

Cuddle up and enjoy

a few minutes of reading together.
These books can be found at the
Stanislaus County Library.

Look for books with...

High contrast colors

Baby Bear Sees Blue

by Ashley Wolff, c. 2014

Find it at: Board Book, XE Wol

White on Black

by Tana Hoban, c. 1993

Find it at: Board Book, XE Hob

Also look for **Black on White, What is that?** and other board books by Hoban.
Perfect for young babies.

Backseat A-B-See

by Maria van Lieshout, c. 2012

Find it at: Board Book, XE Van

Shows familiar road signs.

Lift-the-flap or cut-outs

Where is baby's bellybutton?*

by Karen Katz, c. 2004

Find it at: Board Book, XE Kat

Are You My Mommy?

by Joyce Wan, c. 2014

Find it at: Board Book, XE Wan

Die cut holes for peek-a-boo.

Honk, Honk! Baa, Baa!

by Petr Horacek, c. 2014

Find it at: Board Book, XE Hor

Look also for Strawberries Are Red.

Photos

Baby Faces

No author.

Find it at: Board Book, XE Bab

Babies love to look at pictures of other
young children.

Things That Go

by Eva Steele-Saccio, c. 2014

Find it at: Board Book, XE Ste

First 100 Words*

(Priddy Books), c. 2011

Find it at: Board Book, XE Fir

My First Body Book

No author, c. 2004

Find it at: Board Book, XE My

Also look for **Animals** and others in the
“My First” series.

Rhymes, Songs & Actions

I Love You Through and Through

by Bernadette Rossetti-Shustak, c.
2005

Fi Find it at: Board Book, XE Ros

All Fall Down

by Mary Brigid Barrett, c. 2014

Find it at: Board Book, XE Bar

Also look for **Pat-a-Cake** by Barrett.

Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes*

by Annie Kubler, c. 2009. Bilingual.

Find it at: Board Book, XE Kub and XSP Kub

10 Little Fingers and 10 Little Toes*

By Mem Fox, c. 2010

Find it at: Board Book, XE Fox

* = also en Español

Concepts

Baby Signs

by Joy Allen, c. 2008

Find it at: Board Book, XE All

Also look for **Baby Sounds** by Allen.

I Went Walking*

by Sue Williams, c. 2005

Find it at: Board Book, XE Wil

Counting Kisses

by Karen Katz, c. 2001

Find it at: Board Book XE Katz

-or- 123 XE Katz

Quiet Loud

by Leslie Patricelli, c. 2003

Find it at: Board Book, XE Pat

Also look for **Faster, Faster** and other
board books by Patricelli.

Baby's Colors

by Karen Katz, c. 2010

Find it at: Board Book XE Katz

Where Is the Green Sheep?*

by Mem Fox, c. 2009

Find it at: Board Book, XE Fox

Don't Worry!

It's okay if your baby...

- teething on books or handles them roughly. Babies explore objects with all their senses.
- quickly loses interest or is easily distracted when you read. Skip to a favorite page or try again later.

***“If a child is old enough
to talk to, he’s old
enough to be read to.”***

– Jim Trelease, New Read-Aloud Handbook, p. 20.

Choosing books for baby

- *Short, simple stories with familiar objects or experiences are great for keeping their attention.*
- *Repetition, rhyme, and rhythm help develop a baby’s ear for language.*
- *Wordless books let you point out and explain things in your own way.*
- *Board books fit in little hands and stand up to wear and tear.*

Please ask your librarian for help finding the books in this list, or for more reading resources.

More early literacy tips for parents can be found online at:

www.firstbookmarketplace.org

www.zerotothree.org

<http://www.everychildreadytoread.org>

Tips for Reading Together

- Pick the best time – when both of you are in the mood.
- Share the book – point to pictures and talk in an excited voice.
- Watch baby – let baby play with the book. Take a break if baby’s not having fun.
- Cuddle – touch and love baby while sharing books.
- Share books every day – it’s important even if only for a few minutes.

Children learn best by doing things – and they love doing things with you.

Take every chance you have to read with your children, tell and talk about stories, say nursery rhymes and sing songs. Don’t forget our music CD collection for children – music is fun and brings out the natural rhythm of language.



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Baby Read to Me!



Sharing books with babies

- Builds their brain power
- Helps them learn language
- Prepares them to be readers
- Creates a special time together