

# How to Pick Books for Your Baby

## WON'T MY BABY RIP THE PAGES?

We have a solution to this problem! Board books are thick and made of cardboard. They were designed to handle the wear and tear of infants and toddlers. The Albion District Library has many board books to choose from.

If you want to read your baby a story book, sit them on your lap and turn the pages for them. You can let them help you flip the pages once they are a little older.

## WHEN TO START READING TO YOUR BABY:

It is never too early to start reading to your baby. You can even start reading to your unborn baby while they are in the womb!

Although young infants will not understand what you are reading, the act of reading aloud will stimulate hearing development, vocabulary skills, and memory skills. Reading is also a great way to promote bonding and relaxation before bedtime.

## QUALITIES TO LOOK FOR:

### High Contrast Books

Babies are still developing their vision. High-contrast or black and white books are easier to see.

### Touchy-Feely Books

Engage your infant by selecting interactive books with touch and feel pages or flaps.

### Books that Make Sounds or Rhyme

Select books that make sound to teach cause and effect. Pick rhyming or lyrical books and sing to your baby.

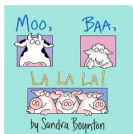
### Early Concept Books

It is never too early to start teaching early concepts like the alphabet, shapes, colors, or numbers.

### Books With Few Words

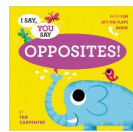
Avoid board books that are just "mini" versions of longer books and focus on books with few words.

# 10 Great Books for Babies



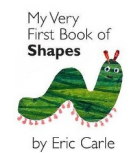
1. *Moo, Baa, La la la!*

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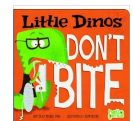
2. *I Say, You Say Opposites*

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3. *My Very First Book of Shapes*

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4. *Little Dinos Don't Bite*

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5. *Colors*

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6. *Black on White*

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7. *Shake It Up, Baby!*

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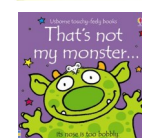
8. *I Like Toys*

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9. *Touch and Feel Zoo*

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10. *That's Not My Monster...*

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