

jPS KATZ  
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Katz, Karen. **Counting Kisses**. McElderry, 2001. The entire family helps baby get ready for bed with a countdown full of kisses.

jPS LONG  
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Long, Sylvia. **Hush Little Baby**. Chronicle, 2002. A mother rabbit sings a new rendition of the traditional lullaby to her dreamy bunny.

## Rhymes and Songs to Share

jPS BAKE  
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Baker, Keith. **Big Fat Hen**. Harcourt, 1994. Well-known counting rhyme with bold illustrations.

jPS BEAU

Beaumont, Karen. **Baby Danced the Polka**. Illus. by Jennifer Plecas. Dial, 2004. A wide-awake baby jigs, polkas and cha-chas in this rhyming story.

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Boynton, Sandra. **Barnyard Dance**. Workman, 1993. Jovial farm animals join together for barnyard fun and play. One of many board books by this author.

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CHOR

Chorao, Kay. **The Baby's Playtime Book**. Dutton, 2006. Thirty-seven rhythmic poems and songs to share with baby. Also: **The Baby's Lap Book**; **The Baby's Bedtime Book**.

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Kubler, Annie. **Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes**. Child's Play, 2001. An interactive song in board book format. (also available in many languages)

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Wells, Rosemary. **The Itsy-Bitsy Spider**. Scholastic, 1998. A favorite childhood song brought to life with art by a popular illustrator. Also: **Bingo**; **Old MacDonald**; **The Bear Went Over the Mountain**.

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Wolff, Ashley. **The Baby Chicks Are Singing: Los Pollitos Dicen**. Little, Brown, 2006. Join the baby chicks in singing a familiar song. In English and Spanish. Also: **Me Baby, You Baby**. jPS WOLF.

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THIS

Yolen, Jane. **This Little Piggy**. Illus. by Will Hillenbrand. Musical arrangements by Adam Stemple. Candlewick, 2006. More than sixty lap songs, finger plays, clapping games and pantomime rhymes with instructions to parents for sharing with babies. Accompanied by a music CD.



Recent research has shown there are six early literacy skills that children must master in order to learn to read. Reading early and often to babies helps develop these skills and fosters the love of learning. Parents and caregivers can help their babies learn important skills now, so they will become good readers later.

### Print Motivation

Babies enjoy holding and playing with books.  
Always have books around for baby to explore.

### Vocabulary

Read together every day!  
Speak in the language that is most comfortable for you.

### Phonological Awareness

Sing songs and recite nursery rhymes to help your baby hear the smaller sounds in words.

### Letter Knowledge

Enjoy reading alphabet books with your baby!

### Print Awareness

Make book sharing time a special time of bonding between you and your baby. Read favorite books again and again!

### Narrative Skills

Talk to your baby about what you are doing.  
Notice what your baby looks at, and then talk about it!

It's never too early or too late to start reading to your baby!

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The books listed are a sampling of the titles available. Ask your Children's Librarian for further suggestions and tell us which are your favorites.

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# Never Too Young Books for Babies



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Mother Goose

jBOARD DePaola, Tomie. **Tomie’s Mother Goose Flies Again**. Putnam, 2005. Favorite nursery rhymes from the award winning illustrator’s handsome compilation, **Tomie dePaola’s Mother Goose**. Also in board format: **Tomie’s Little Mother Goose**.

j808.81 ANIM Dyer, Jane. **Animal Crackers: A Delectable Collection of Pictures, Poems and Lullabies for the Very Young**. Little, Brown, 1996. The title says it all. Also available as two board books taken from the larger collection.

j398.8 MOSE Moses, Will. **Mother Goose**. Philomel, 2002. Stylized folk art paintings illustrate more than sixty-three nursery rhymes and riddles.

j398.8 MY Opie, Iona, ed. **My Very First Mother Goose**. Illus. by Rosemary Wells. Candlewick, 1996. An exuberant and freshly illustrated collection of sixty-eight favorite nursery rhymes. Also: **Here Comes Mother Goose**.

j398.8 PIO **¡Pío Peep! Traditional Spanish Nursery Rhymes**. Selected by Alma Flor Ada & F. Isabel Campoy. English adaptations by Alice Schertle. Illus. by Vivi Escrivá. HarperCollins, 2006. Twenty-nine best known Spanish rhymes and English versions that capture their essence are cozily illustrated in this bilingual book with accompanying music CD.

jBOARD **The Real Mother Goose Board Book**. Illus. by Blanche Fisher Wright. Cartwheel, 1998. Fifteen beloved nursery rhymes with old-fashioned illustrations from the original, **The Real Mother Goose**, j398.8 MOTH.

Beginning with Board Books

jBOARD **Baby’s Busy World**. DK, 2005. A first word-and-picture book for parents and babies to share in a large sized board format.

jBOARD Ellwand, David. **The Big Book of Beautiful Babies**. Dutton, 2001. Expressive black and white photos of babies plus a mirror page so babies can see themselves! Also: jPS ELLW.

jBOARD Heller, Lora. **Teaching Your Baby to Sign**. Sterling, 2004. Learn twenty-one everyday words using American Sign Language to help communicate with your baby. Part of the *Baby Fingers* series.

jBOARD Hoban, Tana. **White on Black**. Greenwillow, 1993. White silhouettes on shiny black pages depict ten objects familiar to a baby. Also: **Black on White; What Is That?; Who Are They?**

jBOARD Linenthal, Peter. **Look! Look!**, Dutton, 1998. The simple contrast of black and white art is stimulating for an infant’s eyes. Also: **Look at the Animals**.

jBOARD Mavor, Salley. **Hey, Diddle, Diddle!** Houghton Mifflin, 2005. Popular nursery rhyme with charming stitchwork illustrations. Also: **Mary Had a Little Lamb**.

jBOARD Miller, Margaret. **Baby Faces**. Little Simon, 1998. Playful close-up colorful photographs capture facial expressions of babies. Part of the *Look Baby! Books* series.

jBOARD Oxenbury, Helen. **All Fall Down; Clap Hands; Say Goodnight; Tickle, Tickle**. Aladdin, 1987. Rhyming texts and action-filled drawings show babies playing together in day care. (also available in Spanish)

jBOARD Pearson, Tracey Campbell. **Diddle, Diddle, Dumpling**. Farrar, 2005. Guess who finds the missing shoe in this illustrated nursery rhyme. Also: **Little Miss Muffet**.

Baby’s World

jPS BART jBOARD Barton, Byron. **Machines at Work**. HarperFestival,1997. Boldly outlined art helps present a construction site through the course of a day’s work.

jPS BORN jBOARD Bornstein, Ruth. **Little Gorilla**. Clarion, 1976. Everyone in the forest loves Little Gorilla, even after he grows big. (also available in Spanish)

jPS HIND Hindley, Judy. **Baby Talk: A Book of First Words and Phrases**. Illus. by Brita Granström. Candlewick, 2006. A baby’s busy day is full of words and play.

jPS ISAD Isadora, Rachel. **Peekaboo Morning**. Putnam, 2002. A captivating African-American tot plays peekaboo with family members, a friend and the reader.

jPS McDO jBOARD McDonnell, Flora. **I Love Animals**. Candlewick, 1994. A small girl names eleven lively farm animals that she loves. (also available in Spanish)

jPS MEYE jBOARD Meyers, Susan. **Everywhere Babies**. Illus. by Marla Frazee. Harcourt, 2001. Celebrate the growth and activities of babies during their first year of life.

jPS MURP jBOARD Murphy, Mary. **I Like It When...** Harcourt, 1997. A baby penguin enjoys sharing everyday activities with an affectionate parent.

jPS MUNA Munari, Bruno. **Bruno Munari’s ABC**. Chronicle, 2003. This alphabet story begins with “an ant on an apple” and ends with “a fly going zzzzz.”

jPS OCON O’Connell, Rebecca. **The Baby Goes Beep**. Illus. by Ken Wilson-Max. Roaring Brook, 2003. With energetic cadence, a baby experiences the sights and sounds of a busy day.

jPS WILL jBOARD Williams, Sue. **I Went Walking**. Illus. by Julie Vivas. Harcourt, 1990. In a question and response story, a young child identifies familiar animals and colors. Also: **Let’s Go Visiting**. (also available in Spanish)

Baby’s Bedtime

jPS BANG jBOARD Bang, Molly. **Ten, Nine, Eight**. Greenwillow, 1983. A father counts down from ten toes to one sleepy daughter ready for bed. (also available in Spanish)

jPS BROW jBOARD Brown, Margaret Wise. **Goodnight Moon**. Illus. by Clement Hurd. HarperCollins, 1947. The classic story of a little rabbit who says “goodnight” to each object in his room. (also available in Spanish)

j398.8089 ARRO Delacre, Lulu, ed. **Arrorró, Mi Niño: Latino Lullabies and Gentle Games**. Lee & Low, 2004. An illustrated collection of fifteen lullabies, nursery rhymes and finger-games in English and Spanish.

jPS FOX jBOARD Fox, Mem. **Time for Bed**. Illus. by Jane Dyer. Harcourt, 1993. Animal parents use tried and true ways to urge their babies to sleep.

jBOARD Gutman, Anne. **Mommy Hugs; Daddy Kisses**. Illus. by Georg Hallensleben. Chronicle, 2003. Snuggly animal parents and their offspring show their love through lots of hugs and kisses.