

GET YOUR BABY



a free library card and book

Your baby's happiness and healthy development are your top priorities. There's no better time than today to start a love of learning:

- Get your baby a **library card** at any EPL branch.* Children 36 months of age or younger receive a **second board book** and other valuable early literacy resources.
- Bring your baby to fun-filled, drop-in **early literacy classes** at any library location.

**You must show a piece of ID with your current Edmonton address.*



It's all FREE!

Find out more at
epl.ca/earlyliteracy

BOOKS TO READ TOGETHER

The meaningful interactions you have with your baby are essential for healthy growth and setting your child up for lifelong learning.

By **reading, talking, singing, writing and playing** with your baby, you can help your baby build strong early literacy skills.

EPL has a large collection of books just for babies! We have sturdy board books that are perfect for little hands (and sometimes mouths) to explore. Here are some examples of books you can borrow to read with your baby:



Where is Baby's Yummy Tummy

KAREN KATZ

The lift-the-flaps in the books by Karen Katz are always fun to touch and move. Find baby's body parts in the book and in real life! Maybe even add a tickle...



Look at the Animals

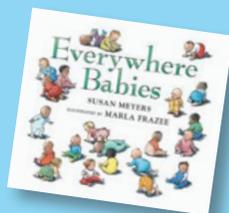
PETER LINENTHAL

The stark contrast of black and white images are perfect for the developing eyes of newborns. Even as babies get older, they will love when you talk about the unique animals.

Everywhere Babies

SUSAN MEYERS
(ILLUSTRATED BY MARLA FRAZEE)

No two families look alike. There are many ways to raise babies, but there's one consistent thing they all need—love.



You Are One

SARA O'LEARY (ILLUSTRATED BY KAREN KLASSEN)

Babies grow and change so quickly that it's hard to remember all the milestones. This book expertly and beautifully describes some of the things a baby learns how to do over the first year.



Nighty-Night

LESLIE PATRICELLI

Bedtime can be a special time filled with songs, books and love that helps everyone wind down and get ready for sleep.



Art For Baby

CURATED BY YANA PEEL

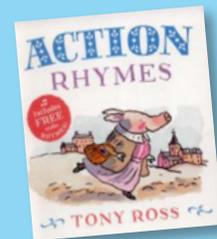
Make time to explore your own interests and share them with your baby. The Library has books for babies and children on your favourite topics—art, literature, sports, pop culture, history and more.



Action Rhymes

TONY ROSS

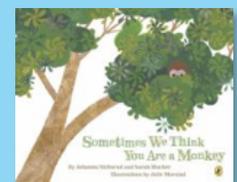
Whether you grew up with these rhymes or you are learning them for the first time, nursery rhymes are a simple introduction to using stories and poetry when playing together.



Sometimes We Think You Are a Monkey

JOHANNA SKIBSRUD AND SARAH BLACKER
(ILLUSTRATED BY JULIE MORSTAD)

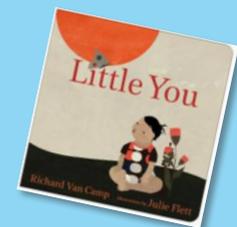
Every so often there is a book that celebrates the wonder of a new baby in just the right way. This is that book—the prose and pictures are simple, elegant and powerful.



Little You

RICHARD VAN CAMP
(ILLUSTRATED BY JULIE FLETT)

Van Camp's tender words and Flett's exquisite illustrations make this the perfect book to read aloud and look through with your baby snuggled in your lap.



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RHYME TO SHARE

Two little eyes to look around

Two little ears to hear each sound

One little nose to smell what's sweet

And one little mouth that likes to eat!

Gently touch your baby's face as you say this rhyme. Use it during bathtime or after eating by using a washcloth and wiping the parts of the face as you name them. Not only will your baby love the attention, but you are also helping expand your baby's vocabulary!



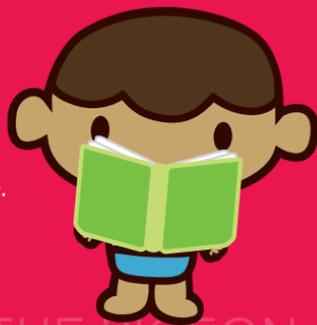
Would you like to learn more rhymes and fun ways to play with your baby? Find FREE early literacy classes and resources for your family at epl.ca/earlyliteracy.

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