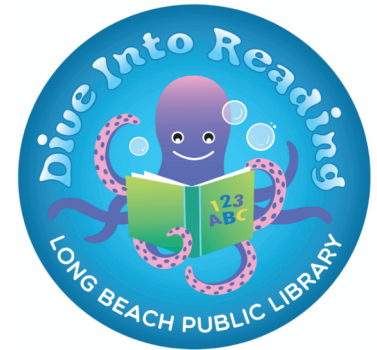


# DIVE INTO READING

# READING TIPS FOR BABIES

Try out a few of these simple tips to help your baby build a strong foundation of pre-reading skills!



- A few minutes at a time is just fine! Your little one may only be able to sit for a few minutes for a story. Let them decide how much time you spend reading. Babies may just want to play with the book! That's okay. Let your little one experience books the way that interests them.
- Let your little one practice turning the pages of the books you read together. Babies may not be able to turn the pages of some books yet, but board books are a great way to start practicing.
- Read favorite stories and sing favorite songs over and over again. Repeating books and songs will strengthen language development and confidence in reading.
- Children learn a lot based on your facial expressions and body language. Sometimes sitting face to face while reading together helps keep your little one interested.
- Point to the words as you read to your baby. This helps build concept of print and over time, your child will begin to associate print on the page with spoken words.
- Sing with your baby! Songs often have notes for every syllable, so when you sing songs to your baby, you're helping them hear that words can be broken into syllables.
- When your baby babbles at you, say something back! Then pause and wait for an answer. Don't worry if your child can't say anything back, or that you're not understanding each other -- your baby is learning how conversations work.
- Singing and clapping to rhymes reinforces the idea that words are made up of smaller sounds. This will help later when they begin to sound out words.



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