Preschoolers need:

- To be read to everyday
- 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*

DeKalb County Public Library is a great place for you and your young children. A librarian can help you find books and other materials your child will enjoy.

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

**Children’s 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
*Do Monkeys Tweet?* by Melanie Walsh
*Eyes, Nose, Fingers and Tails: 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