

# Library Babies



## WHY READ TO BABIES?

Reading to babies encourages speech and language development, and helps reinforce basic reading concepts. Start by reading what YOU like to read-your baby will enjoy listening to the intonation and inflection in your voice. As your child gets older, choose high-contrast books or books with pictures of familiar objects. Babies love to see other faces! Older babies enjoy lift-the-flap books and touch-and-feel books, or other books that they can explore.

### Fall 2015 Weekly Themes:

#### 9/15-Baby Faces

Babies love to see pictures of human faces. Try reading books with real photographs.

#### 9/22 Playful Language

Try reading rhyming books aloud to your baby!

#### 9/29 Color Contrasts

Choose black and white books with a pop of color.

#### 10/6 First Words

Build vocabulary by reading books with pictures of familiar items.

#### 10/13 Concepts

It's never too early to introduce concepts like letters, numbers and colors!

#### 10/20 Daily Routines

Reinforce daily routines by reading about baby's daily activities.

### FINGERPLAY #1: Open Shut Them

Open, shut them, open, shut them,  
Give a little clap, clap, clap.  
Open, shut them, open, shut them,  
Put them in your lap, lap, lap.

Creep them, creep them,  
Creep them, creep them,  
Right up to your chin, chin, chin.  
Open up your little mouth,  
But do not put them in.



### FINGERPLAY #2: Where are Baby's Fingers?

Where, oh where are baby's fingers?  
(touch fingers)  
Where, oh where are baby's toes?  
(touch toes)  
Where's the baby's belly button?  
(tap belly button)  
'Round and round it goes  
(make circle around belly)  
Where, oh where are baby's ears?  
(touch ears)  
Where, oh where is baby's nose?  
(touch nose)  
Where's the baby's belly button?  
(tap belly button)  
Round and round it goes.  
(make a circle around belly)

- The more you read to your baby, the more s/he will learn!
- Keep it short! Read for 10 minutes at a time, several times a day.
- Don't just stick to the text. Point to the pictures, name them, and talk about them.
- Reread favorites. Your baby will learn the rhythm of the story.



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## Fall 2015 Songs

### FINGERPLAY #3: Five Fingers

Five fingers on this hand,  
(hold up one hand)  
Five fingers on that  
(hold up other hand)  
A dear little nose,  
(point to nose)  
A mouth like a rose,  
(point to mouth)  
Two cheeks so tiny and fat.  
(tap both cheeks)  
Two eyes, two ears,  
(point to each)  
And ten little toes  
(point to toes)  
That's the way the baby grows.

### FINGERPLAY #4: One little baby

One little baby rocking in a tree  
(hold up one finger/rock arms)  
Two little babies splashing in the sea  
(two fingers/pretend to splash)  
Three little babies crawling on the floor  
(three fingers/crawl fingers on knee)  
Four little babies banging on the door  
(four fingers/pretend to knock)  
Five little babies playing hide and seek  
(five fingers/cover your eyes)  
Keep your eyes closed now...until I say...PEEK!  
(uncover eyes)

### Song #1 The Baby Hokey Pokey

You put your right hand in, you put your right hand out,  
(extend right hand)  
You put your right hand in, and you shake it all about!  
(shake right hand)  
You do the hokey pokey, and you turn yourself around,  
(help baby dance in lap)  
That's what it's all about!

### Song #2 Giddyap, Giddyap

Giddyap, giddyap, ride to town,  
(bounce baby on knees, facing forward)  
Giddyap, giddyap, up and down.  
Giddyap fast, (bounce quickly)  
Giddyap slow, (bounce slowly)  
Giddyap, giddyap, giddyap, WHOA!  
(dip baby backwards gently)



### Song # 3 I'm a little beetle

I'm a little beetle  
And I wiggle all day  
If you get too close to me,  
I'll FLY away!

I'm a little bumblebee  
And I wiggle all day  
If you get too close to me,  
I'll FLY away!

I'm a little ladybug  
And I wiggle all day  
If you get too close to me,  
I'll FLY away!

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book recommendations:

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### September & October @ GPL

- September is Library Card Sign-up Month! Does your baby have their own card!
- September 19<sup>th</sup>-Talk like a pirate day.
- Music with Mr. Kim-Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.  
Registration begins October 2<sup>nd</sup>.