

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

Strawberries Are Red

by Pete Horacek, c. 2001
Find it at: Board Book, XE Hor

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.

I Love Colors

by Margaret Miller, c. 2009, 1999
Find it at: Board Book, XE Mil

Also look for **What's On My Head?** and others in the "Look Baby! Books" series.

Lift-the-flap

Where is baby's bellybutton?*

by Karen Katz, c. 2004
Find it at: Board Book, XE Kat

Good Night, Spot

by Eric Hill, c. 1999
Find it at: Board Book, XE Hill

Also look for **Where's Spot?** and other Spot the Dog books by Eric Hill, *XE Hil*

Who Said Moo?

by Harriet Ziefert, c. 2002
Find it at: Board Book, XE Zie

Photos

Baby Faces

by Margaret Miller, c. 1998
Find it at: Board Book, XE Mil

Also look for **What's On My Head?** and others in the "Look Baby! Books" series.

Pet Tricks

by Meg Greve, c. 2008
Find it at: Board Book, XE Gre

Busy Kitties

by John Schindel, c. 2004
Find it at: Board Book, XE Sch

Animals

(Priddy Books), c. 2004
Find it at: Board Book, XE Ani

Also look for **Colors** and others in the "Bright Baby" series.

Rhymes, Songs & Actions

Mother Goose Numbers on the Loose

by Leo and Diane Dillon, c. 2007
Find it at: Mother Goose, XE Mot

My Very First Mother Goose

ed. by Iona Opie, c. 1996
Find it at: Mother Goose, XE Mot

Pat-A-Cake and Other First Baby Games

Sesame Street, c. 2002
Find it at: Board Book, XE Ses

Itsy Bitsy Spider

By Lorianne Siomades, c. 1998
Find it at: XE Sio or Board Book, XE Sio

* = also en Español

Concepts

Baby Signs for Mealtime

by Linda Acredolo, c. 2002
Find it at: Board Book, XE Acr

Also look for **My First Baby Signs, Baby Signs for Bedtime**, and other board books by Acredolo.

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 **Big Little** and other board books by Patricelli.

Moo, Baa, La, La, La!*

by Sandra Boynton, c. 1982
Find it at: Board Book, XE Boy

Don't Worry!

It's okay if your baby...

- teethes 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.hclib.org/BirthTo6

www.zerotothree.org

www.growupreading.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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The Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County

Read to your Baby



Sharing books with babies

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