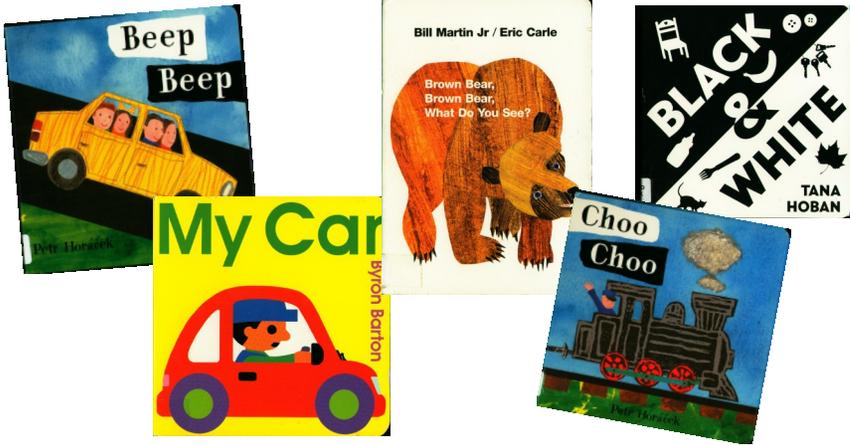


Why Board Books?  
 They fit in little hands.  
 They have short, fun stories and activities.  
 They stand up to wear and tear.



*We have programs for all ages:*

***Babygarten; Toddler Town;  
 Storytimes; Family Evening Storytimes;  
 Parenting Programs***

Check out the library's calendar at  
[www.voorheesvillelibrary.org](http://www.voorheesvillelibrary.org)



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## Every Child Ready to Read

Early Literacy Begins With You  
**AND** the Library!

- *Reading is essential to school success.*  
 Start now to help your child get ready to read.
- *Children who start Kindergarten with good pre-reading skills have an advantage.*  
 They are ready to learn to read.
- *You are your child's first teacher. You know your child best.*  
 Children learn best by doing, and they love doing things with you.
- *To become a successful reader, children need to:*
  - \*Learn a code
  - \*Understand its meaning
- **Reading is learning the code.**
- **Reading is understanding the meaning.**



# Five Simple Practices Help Children Get Ready to Read

*Talking/Singing/Reading/Writing/Playing*

- **Talking**

Children learn about language by listening to parents talk and joining in the conversation.

- **Singing**

Songs are a natural way to learn about language.

- **Reading**

Reading together or shared reading is the most important.

- **Writing**

Reading and writing go together.

- **Playing**

Children learn about language through different kinds of play.



# Home + Library Prepares Children to Read

*Talking and Reading*

Books to take home and read together

*Singing*

Music to borrow

*Writing*

Special areas at home and in the library for writing, drawing, using crayons, etc.

*Playing*

Places to play and learn at home **and** in the library

## Sharing Books with Babies

Pick the best time -  
when both of you are in the mood.

Bonding is most important -  
you don't have to read every word-point to  
pictures and talk in an excited voice.

Watch baby -  
let baby play with the book and take a break  
if baby's not having fun.

Cuddle -  
touch and love baby while sharing books.

Share books every day -  
it's important, even if only for a few minutes.