

# June 1- August 3

## Summer Reading Challenge

### Reading & Activity Log

Welcome to the 2024 Summer Reading Challenge! Lay the foundation for literacy by applying the five early literacy practices and reading to your baby or toddler often. For every 300 points logged, they will receive a board book. Earn 600 points to be entered for grand prize drawings. Optional: Keep track of your reading and activity points at [cadl.org/summer](http://cadl.org/summer).



**BABIES & TODDLERS**

## PRIZE 1

Reach 300 points

### READING POINTS

15 minutes read = 15 points



### ACTIVITY POINTS

Log 15 points for each activity completed. Each activity only counts once.

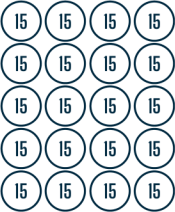
- 15 Attend a storytime or other event at any CADL location.
- 15 Read a book about colors.
- 15 Play outside together.
- 15 Name and point to furniture in your home.
- 15 Sing the ABC song.
- 15 Read a board book and count the pages.
- 15 Use your fingers to count to 10.
- 15 Practice tracing letters on a page with your child.
- 15 Sing the "Old Macdonald Had a Farm" song.
- 15 Clap and sing the letters of your baby's name.
- 15 Pretend you are a bear, a bee, a bird with your child.
- 15 Read or sing "We're Going On A Bear Hunt."
- 15 Read a book with "adventure" in the title.
- 15 Play with spoons and count them.
- 15 Take a walk and point out the colors you see.

## PRIZE 2

Reach 600 points

### READING POINTS

15 minutes read = 15 points



### ACTIVITY POINTS

Log 15 points for each activity completed. Each activity only counts once.

- 15 \*Sing a lullaby at bedtime.
- 15 Read a lift-the-flap book.
- 15 Listen to music and dance.
- 15 Visit a CADL StoryWalk
- 15 \*Teach an American Sign Language sign to your child.
- 15 Read a book about shapes and patterns.
- 15 Scribble with a pencil or crayon.
- 15 Pretend you are a cat meowing and stretching about your house.
- 15 Play "Red Light, Green Light."
- 15 Practice writing your child's first name or the first letter of their name.
- 15 Play with toys at home or at the library.
- 15 Play "Peek-A-Boo" with your child.
- 15 Jump, clap your hands, wave hello.
- 15 Sing a song about the weather.
- 15 Play with a ball.

\*Ask staff for resources

# Early Literacy Begins With You

The following five early literacy practices develop six key early literacy skills: print awareness, print motivation, phonological awareness, vocabulary, narrative skills, and letter knowledge. A child's development begins with you, so try to integrate these five practices into every day.



## Talking

Children learn about language by listening to people talk and joining in the conversation. Encourage baby babble by asking questions, pointing to objects, and describing what you are doing.

## Singing

Singing helps children learn new words and concepts, and reinforces memory and phonological awareness. Sing clearly, slowly, and clap or move to the beat.



## Reading

Reading together develops vocabulary and comprehension. It reinforces memory and also nurtures a love for reading. Read together everyday!

## Writing

Writing and reading go together. When children start scribbling and drawing pictures, they are developing the coordination they need to form letters.

## Playing

Play develops language and literacy skills by allowing children to put thoughts into words and talk about what they are doing. Social interaction increases learning at all ages!

*These five practices are based on Every Child Ready to Read standards from Every Child Ready to Read, a project of the Association of Library Service to Children and the Public Library Association: [everychildreadytoread.org](http://everychildreadytoread.org)*