the pages. These hand motions will help your child develop the little muscles needed to hold a pencil and write later on. Your child will love “reading” these books with you over and over again!

## Sing



### Did You Ever See a Baby?

*(Tune: Did You Ever See a Lassie?)*

Did you ever see a baby, a baby, a baby?  
Did you ever see a baby go this way and that?

Go this way and that way,  
and this way and that way.

Did you ever see a baby go this way and that?

Did you ever see a baby, a baby, a baby?  
Did you ever see a baby bounce  
this way and that?

Bounce this way and that way  
and this way and that way.

Did you ever see a baby  
bounce this way and that?

Watch video of this song:

[www.youtube.com/birth2six](http://www.youtube.com/birth2six)

Use the Search box to find this video



## Play



### Baby Bounce: To Market, To Market

*(Gently bounce baby to rhythm)*

To market, to market, to buy a fat pig,  
Home again, home again, jiggety-jig.  
To market, to market, to buy a fat hog,  
Home again, home again, jiggety-jog.

### Tickle Rhyme: Five Little Piggies

*(Gently squeeze each of your child’s toes)*

This little piggy went to market,  
This little piggy stayed at home,  
This little piggy ate roast beef,  
This little piggy had none.  
And this little piggy went,  
“Wee wee wee wee wee,”

*(tickle your fingers up your child’s leg)*

All the way home ...

## At your library ...



Idaho Family Reading Week is an annual statewide celebration of reading as a family activity. Ask your librarian if the library is planning special events and programs planned for Idaho Family Reading Week, November 4 — 10, 2024.