

Five Easy Steps for Sharing Books with Your Baby

1 Pick the best time

Choose a time when you and your baby are in a good mood and ready to enjoy each other.

2 Show baby the book

Point to the pictures, and talk naturally and cheerfully.

3 Talk and have fun

Remember to cuddle and love your baby the whole time.

4 Watch what baby does

Let your baby play with the book if he wants. Feel free to stop if your baby isn't having any fun.

5 Share a book with your baby every day

Even a few **minutes** a day helps your child get ready to read.



Library Hours

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Book Babies



Eight-Week Storytime for Babies (0 to 12 months) and Their Caregivers*

*No additional siblings or youngsters may attend the class

Mondays, 10 a.m.

Storytime Room

Registration Required

Session Dates:

February 7—April 4 (no meeting 2/21)

April 11—June 6 (no meeting 5/30)

June 13 0 August 8 (no meeting 7/4)

August 15—October 10 (no meeting 9/5)

October 17—December 5

Welcome to Book Babies!

Book Babies is a program for infants from birth to 12 months and their parents/caregivers. This is a warm and cuddly time of bonding with your baby through age-appropriate picture and board books, songs, lullabies, nursery rhymes, fingerplays, gentle stretching, and ways that parents may stimulate language and baby brain development with their children at home.

Here's what you need to know:

- ☐ Children need to be in good health with clean diapers.
- ☐ Diapers may be changed in the restrooms.
- ☐ Children need to remain within arm's length of their parent.
- ☐ Please bring a quilt or blanket for your child to rest on. (Our Storytime Room carpet gets lots of use and isn't clean enough for babies.)
- ☐ Comfortable clothing for babies and adults is recommended.
- ☐ Please turn off all cell phones & pagers during the program.
- ☐ Nursing moms and their babies may do so discreetly.
- ☐ Fussy babies may need to be comforted outside the story area for the sake of the larger group. Some may be able to rejoin the group; some may need to come back another day.
- ☐ Only baby and parent(s)/caregiver may attend. Space is limited to ten caregiver/infant pairs.
- ☐ Grown-ups are encouraged to visit together *before* and *after* the program.

Six Skills Your Child Needs to Learn to Read

Vocabulary

Knowing the names of things

Phonological Awareness

The ability to hear and play with smaller sounds in words

Print Awareness

Noticing print, knowing how to handle a book, & follow the text on a page

Print Motivation

A child's interest in and enjoyment of books

Letter Knowledge

Learning to name letters, knowing they have sounds, and recognizing them

Narrative Skills

The ability to describe things and events & to tell stories