

PLAY

Through play, children learn how to express themselves and how to comprehend stories.

Wiggle

Cronin, Doreen

Fun, engaging prompts to wriggle and move with your child while reading this aloud. It is great for gross and fine motor skill development. (*Bounce and Stretch* available by Cronin, too.)

Blocks

Dickson, Irene

Encourage your child to build with blocks or other toys at home or at your library, both independently and with others. Look at the pictures in the book and inside the covers for fun ideas of things to make.

Higher, Higher

Patricelli, Leslie

Lift your child higher and higher or ask older children to stretch taller and taller while reading the book aloud.

If You're Happy And You Know It: Jungle Edition

Warhola, James

A roaring good-time of the traditional song. Be sure to give your child time and space to act out the movements and play around in a pretend jungle.



Help Your CHILD be Ready to READ!

Engage your young child (ages 0-5) in the following activities often to support the development of their early literacy skills.



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BOOKLIST

For Children Ages 0-5



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The *Ready to Read Michigan* booklist is for families and caregivers with young children, ages 0-5. Based on the Public Library Association's 5 Practices of Every Child Ready to Read®: TALK, SING, READ, WRITE, PLAY, these titles are paired with tips for parents and caregivers to help engage in these practices with young children. Learn more at www.mi.gov/readytoread and ask a local librarian for additional book recommendations.



Talking and asking simple questions help with comprehension; be sure to give your child time to respond when you ask them a question.

City Moon

Cole, Rachel

Talk with your child about things you see around your neighborhood. What is different if you walk around at night or during the day? What animals might be out at night that are sleeping during the day?

Barnyard Song

Greene, Rhonda Gowler

Make the barnyard come alive as you call and repeat the animal sounds throughout this story.

Black Bird Yellow Sun

Light, Steve

Use this book about colors to encourage your young child to make up their own stories about what the Black Bird is doing.

Goodnight, Gorilla

Rathmann, Peggy

Ask your child: Have you ever been to the zoo? What are your favorite animals? What sounds do they make?



SING

Singing and rhyming helps to increase your child's awareness to the sounds in words and language.

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Cabrera, Jane

Don't be shy, sing along and act out the actions of this classic tune.

Dancing Feet!

Craig, Lindsey

No need to sit-still as you read this sing-song book with your young child – tap those feet along!

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Car

Dopirak, Kate

This bedtime story is a twist on the classic; be sure to make the car sounds and toot along with your child – a great one to remember for road trips.

Gentle Hands and Other Sing-Along Songs for Social-Emotional Learning

Ricketts, Amadee

Classic tunes are given new words in this compilation of songs that will help young children understand their feelings and actions. Check out the section of tips for parents and caregivers at the end for specific learning benefits of singing and repetition.



READ

Shared reading is the most effective way to help your child become a proficient reader.

Marta! Big & Small

Arena, Jen

This playful book explores the concept of opposites while introducing some basic Spanish words and English counterparts on each page.

Eric Carle's ABC

Carle, Eric

Lift the flaps to reveal the animal that coincides with each letter, explaining that letters build words, tracing the letters with a fingertip as you go.

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

Martin, Bill Jr.

This rhyme-of-a-time alphabet book engages kids to get to know their letters, introducing both lower-case and upper-case letters.

First the Egg

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro

A story to help your child understand the concept of how something small, like a letter, can grow to be a word. This book highlights simple words to encourage children to sound them out and, as they grow older, learn to read.



WRITE

Introducing writing helps your child will learn that shapes make letters, and letters make words.

Papa Please Get the Moon for Me

Carle, Eric

Sit and model writing by creating a special wish list with your child after reading and talking through this sweet story.

Shape By Shape

MacDonald, Suse

Big, bold color shapes form different creatures. Teach your child about shapes, as shapes become letters, and letters become words.

It Looked Like Spilt Milk

Shaw, Charles

Color or draw clouds with your child, looking for different shapes in the images.

Mouse Shapes

Walsh, Ellen Stoll

Discover together different shapes and what the mice can create using them.