

Preschoolers need:

- To be read to every day
- To learn about narrative through stories
- To be involved in reading and playing word games
- To play and pretend
- To know what writing is and how it works
- To be taken to the library for books and programs

When sharing books with your preschooler you should:

- Have fun and talk about the books together
- Encourage your child to “read” the story to you
- Make everyday connections to the story
- Point to the words as you read

Books to share with your preschooler

Bark, George by Jules Feiffer

Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson

Bread Jam and for Frances by Russell Hoban

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin, Jr. and John Archambault

Corduroy by Don Freeman

Duck & Goose by Tad Hills

Feathers for Lunch by Lois Ehlert

Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed
by Eileen Christelow

Froggy Gets Dressed by Jonathan London

The House in the Night by Susan Marie Swanson

How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night? by Jane Yolen

I Broke My Trunk! by Mo Willems

I Stink! by Kate and Jim McMullan

Joseph Had a Little Overcoat by Simms Taback

Kitten's First Full Moon by Kevin Henkes

Koala Lou by Mem Fox

Move Over, Rover! by Karen Beaumont

Owl Babies by Martin Waddell

We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen

Z is for Moose by Kelly Bingham

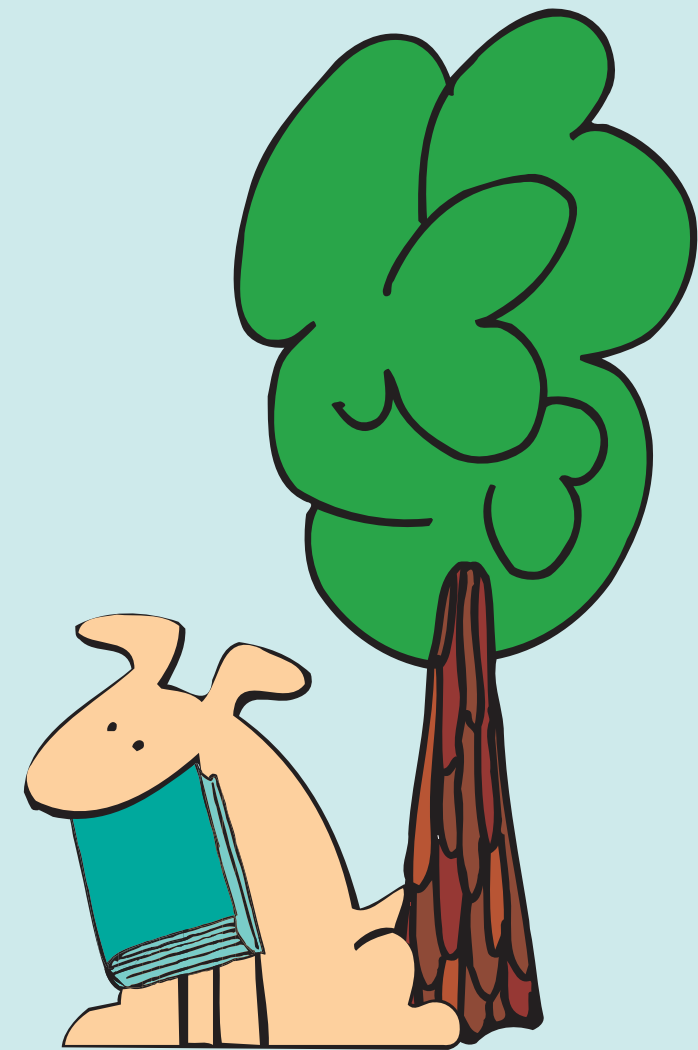


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Pick up our *Schedule of Programs for Children and Teens* at your local branch or visit us often at dekalblibrary.org



a place to grow



READ AND GROW
at
DEKALB COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Sharing Books
with Babies, Toddlers
and Preschoolers**

Parents are their children's first teachers. Children learn best by doing things and they love doing things with you. Talking, singing, reading, writing and playing are fun ways to develop language and pre-reading skills in children, beginning at birth.

Babies need:

- To hear your voice. Talk to your baby about what you see and what you are doing.
- To be read to every day.
- To be surrounded with music, songs and nursery rhymes.
- To experience play. You are your baby's first toy.
- To be taken to the library for books and programs like *Building Blocks*, which uses books, activities and "play with a purpose" to enhance language and motor skills in very young children.

When sharing books with your baby you should:

- Choose books with bright colors, familiar objects and photos of babies
- Pick the right time for you and your baby
- Cuddle your baby
- Show the baby the book, talk and have fun
- Watch what baby does
- Share a book with your baby every day, even a few minutes is important

Books to share with your baby:

Baby Day by Susan O'Keefe

Baby Says by John Steptoe

Big Fat Hen, illustrated by Keith Baker

Brown Sugar Babies by Charles R. Smith, Jr.

Clap Hands (board book) by Helen Oxenbury



Counting Kisses by Karen Katz

Freight Train by Donald Crews

Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown

Hush Little Baby: A Folk Lullaby, illustrated by Alik

I Love You, Little One by Nancy Tafuri

I Went Walking by Sue Williams

Knock at the Door and Other Baby Action Rhymes by Kay Choro

More, More, More Said the Baby: Three Love Stories by Vera Williams

My Very First Mother Goose, illustrated by Rosemary Wells

Play Rhymes, collected and illustrated by Marc Brown

Star Baby by Margaret O'Hair

Ten Little Fingers (board book), illustrated by Annie Kubler

Ten, Nine, Eight by Molly Bang

ten tiny toes by Todd Tarpley

Wiggle Waggle Fun: Stories and Rhymes for the Very Very Young by Margaret Mayo

Toddlers need:

- To be talked to about everyday activities
- To be read to every day and to be read the same book over and over again
- To be sung to every day
- To be encouraged to pretend play
- To be given materials for drawing and scribbling
- To be taken to the library for books and programs



When sharing books with your toddler, you should:

- Have fun and talk about books together
- Choose books with repeating rhymes, words and phrases
- Read nursery rhymes and make up your own silly rhymes
- Let your child help you hold the book
- Point things out in books and name them

Books to share with your toddler:

Baby Bear's Chairs by Jane Yolen

Barnyard Banter by Denise Fleming

Big Fat Hen, illustrated by Keith Baker

Big Red Barn by Margaret Wise Brown

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin Jr.

Do Monkeys Tweet? by Melanie Walsh

Eyes, Nose, Fingers and Toes: A First Book All About You by Judy Hindley

Hush! A Thai Lullaby by Minfong Ho

I Can Do It Too! by Karen Baicker

Little Gorilla by Ruth Bornstein

The Napping House by Audrey Wood and Don Wood

Please, Puppy, Please by Spike and Tonya Lewis Lee

Spots, Feathers and Curly Tails by Nancy Tafuri

The Three Bears by Byron Barton

Tickle Tum! by Nancy Van Laan

Time for Bed by Mem Fox

Toddler Two-Step by Kathi Appelt

Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star by Jane Cabrera

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

Who Hoots? by Katie Davis

