

LIBRARY BINGO for Littles

Babies and young children can't read, but doing these 5 activities - **TALK, SING, READ, WRITE** and **PLAY** - will get their brains ready for reading success later on!

TALK

Go on a walk and talk about all the sounds you hear.

Tell your child about a childhood pet or one you wanted to have.

Let your child use a flashlight in the dark and talk about what you see.

Identify objects in your kitchen and talk about what each one does.

Talk about the weather.

SING

Sing the alphabet together and clap your hands to the beat.

Put beans or rice inside an oatmeal container and tape shut. Shake your new shaker to the beat of a favorite song!

Play music and move to the beat. Occasionally stop the music and freeze.

Sing a favorite song from your own childhood.

Is there a catchy commercial tune you know? Sing it loud!

READ

Pick a letter and look for that letter around the room.

Reread a favorite book. Leave out some words to see if your child can say them.

Read a book and talk about the parts of the book: cover, title page, back, etc.

Read a book that has lots of pictures of babies.

Read a picture book about an elephant, monkey or other animal.

WRITE

Fill a cookie sheet with salt or sand and practice writing your initials.

Make a grocery list together.

Draw a picture and give it to someone you love.

Crumple up newspaper or pieces of paper - that helps strengthen little hands.

Play "Itsy Bitsy Spider" and crawl up the fountain spot with your fingers.

PLAY

Crumple up some paper balls and play a toss game into a basket.

Have an imaginary birthday party for a stuffed animal.

Pretend to be a dinosaur and stomp around the room.

Stack books or boxes as high as you can.

Put on grown-up shoes and see if you can walk around.

If you completed one of these activities, you are eligible to receive a FREE Build A Reader booklet with even more activity ideas. Ask for one at your favorite library branch.