"Bear-y" Good Books & Music for

Babies (0–11 months)



at the
Elmhurst Public
Library

Reading to Newborns & Infants

Research shows that it is never too early to start reading to a newborn. Children 0 to 11 months of age may not understand the meaning of the words being said, but they still benefit tremendously from the reading experience. Babies love to be cuddled on your lap and held securely while listening to your voice as you read, chant or sing the words from a book.

Choose books with rhythm, rhyme and simple, clear illustrations. (Babies this age can best see objects that are 8–14 inches away.) Exposure to the rhythm, rhyme and sounds of language will help your child's vocabulary grow and make it easier for him or her to learn to read.

According to the Public Library Association, "Research has found that parents who start sharing books with their babies early on have children with better language skills. In addition, children whose parents begin sharing books with them early in life develop a greater interest in and enjoyment of books."

Tips for Reading to Babies 0–11 months

- Pick a time when you and your baby are relaxed and in a good mood.
- Choose primarily board books so that he or she can touch and manipulate them without tearing or damage.
- Put a lot of expression in your voice as you read. Let him or her sense your enthusiasm.
- Choose books with uncluttered, simple, brightly colored artwork.
- Babies enjoy looking at pictures of other babies and simple, everyday objects. You can point at these objects and say their names.
- Read every day and let your child see you reading, too.
- Most of all, make it a fun, cozy time with your infant!



Books

White on Black JE Hob	(board book)
One Sleepy Baby JE Lev	(board book)
Mama Mama JE Mar	(board book)
Papa Papa JE Mar	(board book)
Baby Food JE Mil	(board book)
Get Ready, Baby JE Mil	(board book)
Maybe My Baby JE O'Bo	(board book)
Animal Signs JE Sli	(board book)
Word Signs JE Sli	(board book)
At the Beach JE Sta	(board book)
First Words JE Sta	(board book)
Baby Dance J E Tay	(board book)
Baby Animals:	
Black and White JE Til	(board book)
Read-Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young J 811.008 Rea	

Music

Early Childhood Classics: Old Favorites with a New **Twist**

> by Hap Palmer (JCD 372.5 Pal)

Nursery Rhyme Time: Songs, Rhymes and **Movement Activities**

by Georgiana Stewart (JCD 372.5 Ste)

Baby's Nursery Rhymes

by Jason Miles

(JCD 398.8 Mil) (J Cassette 398.8 Mil)

Hap Palmer Sings Classic Nursery Rhymes

(JCD 398.8 Pal) (J Cassette 398.8 Pal)

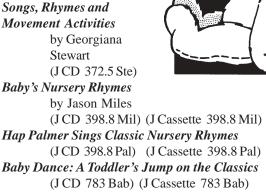
(JCD 783 Bab) (J Cassette 783 Bab)

The Playtime Album

(JCD 783 Pla)

Smart Music: Classical Music for Babies

(JCD 783 Pla)



Books for Parents

Ellison, Sheila 365 Days of Baby Love (J P/T 649.122 Ell) Lansky, Vicki Games Babies Play (J P/T 649.122 Lan) Silberg, Jackie Games to Play with Babies (J P/T 649.1922 Sil) Martin, Elaine Baby Games (J P/T 649.5 Mar) Wilner, Isabel The Baby's Game Book (J P/T 649.5 Wil)



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