



Summer Reading: Babies & Toddlers

Early Literacy Activities:

<p>Sing the ABC's together and then read an alphabet themed book. BONUS: Checkout an alphabet book from SWHPL.</p>	<p>Pick a color for the day and look out for as many things in that color that you can see. Checkout or read a book about colors.</p>	<p>Create rhymes such as "put the fish in the cat's dish" and draw a picture to go along with the rhyme. OR, checkout or read a rhyming book together.</p>
<p>Find a book about a new place and ask your child what they would pack for a one week trip.</p>	<p>Come up with a short story about your favorite food. Check out our food picture book section at SWHPL. Read a food themed book together.</p>	<p>Can you think of an animal that is red? Green? Pink? Draw a picture in your SWHPL summer reading notebook, or create a rhyme about them.</p>
<p>Pay attention to objects in your every day life that are shaped like letters. Draw letters in your journal together.</p>	<p>Talk to your child about the moon and create a story of what it may be like to live there. Sing a moon song, or draw the moon in your journal.</p>	<p>Go outside and explore nature together. Read a nature themed board or picture book.</p>
<p>Clap along to the beat of a song you both enjoy. Read a book about music or instruments. Bonus: Browse our music picture book section at the library.</p>	<p>Play with blocks. Make a block tower together. Or play with our magnet toys in the library Children's Room. Or use our tea set to create an imaginary tea party.</p>	<p>Attend a storytime at the library. SWHPL storytimes are Wednesdays & Fridays at 10am</p>
<p>Look for animals outside your house - what did you see & find? Bonus: checkout a picture book or board book with an animal on the cover.</p>	<p>Count all the blue cars you see throughout your day. Alternatively, play with toy cars and name each of their colors.</p>	<p>Look at wordless picture books together. Narrate the pictures & story. We have plenty of wordless picture books to checkout at the library.</p>

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