

12 to 24 Months

ABC Kids by Laura Williams

Wonderful up close photographs of children having fun with each letter of the alphabet.

Goodnight Moon

Buenas Noches Luna

by Margaret Wise Brown

A short poem makes this a super bedtime book.

Simple illustrations are perfect as Rabbit says

goodnight to everything.

I Went Walking by Sue Williams

An easy repetitive rhyme that becomes a guessing game that little ones will have fun with over and over.

Mama Cat Has Three Kittens

by Denise Fleming

A humorous story about two kittens that follow Mama Cat all day while the third one naps. Just when the others try to nap, what happens? Beautiful pictures bring this story to life.

Olivia's Opposites

Olivia y Opuestos

by Ian Falconer

Olivia the pig is at it again. A fun book with simple pictures showing common opposites like up and down, loud and soft.

Run, Mouse, Run by Petr Horacek

A cute story that shows where mouse runs while introducing concepts such as across, up, and into. Fun illustrations with die-cut pages.

Where Is The Green Sheep? by Mem Fox

A simple yet clever story that has readers looking for the green sheep. Children will love the repetitive phrase "Where is the green sheep?" Delightful illustrations.

Five Easy Steps for Sharing Books with Your Baby

1. Pick the best time.

When you and baby are in a good mood and ready to enjoy each other.

2. Show baby the book.

Point to the pictures & talk naturally.

3. Talk and have fun.

Remember to touch and love your baby the whole time.

4. Watch what baby does.

Let your baby play with the book if he wants and stop if he gets upset.

5. Share a book with your baby every day.

Even just a few minutes a day is important.

Recordings to Share:

A Child's Celebration of Lullaby (CD)

by Music for Little People

Build Your Baby's Brain-Through the Power of Music (CD)

Diez Deditos Vol. 12 (CD)

by Jose-Luis Orozco

Singable Songs for the Very Young (CD)

by Raffi

Toddler Tunes 25 Classic Songs for Toddlers

by Cedarhurst Kid Singers (CD)

Toddlerific Activity Songs For the Very Young

by Georgiana Stewart (CD)

You can find these recordings and others like them in the Glendale Public Library System.

Ask a librarian for help.

www.glendaleaz.com/library

Glendale Public Library

5959 W. Brown St. 623-930-3537

Foothills Branch Library

19055 N. 57th Ave. 623-930-3837

Teague Branch Library

7010 N. 58th Ave. 623-930-3437

Best Books for Babies

Birth through Two Years

Tips and Ideas for Sharing Books with Babies and Toddlers



Sharing books with babies and toddlers

... Builds brain power.

... Helps them become better readers, writers, and speakers.

... Gives you special time together.

Books for Babies

You can find all these books in the Glendale Public Library System. Ask a librarian for help.

Birth to 6 Months

Baby Faces (Look Baby! Books)
by Margaret Miller

Up close color photographs of babies showing different emotions.

Black On White

by Tana Hoban

Simple pictures of black on white provide high contrast for infant's underdeveloped eyes.

I Love Colors (Look Baby! Books)

by Margaret Miller

Up close color photographs of babies with different colored objects like a red bow, purple glasses, etc.

Look Look! by Peter Linenthal

Black, white, and red are used in these high contrast, simple pictures for baby's underdeveloped eyes as well as simple text. Ideal for looking and learning.

Splash! (Baby Faces)

Al Agua Patos!

by Roberta Grobel Intrater

Just the right amount of text supports the color photos of babies in the tub or in the rain. Babies and toddlers love to play in water.

Wow! Babies! By Penny Gentieu

Colorful photographs of lots of babies that show emotions and activities of a typical day. Children will find a likeness of themselves for sure. A great book to share with baby.

Why Board Books?

- Thick, sturdy cover and pages
- The right size for little hands
- Bright, colorful pictures
- Simple geometric shapes
- Clear pictures
- Pictures of human faces
- Few words
- Nursery rhymes

6 to 12 Months

Counting Kisses by Karen Katz

Baby gets lots of kisses from all the family members. Kisses on toes, feet, knees, and so on until baby is ready for bed.

I Like It When by Mary Murphy

Bright colored illustrations show a penguin parent and child in a fun and loving relationship. A warm and comforting story to share.

I Touch by Helen Oxenbury

A simple word labels each picture and then we see baby touching the ball, the cat, etc. Perfect illustrations to share with baby.

Moo, Baa, La La La

Muu, Beee, Asi Fue!

by Sandra Boynton

Animal characters are cute and funny along with nontraditional text. Lots of fun for little ones.

Toys (Talk-About-Books #1)

by Debbie Bailey

With simple text and engaging photographs, this story is intended to encourage discussion between baby and parent.

What's on my Head? (Look Baby! Books)

by Margaret Miller

Full color close ups of babies' faces are paired with one or two words. Each baby has a colorful item on his or her head.

Fingerplays and Rhymes

Round and round the garden

Went the teddy bear

(make circle in child's hand)

One step, two steps

(fingers walk up child's arm)

Tickle you under there

(tickle child under arm)

Hickory Dickory Dock

The mouse ran up the clock

(fingers run up child's arm)

The clock struck one

(give child a loud kiss)

The mouse ran down

(fingers run down child's arm)

Hickory Dickory Dock.

These are baby's fingers,

(touch child's fingers)

These are baby's toes,

(touch child's toes)

This is baby's belly button,

(touch child's tummy)

Round and round it goes!

(tickle child's tummy)

Books with more fingerplays and rhymes are available for check out. They can be found in the nonfiction section. The call number is 793.4.

Ask a librarian for help.